



## CALL FOR PAPERS - SERA-DEASA Conference 2025

**Education in the 21st century: access, affordability, sustainability, innovation and relevance**

**Date:** 21-23 October 2025

**Venue:** University of Eswatini (UNESWA), Kwaluseni Campus

**Host:** SERA-DEASA

The Southern Educational Research Association (SERA) and the Distance Education Association of Southern Africa (DEASA) invite academics, researchers, educators, policymakers, industry and other stakeholders in education to submit abstracts for consideration for the joint 2025 Conference.

**CONFERENCE MAIN THEME: Education in the 21st Century: Access, Affordability, Sustainability, Innovation and Relevance**

### SUB-THEMES

- Emerging Horizons: Transformative Strategies in Education
- Nurturing Digital Learning Pathways: Ethical and Inclusive design
- Innovative Education Financing
- Building Africa's Capacity for Edtech and AI
- Role of Industry in Building a Sustainable Education Ecosystem
- Mental Health and Wellness for Efficiency in Education
- Advancing Sustainable Development through Education
- Resilient and Transformative Education
- Bridging the Gap in Africa's Educational Development – Strategy, Policy, Implications for Theory and Practice
- Networking, Collaboration and Community-building in Virtual Spaces
- Professionalising Education in the 21st century
- Guidance and Counselling Perspectives in Education
- ODeL in Evolving Developing Contexts (policy, governance, economics, inclusion, innovation)
- ODeL in the Age of Artificial Intelligence (pedagogy, ethics, assessment)
- ODeL 2.0: Building Adaptive and Responsive Educational Technologies
- Reimagining Online Education: Cycles of Renewal and Impact
- Ensuring Quality in Open and Distance Learning (SDG 16)

- Special Needs in Education
- Religion, Ethics and Education
- Leadership and Conflict Resolution in Education
- Sustainable Environment and Education

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **First Call for Papers Deadline:** 15 July 2025
- **Second and Final Call for Papers Deadline:** 20 September 2025
- **Notification of Acceptance:** Within 2-3 weeks after submission
- **Conference Dates:** 21-23 October 2025

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. Abstracts should be between 250-300 words
2. Include 3-5 keywords
3. Clearly indicate the sub-theme your paper addresses
4. Clearly indicate the format of your paper (paper, poster) or workshop
5. Include author name(s), institutional affiliation(s), and contact details (email/s and mobile number/s)
6. Submit using the [Google Form](#)

Selected outstanding papers will be considered for publication in **the Conference Special Edition and the ESWERA Journal**.

## REGISTRATION FEES

- Early bird - E2500 / ZAR 2500 / US \$ 150 before 20 Sept 2025
- Late fees: E5500 / ZAR 5500 / US \$ 300 after 20 Sept 2025

Eswatini citizens participating in the conference should pay into the SERA account, while those from outside will pay their registration fees into the DEASA account.

**Reference:** Name and surname

Email proof of payment to

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- Non-members/ late risers and all conference day payments US \$ 300 / E 5500 / R 5500

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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This international conference is expected to attract all categories of academics from educational institutions and other stakeholders in education globally. The conference anticipates a maximum of 300 attendees.

## CONFERENCE OUTPUT

- Electronic conference programme
- Electronic book of abstracts
- Special edition of selected outstanding papers and ESWERA Journal issue

## SUBMISSION PROCESS

Please submit your abstract via the above-mentioned [Google Form](#).

For more information, please visit the conference websites:

<https://www.up.ac.za/deasa> <https://eswera.org>

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