



Mkwawa
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(MUCE)

THE 4TH MKWAWA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

MANAGING THE FUTURE FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:
THEORY AND PRACTICE

29TH TO 30TH MAY 2025



CALL FOR PAPERS

Mkwawa International Conference is a series of scientific conferences organised and hosted by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FoHSS) of Mkwawa University College of Education (MUCE). MUCE, in collaboration with the Institute of Political Science of the University of Warmia and Mazury, the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, the Institute of Middle and the Far East of the Jagiellonian University, Warsaw school of Economics and WSEI University all from Poland, have the pleasure of inviting participants to the 4th Mkwawa International Conference to be held physically on **29th - 30th May 2025** at MUCE in Iringa, Tanzania, and online.

CONFERENCE THEME

This year's theme for the conference is "***Managing the Future for Sustainable Development: Theory and Practice.***" As global discussions on development continue, sustainable development has emerged as a critical paradigm for addressing the multifaceted challenges of the 21st century. These challenges span socio-cultural, economic, and environmental dimensions. However, the pursuit of sustainability is fraught with complexities and contradictions, necessitating a holistic approach that integrates economic growth, social inclusion, and environmental protection.

Balancing these goals often involves inherent tensions and trade-offs, such as reconciling economic development with environmental sustainability. Moreover, global discourses on sustainable development, particularly in the Global South, are frequently criticized for being dominated by Western perspectives, failing to adequately reflect the diverse knowledge, realities, and priorities of developing countries. To address this, more inclusive and pluralistic approaches—especially those informed by local knowledge and practices—are essential for identifying diverse pathways to sustainable development.

In Africa, sustainable development must be contextualized within the continent's unique socio-economic and environmental realities. Development strategies are often hampered by challenges such as poverty, inequality, and political instability, which complicate the adoption of sustainable practices and hinder progress. Additional obstacles include the colonial legacy and persistent global inequalities that continue to shape Africa's development dynamics. The tension is particularly pronounced in the management and extraction of natural resources, which are deeply intertwined with development efforts. Meanwhile, efforts to achieve sustainable growth are frequently undermined by poor governance, mismanagement, and malpractice among leaders. Despite these challenges, committed plans, policies, and strategies are necessary to manage the future effectively.

The MUCE 2025 FoHSS International Conference aims to bring together scholars, practitioners, and policymakers to engage in critical discussions on managing sustainable development and charting a path forward.

SUB-THEMES

The sub-themes include but are not limited to issues such as:

- **Gender, Policy, and Governance:**
 - Examining the role of gender in policy-making and governance.
 - Strategies for inclusive governance that supports sustainable development.
 - The impact of gender-responsive policies on societal progress, among others.
- **History, Languages, Culture, and Narrative of Change:**
 - The role of history, historical contexts and literary and cultural narratives in shaping sustainable futures.
 - Language as a tool for promoting or hindering sustainable practices.
 - Case studies of cultural shifts towards sustainability, among others
 - Narratives addressing ethical concerns and governance in technology use.
- **Education and Development:**
 - The interplay between educational systems and sustainable development.
 - Innovative educational approaches that promote sustainability.
 - Assessing the impact of education on community and national development, among others
- **Agriculture and Environmental Threats:**
 - Identifying and addressing key agricultural and environmental challenges.
 - Sustainable agricultural practices for environmental conservation.
 - The impact of climate change on agriculture and communities, among others.
 - Exploring the role of indigenous knowledge and practices in promoting sustainability and environmental conservation
- **Economics and Human Well-being:**
 - Economic policies and practices that promote sustainable development.
 - Balancing economic growth with environmental and social well-being.
 - The role of human capital in achieving sustainable economic development, among others.
- **Peace, Security, and Migration:**
 - The relationship between sustainable development, peace, and security.
 - Addressing the root causes and impacts of migration.
 - Strategies for fostering stability and resilience in communities, among others.
- **Science and Innovation for Sustainable Development:**
 - Examining the impact of emerging technologies (e.g., AI, digital platforms, and renewable energy) on social structures, cultural practices, and economic development.
 - Addressing ethical concerns and governance in technology use.
 - Integrating traditional systems with modern science to address global challenges, and investigating how innovation in digital tools reshapes cultural production, preservation, and dissemination.
 - Assessing the contribution of creative industries to sustainable economic growth and cultural identity.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Academics and researchers in humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences
- Policymakers, government officials and Non-governmental organisations
- Students and educators.
- Industry experts and practitioners in related fields

GUIDELINES FOR PAPER SUBMISSION

1. An Abstract, in not more than 300 words, should reach the Conference Organizing Committee by **14th March 2025** via fohss-conference@muce.ac.tz and a copy to jibunges@gmail.com
2. The Conference Organizing Committee will review the submitted abstracts and send the authors' acceptance notification by **24th March 2025**.
3. Full papers typed in MS Word format (Times New Roman, font size 12) with a title, author(s) name, and affiliations should reach the Conference Organizing Committee by **30th April 2025** through the above e-mails.
4. The oral presentation of the selected papers will last for 15 minutes.
5. The presented papers will be blindly peer-reviewed for publication in the African Review indexed by Scopus, among others, and an edited book after the conference.
6. Arrival Registration for the presenters and other participants will be held at the College Campus on Wednesday, **29th May 2025, from 9.00 to 10.00 am**.
7. Registration Fee Categories.
 - a. Research Scholars with papers: US\$75 (Tsh. 150,000)
 - b. Research Scholars without papers: US\$25; (Tsh. 50,000)
- Payment may be made in an equivalent amount in Tanzanian shillings. The participants will have to pay the registration fee through **CRDB Bank, Mkwawa Branch, account number 0150592916700 with the name Mkwawa University College Expenditure**, and keep the pay-in-slip that will be used to obtain a receipt during registration. Alternatively, participants may pay in cash upon their arrival.
8. Accommodation: There are different accommodation options in Iringa Municipality. Mkwawa University College of Education will only assist participants with hotel reservation matters in Iringa town. Participants from outside Tanzania are advised to book hotels in advance if they decide to spend some days in Dar es Salaam or any other city within Tanzania.
9. Travel: Iringa Municipality is located 505 km from Dar es Salaam and 250 km from Dodoma, the capital city of Tanzania. Some buses operate between Dar es Salaam and Iringa daily at approximately US\$ 25 return fare. You can catch these buses at the up-country Magufuli Bus Terminal (MBT). There are also flight services available between Dar es Salaam and Iringa. Iringa is also accessible by buses from all major cities in the Country. The participants are advised to inform the Organizing Committee, in advance, of their arrival and departure dates to make necessary assistance, especially on transport-related matters.
10. Post-conference visit/tour: In the interest of the participants, an excursion may be organised to various tourist attractions in the Iringa region. The areas selected for the tour include but are not limited to Ruaha National Park, which is the second-largest park in East Africa.



For more information, kindly contact the Organizing Committee through the following addresses:

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