



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

Excellence in Transformative Scholarship and Community Service

2ND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS

7TH MksU INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

THEME: LEVERAGING 5TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION (5IR) IN RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**VENUE: UNIVERSITY AMPHITHEATRE / VIRTUAL
PLATFORM DATES: 18TH – 19TH JUNE, 2026**

SUB-THEMES

Transformative Learning and Pedagogy

- Digital transformation in education
- Student-centered learning approaches
- Quality assurance and academic excellence
- Lifelong learning and skills development
- Regional Integration and Global Partnerships in Higher Education

Research, Science and Technology Transfer for Sustainable Development

- Bridging the gap between academia and industry
- Emerging technologies and their applications
- Intellectual property and commercialization
- Research funding Challenges and Opportunities
- Technological innovations and inventions

Technology for Environmental Sustainability, Food Systems and One Health

- Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability
- Agroecology for Food Sovereignty
- One Health and Nutrition for Human Wellbeing
- Tourism Resilience in the Era of Disruptions
- AI Application in Food Systems
- Agribusiness and Value Chain Development

Governance and Institutional Transformation

- Strategic leadership in higher education
- Evidence based policy making
- Digital transformation and E-governance
- Diversity, equity and inclusion in governance
- Youth and Civic engagement
- Policy responses to social justice

Business, Entrepreneurship, Employability and Economic Resilience

- Entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystems
- Enhancement of Youth Employability
- Building a Strong Economic Resilience in the Era of Disruptions
- Business incubation and start ups
- Digitalization and green manufacturing
- Industry- University partnerships for business development

Language, culture, and technology

- Language documentation and revitalization
- Ethnography of communication in digital spaces
- Technology and language teaching
- Digital genres and sustainability
- Computational approaches to linguistic research

Empowering Youth and Communities in an Inclusive Digital Era

- Technology and Digital Sociology
- AI and Methodological Advances in Social Sciences
- Gender, Equity and Inclusion
- Emerging Issues/skills in 21st Century
- Youth and innovative Economy/Content Creation
- Cultural Diversity and Social Cohesion

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. Abstracts of 250-300 words* should be emailed to: mksuconference@mksu.ac.ke
**clearly indicate subtheme and whether oral or poster presentation;*
2. Abstracts should be in one continuous paragraph and include up to 6 keywords for online indexing;
3. Abstracts should include the names of the author(s), affiliations, postal, email and telephone contacts, with the corresponding author indicated in a footnote;
4. The full paper should be 3000-8000 words (6-16 pages) prepared in Times New Roman, size 12 font, spacing of 1.5 and in editable text format;
5. All references cited in the papers should follow *the APA 6th Edition Citation Style*;
6. The full paper should be emailed to: mksuconference@mksu.ac.ke

Abstracts and papers can be submitted/presented either in English or Kiswahili depending on discipline.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All submitted papers will be peer reviewed.
- All presented papers will be published in the conference proceedings and will also be placed in an open-access online conference archive

REGISTRATION FEE

	Description	Early Registration	Normal Registration	Late Registration
1	Scholars from the East Africa Community	KES5,000	KES6,000	KES7,000
2	International Participants	US\$55	US\$65	US\$75
3	Postgraduate Students	KES2,000	KES2,500	KES3,000
4	Conference Exhibitors	KES10,000	KES15,000	KES20,000



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IMPORTANT DATES

a) Submission of abstracts	30 th April 2026
b) Notification of acceptance	3 rd May 2026
c) Deadline for submission of full papers	24 th May 2026
d) Early registration deadline	10 th May 2026
e) Normal registration deadline	24 th May 2026
f) Late registration	30 th May 2026
g) Exhibition registration deadline	30 th May 2026
h) Conference dates	18 th -19 th June 2026

For registration and more information, contact

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