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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LAND CONFLICT, DEVELOPMENT AND DISCOURSE IN SOUTH AFRICA

VENUE: University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa **DATE:** August 29 - 31, 2020

The politics over land in South Africa is one topic that has currency for meeting citizens' wants more effectively in the country today. Land ownership; its use and control in the country are discourses that remain very contentious. No doubt, the land debate in South Africa is one that continually confronts governance in a thorny way. Human beings engage land in direct or indirect activities daily either consciously or unconsciously to facilitate or distort the development process and good governance. Whereas the activities that take place on land are numerous, its availability and supply are fixed and limited in nature. Available statistics put the global surface area at about 510, 066, 000 sq. km, which land area of South Africa is 1,220, 000 million km². Meanwhile, a breakdown of these statistics includes land distribution into the urban land area, rural land area, agricultural land area and forest area. Whilst it remains a truism that the 1994 multiracial democracy in South Africa has tremendously increased the politics, disputations and pressures on access and use of land, leading often to contentions that culminate conflicts. The trajectories of activities that transpire on land and consequences of conflicts, as well as, their interactions are strategic on the journey to attaining national development and/or sustaining it. This aforementioned view underscores the recognition of land matters, in recent national development initiatives of the South African nation, as imperative

The foregoing perspective, therefore, underlines the necessity for scholarly interrogation of the land-good governance and development nexus in South Africa. Papers are hereby invited from scholars, researchers, policymakers, agri-business operators, the private sector and the academia across the globe to interrogate the issues revolving around the theme of the Conference. Abstracts are welcome on the following and related sub-themes:

- Land legislation, administration systems and Reforms
- Land development policies and programmes
- Land and equitable user-rights
- Gender, equitable land user-rights and access to land
- Land, agriculture and rural sociology
- Land and agro-allied businesses
- Land, resource conflicts, Land disputes, adjudication and resolution mechanisms
- Land and urbanization, towns, cities and Master Plans
- Land and population explosion
- Land conservation, forests and wildlife conservation
- Land and environmental problems
- Land and environmental impact assessment
- Communicating land legislations
- Land and boundary disputes
- Land and Indigenous Economies
- Land and Poverty

Original and well-researched papers with clear methodological and theoretical perspectives of not less than 6, 000 words are expected from participants. Abstract including keywords and short bio(s) of the author(s) not exceeding 300 words should be sent to the e-mail accounts provided below.

PUBLICATION

Accepted papers presented at the conference will be submitted for multi-peer review and possible publication in any of the relevant seven accredited Scopus and IBSS (International Bibliography of Social Sciences) Journals.

CONFERENCE FEES:

- International Participants: \$ 250
- Nigerian Participants: R3, 000

IMPORTANT DATES

- 30 June 2020: Deadline for abstracts submission
- 3 July 2020: Announcement of abstracts decisions
- 30 July 2020: Full papers are due for submission
- 28 August 2020: Arrival and Registration
- 29 – 31 August 2020: Conference

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