MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR THE ZIMBABWE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE, ZEDCON, 14 TO 18 SEPTEMBER 2024, VICTORIA FALLS

Theme: "Building Resilience and Driving Economic Transformation under Climate Change"

Background:

The Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment Promotion, in collaboration with other stakeholders, is organizing the Zimbabwe Economic Development Conference (ZEDCON) 2024. The conference aims to explore strategies for climate-proofing the economy, building resilience, and driving economic transformation under the impact of climate change.

Objective:

The objective of ZEDCON 2024 is to bring together researchers, academics, development partners, corporates, economic think tanks, and representative organizations to share knowledge, experiences, and best practices on how to build resilience and drive economic transformation in an era of climate change.

Pillars:

The conference will focus on the following pillars:

1. Climate-proofing Agricultural Production and Growth
2. Climate-proofing and Achieving Energy Self-Sufficiency
3. Public Expenditure Policies and Programmes to Build Resilience and Mitigate Drought Effects
4. Public-Private Partnerships to Finance Climate Resilience and Transformative Programmes
5. Private Sector Initiatives, including Carbon Financing, to Support Development under Climate Change
6. Meteorological Analysis of Climate Variability, Rainfall Patterns, and El Niño Effects 2025-2030 and Beyond

Eligibility:

Researchers, academics, development partners, corporates, economic think tanks, and representative organizations are eligible to submit abstracts for the conference. Junior or early career researchers or scholars and female scholars and researchers are particularly encouraged to apply.

Submissions:

Interested experts are invited to submit abstracts for their proposed research by email to **zedcon2024@zimtreasury.co.zw**. Abstracts should have a minimum of 400 words and a maximum of 600 words. Final papers should have a minimum of 6000 and a maximum of 10000 words.

Review Process:

All papers will undergo a professional, blind peer review by the organizers. Abstracts will be evaluated based on their relevance, originality, and impact on the conference theme. Authors of accepted abstracts will be requested to fully develop papers for presentation at the conference.

Awards:

A distinguished panel will assess the papers presented and award three prizes to the best papers at the closing ceremony. All presenters with approved papers will be awarded honorariums by the organizers as an appreciation for their contributions.

Timeline:

* Submission of Abstracts: 15 May 2024
* Notification of Acceptance: 30 May 2024
* Submission of Full Papers: 31 July 2024 * Conference Dates: 14 to 18 September 2024

Instructions for Authors:

1. Abstracts should be submitted in English and should include a clear and concise title, introduction, methodology, results, and conclusion.
2. Authors should ensure that their abstracts are original and have not been previously published or presented.
3. Authors should provide their full name, affiliation, email address, location, and phone number in their submission.
4. Abstracts should be formatted in Times New Roman, font size 12, and single-spaced.
5. Authors are encouraged to use the following citation style: Harvard referencing.
6. Authors should ensure that their papers are well-structured, coherent, and free of grammatical errors.
7. Authors are encouraged to use visual aids such as tables, graphs, and charts to support their arguments.
8. Authors should ensure that their papers are relevant to the conference theme and align with at least one of the pillars.

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