

CALL FOR PAPERS

EMASA in partnership with
Matthew Goniwe School of
Leadership and Governance

Annual International Conference

Theme for 2025: Future-Proofing
Education: Strategic Leadership
for a Rapidly Changing World

Conference Theme:

The annual EMASA Conference is a vital platform for fostering professional networks and bridging the gap between theory and practice in education leadership and management. Its key objective is to empower South African education leaders and managers by facilitating the exchange of expertise and experiences to enhance education quality.

The conference provides a high-level forum for rigorous discussions on challenges affecting progress in this field. While significant advancements have been made, gaps remain in understanding and implementing effective leadership within South Africa's diverse education landscape. By convening specialists, the conference contributes to the growing body of knowledge addressing these pressing issues. Education leaders and managers must collaborate with stakeholders to tackle challenges such as human rights violations in education, which threaten freedom, democracy, and social justice. Now more than ever, intellectual risk-taking and innovative thinking are necessary to address these concerns effectively.

With this context as a foundation, the theme for the 2025 EMASA Annual International Conference is:



Proposed Sub-Themes

- Reimagining Education: Collaborative Governance, Community, Management and Leadership.
- District Support for sustainable School Improvement.
- Disrupting the Status Quo in Education by embracing Innovation in—Teaching and Learning through Technology, AI, and Digital Literacy.
- Unlocking Early Childhood Education: Hurdles, Hopes, and the Path forward.
- Reimagining the classroom: Student centered learning, inclusivity and well-being.
- Preparing young people, for the world of work and entrepreneurship.
- Learning Backlogs in a Disrupted World: Recovery, Resilience, and Reform."
- Innovative approaches and strategies to boost student success in literacy and numeracy.



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IMPORTANT DATES	First call for papers Reminder for first call for papers Closing date for first call Notification of outcome for first call Second and Final call for papers Reminder for final call for papers Closing date for second and final call Notification of outcome for second and final call	05 May 2025 02 June 2025 09 June 2025 16 June 2025 30 June 2025 07 July 2025 14 July 2025 21 July 2025
SUBMISSION	Submissions of abstracts must be done electronically (e-mail) in MS Word format and submitted electronically to abstracts@emasa.org.za . Abstract must be entirely original, not previously published, and must not be under concurrent consideration or scheduled for presentation elsewhere.	
TYPES OF CONTRIBUTION	Papers: Short presentations (20 minutes) by individual presenters, allowing time (10 minutes) for discussion Panel discussions: Short introductions to a topic with substantial discussion Pair or team presentations: Longer presentations by more than one presenter, making provision for inputs and questions from the audience, and discussion Poster presentation: Display of a presentation through a poster	
CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES	Contributions will be selected according to the following criteria: Relevance to conference theme/sub-themes Clarity of purpose and method Significance, originality or potential usefulness of the content of the presentation Compliance with technical requirements A maximum of two abstracts per presenter will be considered	

FULL PAPERS

The complete paper must reach the Conference Coordinator on or before, Friday 21 July 2025. All papers must be typed on A4 pages, 1.5 line spacing in Arial or Times New Roman, size 12 points and the length must be at least 5000 words.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE!

Presenters whose papers have not been submitted by Wednesday, 14 July 2025, will be removed from the programme. Presenters who have not registered to attend the conference will be removed from the programme.

PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

Selected papers may be published in EMASA's peer reviewed journal. Presenters, who would like to have their papers considered and refereed for this purpose, should ensure that they comply with the guidelines and conditions set out in the conference website. Please note that the journal is not yet accredited by the DHET. EMASA is working on that process. The published papers may be used as part of the accreditation application process.

REGISTRATION

Kindly note that presenters are required to register for the conference. EMASA extends the invitation to all interested national and international presenters/attendants. All conference fee as well as any other related costing, is the responsibility of each presenter/attendant.

Please note: Presenters who have not registered to attend the conference by Tuesday, 30 July 2025, will be removed from the programme.

FEES:

Conference Registration fees: R 500

BANKING DETAILS:

Account Name: Education Management Association of South Africa

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NB: SEND PROOF OF PAYMENT TO: admin@emasa.org.za

CONTACT DETAIL

Enquiries and submission of abstracts/papers must be directed to the Conference Coordinator at admin@emasa.org.za

EVENT DETAILS



26 – 27
September 2025



Registration: 15h30



Birchwood Conference Centre, 44 View
Point Rd, Bartlett, Boksburg

PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE DOCUMENTS BELOW ARE ALL SUBMITTED

- 2025 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
- 2025 ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM
- PROOF OF PAYMENT SUBMITTED



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