



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCE AND PROJECT PLANNING
FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES

4TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PROJECT PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

[CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND FULL PAPERS \(aicppm-conf@uonbi.ac.ke\)](mailto:aicppm-conf@uonbi.ac.ke)

INTRODUCTION

The University of Nairobi's Faculty of Business and Management Sciences and the Department of Management Science and Project Planning, will hold the **4th Annual International Conference of Project Planning and Management** during the University of Nairobi's 2022 Research Week. The theme of the 4th Annual Conference is: "**Emerging Project Planning and Management Research and Technology for Sustainable Communities**". Emerging research and technologies are radically novel and relatively fast-growing research topics and technologies characterized by a certain degree of coherence, and a considerable scientific and sustainability impacts on communities.

This conference is multi-disciplinary and will bring together experts to share best practices and latest developments in the field of project planning, design and implementation. Speakers from higher education institutions, construction projects, transport projects, social projects, education projects, health projects, engineering, anthropology, sociology, environment, economics, management, information communication technology, and other development game-changers across the globe.

CONFERENCE FORMAT

The conference will be conducted virtually through the University of Nairobi conference link which will be provided to the registered participants after 14th October, 2022, which is the deadline for registration. The conference will comprise of presentations and panel discussions which will provide participants with opportunity to interact with eminent scholars, private sector practitioners, industry, policy makers, opinion leaders, representatives from diplomatic corps and National and county governments.

Dissemination of project management research findings, policy briefs by academicians, policy development and practitioners' experiences which propel the efforts towards attaining Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be the focus of the conference. This three-day conference will provide a platform to explore further the best practices in project management.

Selected papers that will meet the quality and novelty standards will be reviewed and published in the University of Nairobi's African Journal of Project Planning and Management (AJPLAM).

Day 1 will take the form of plenary and interactive presentations while Day 2 and 3 will take some more-interactive research presentations and discussion forums to enable participants to gain skills and knowledge on how to plan, design, implement, monitor and evaluate programmes and projects with a view to coming up with policies and practices that support the achievement of sustainable economy and development.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the conference will be to provide researchers, postgraduate students and practitioners from the universities, organizations, individuals and other experts an opportunity to showcase their research output. Specifically, the conference will provide:

- a. An opportunity through which novel and impactful research findings and products will be released in the global market
- b. An opportunity through which participants will learn from world renown experts and researchers on issues related to project management
- c. A forum for stakeholders both international and local to deliberate and share information and ideas on project planning and management
- d. A platform through which Universities, organizations and individual participants will increase their visibility
- e. An opportunity for networking and collaboration

THEME: "Emerging Project Planning and Management Research and Technology for Sustainable Development of Communities".

SUB- THEMES: The conference encourages the submission and presentation of novel and impactful papers on the following topics:

Project Design, Planning and Implementation

1. Emerging Approaches in Teaching and Learning of Project Management
2. Responsible Project Management Education
3. Impact of Projectification
4. The Fuzzy Front End of High Impact and Innovative Projects
5. Managing Action- Learning Projects
6. Planning and Managing Projects in Higher Education Institutions
7. Internationalization of Project-Based Firms
8. Hybrid Project Management
9. Service-Learning Projects
10. Soft Project Management Skills
11. Linking Projects to Business Strategy

Project Monitoring and Evaluation

1. Data Led/ Data Informed Project Management
2. Innovative Project Monitoring and Evaluation Methods
3. Data Collection Technologies
4. Data Analysis Technologies
5. Evaluability
6. Third Party Monitoring
7. Developmental Evaluation
8. Politics of Evaluation

Project Financing

1. Innovative Methodologies in Funding Projects
2. Green Financing for Sustainable Development
3. Private Public Partnership Financing Models
4. Venture Capital Financing
5. Infrastructure Financing Methodologies
6. Sustainable and Responsible Financing

Project Management Information Systems

1. Machine Learning in Project Management
2. Artificial Learning in Project Management
3. Digital and Remote work in Projects
4. Cloud Storage and Cyber Security
5. Big Data in Project Management

Cross cutting Issues

1. Mainstreaming Gender, Rights-Based Approaches and Equity in Projects
2. Trauma Informed Project Management
3. Project Resilience
4. Sustainable Development of Projects in the 21st Century
5. Ethics in Project Management
6. Conflicts in Project Management
7. Any other relevant one

CALL FOR PAPERS

The conference welcomes papers in the field of Project management and all other related fields.

We will accept abstracts that are between 250-400 words.

Full paper submissions under 12,000 words and original, will be submitted as per the guidelines which will be provided after acceptance of abstract.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

We welcome empirical and theoretical academic papers. Collaboration among multiple authors, colleagues and other scholars is highly encouraged. Co-authored papers will be accepted with

consent from all authors. It is the responsibility of the Lead author to obtain the consent of co-authors. All presentations must adhere to intellectual property rights legislation. University of Nairobi will not be responsible for infringements of intellectual property or plagiarism in any of the conference presentations.

Abstracts for conference presentation must include a description of each of the following:

- The research focus or problem
- Novel contribution to the ongoing debate on the theme
- The theoretical framework informing the research
- Research methodology, including ethics
- Key insights or findings, and implications

Abstracts and full conference papers to be submitted via email to: aicppm-conf@uonbi.ac.ke.
Conference papers will be presented on power-point

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Call for Papers - June 17, 2022
- Deadline for submission of Abstracts – August 31, 2022
- Review of Abstracts- from August 13 to 18, 2022
- Abstract acceptance – from August 19 to 21, 2022
- Deadline for submission of Full papers –September 30, 2022
- Registration for Presenters– July 1 to September 30, 2022
- Registration for Participants– July 1 to October 14, 2022
- Conference Dates – 25th to 27th October, 2022

CONFERENCE FEES

- Students - Kshs. 1,500.00 OR USD 16
- UoN Staff - Kshs. 1,500.00 OR USD 16
- East African Citizens Kshs. 2,000.00 OR USD 21
- All other participants Kshs. 3,000.00 OR USD 31

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