



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

DEASA 60TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026

CELEBRATING SIX DECADES OF ADVANCING OPEN, DISTANCE AND E-LEARNING IN SOUTHERN AFRICA



22-25 SEPTEMBER 2026 (EXCO MEETING: 22 SEPT 2026, AGM MEETING: 25 SEPTEMBER 2026)



SOUTHERN SUN PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA

THEME:

RE-IMAGINING DISTANCE EDUCATION WITH RESPONSIBLE INNOVATION FOR HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

The Distance Education Association of Southern Africa (DEASA) Conference provides a dynamic platform for scholars, practitioners, policymakers and innovators in ODeL to exchange ideas, share research and explore emerging trends in distance education.

Conference Sub-Themes

- Quality Assurance in ODeL
- Ethics in Artificial Intelligence and Education
- Human-AI Collaboration in Teaching
- Inclusive Pedagogy in the Digital Era
- Future Skills and Lifelong Learning
- Global Perspectives on Digital Learning
- Ethics and Human Capital Development
- Financing and investment
- Policy and governance
- Distance education in fragile environments



Conference Contributions Expected

- The conference welcomes theoretical and empirical research papers, poster presentations, keynote and presentations that address the conference theme and sub-themes.

Conference Organisation

- The conference programme will include opening and keynote addresses, plenary sessions, parallel paper presentations, the DEASA Annual General Meeting and gala dinner.

REGISTRATION

R5,350



INDIVIDUAL

R4,450/PERSON



GROUP (10+)

MODE OF ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts of up to 250 words should be submitted through the conference website. (Each abstract should demonstrate how the proposed paper aligns with the main conference theme and the selected sub-theme.)

ABSTRACT DEADLINE



FIRST CALL DEADLINE: 31 MAY 2026



FINAL DEADLINE: 30 JUNE 2026



ACCEPTANCE: CONTINUOUS

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
REGARDING THE CONFERENCE



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