



**International Conference on Africa's
Sustainable Development
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Call for Papers

**1st INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICA'S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
(ICASuD) 2021**

***Theme: Africa's Economy and Sustainable Development from a Multidimensional and
Multicultural Perspective***

Date: Wednesday 20 – Thursday 21 October, 2021

**Venue: Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI)
Conference and Exhibition Center, Alausa, Ikeja, Lagos State, Nigeria**

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Virtual Online Platform



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1st International Conference on Africa's Sustainable Development (ICASuD) 2021

1. About ICASuD 2021

The International Centre for Policy Research and Industry Linkages, purview subsidiary of Shaveh Consulting, will host the **1st International Conference on Africa's Sustainable Development (ICASuD) 2021**. ICASuD will be an annual gathering of researchers, policy makers, entrepreneurs, investors, students and other start-up champions from Africa and beyond to identify new ways of supporting Africa's sustainable development and to achieve stronger continental competitiveness in the region and its cross-continental partnerships. ICASuD is an interdisciplinary research-based and industry-focused conference that aims at addressing key economic and societal development issues across the African continent and its partnering nations. The conference will be a regional knowledge creating hub that is poised at ensuring conducive economic growth and alleviation of poverty, food scarcity, sustainable livelihood, low growth rates and sustainable development among Africa nations.

2. ICASuD 2021 Main Theme and Objectives

The main theme for ICASuD 2021 is ***"Africa's Economy and Sustainable Development from a Multidimensional and Multicultural Perspective"***.

Africa operates as a vast economy that touches every significant aspect of human existence, encompassing business, health, education, social welfare, and others. These sectoral areas form the hub within which the region establishes its magnificence of impact relating to the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Agenda 2063. Nevertheless, multiculturalism's potentialities across the region must be harnessed and positively positioned towards achieving these goals and an intercontinental impact that can position the African region as a global economic force. Besides, the pluralistic nature of the social, cultural, religious and economic factors surrounding leadership capacity across the region to achieve development in SSA demands increasingly workable theoretical and practical views from a broad stakeholder community from within and outside the region. Amidst these, the occurrence of Covid-19 has further caused uncertainties across the socio-economic landscape of the region. These issues, and much more, will be the predominant focus in the 1st International Conference on Africa's Sustainable Development (ICASuD) 2021. The conference will be a regional knowledge-creating hub that is poised at ensuring conducive economic growth and alleviation of poverty, food scarcity, sustainable livelihood, low growth rates and sustainable development among Africa nations. The Conference Committee encourages participation from researchers, industry professionals, policymakers, entrepreneurs, investors, students and other start-up champions.

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2.1. Sub-themes: The Conference sub-themes will include four major thematic areas, but is not limited to the following topics, namely:

I. Entrepreneurship development and the informal sector in Africa

Papers under this thematic area will seek to explain entrepreneurship development in Africa from a multidisciplinary perspective including history of African entrepreneurship, modernization of entrepreneurship thoughts and practices in Africa, sociological perspectives to African entrepreneurship and management dimensions to entrepreneurship in Africa. The role of informal markets and their influence on Africa's economic potentials will also form an important area of focus within this thematic cluster. Papers that examine African entrepreneurship in comparison with global entrepreneurship practices, with a view of identifying gaps and furthering understanding of entrepreneurship theory and practice. Others areas such as Entrepreneurship education and orientation, corporate entrepreneurship, Innovation and technology entrepreneurship and knowledge management within entrepreneurial contexts.

II. Industrialization and Africa's business economy

Under this thematic area, papers that investigate Africa's industrial and services landscape, and the performance of these sectors in relation to economic growth and livelihood are welcome. Original submissions that conceptualize new thoughts and establish empirical evidences to policy implementation around the developing industrial sector in Africa. Papers that address job creation and improved wellbeing, Climate Change and the Future Sustenance of the African Continent, Scientific Innovation and Sustainable Development in Africa, Business Engineering & Re-engineering in Africa's Industrial Sector, Engineering and Technology Management in Africa, Service Delivery and digitalization in Africa and more will be welcomed from submission in this thematic area.

III. Socio-economic, Regional Integration, Governance and Sustainable Development in Africa

Papers in this thematic area should focus on analysis of issues surrounding Africa's growing interest in regional economic integration, peaceful co-existence and security management. Papers will be welcomed that investigate cross border and single country perspectives. Also, issues of democratic governance and sustainable development within the African region, an understanding of Africa's regional integration with global communities and financial sector and its role in the African economy.

IV. Innovation, Culture and Religion within the African Region

Papers in this thematic area should investigate diverse socio-economic sectors and their impacts on Africa. Most especially, issues relating to Africa and the global gender narrative, Educational Innovations in Africa's Higher Educational Institutions, Multiculturalism and its impacts on Africans, Africa's Growing Populations and Socio-economic dynamics, Planning for Africa's Future, Food Security in Africa, Rural Development and Agribusiness in Africa and more will be welcomed.

V. Information Communication Technology and Sustainable Development in Africa

Information and communication technologies (ICTs) are recognized as a key development enabler. As such, Papers under this thematic area should focus on analysing issues surrounding ICT penetration and growth in Africa. Role of ICTs in achieving sustainable development goals in Africa. Wider topics should cover the following areas: ICT infrastructure and access, access and use of ICT by households and individuals, use of ICT by businesses, trade in ICT goods, ICT and inclusive education, e-waste and e-government.

VI. The role of green entrepreneurship and innovation and building of dynamic/absorptive capabilities to realize shock resilient African Economy

Papers in this domain should investigate Green entrepreneurial orientation and firm performance (export, innovation); The relationship between green market orientation, environmental performance and firm performance in Africa; Factors (socio-political factors, industry-market specific context; and the entrepreneur) and origins of entrepreneurial opportunity in Africa (recognition, or discovery, or creation); Management Innovation and firm performance during Covid-19 in Africa; Markets for entrepreneurial venturing (understood, or new, or service) in Africa and their contribution to firm performance or economy performance; The role of entrepreneurial dynamic capability and absorptive capacity on firm performance during Covid-19 in Africa.

3. Target Participants of ICASuD 2021

Participation at the ICASuD 2021 Conference is sought from across Africa and globally, in the following categories:

- Researchers
- Industry Professionals
- Policy makers
- Entrepreneurs
- Investors
- Students and other start-up champions

4. Schedule of ICASuD 2021

Date: Wednesday 20 – Thursday 21 October, 2021

Time: 9.00am – 5.00pm daily

Venue: The Covid-19 upsurge has further disrupted the planning of workshops globally. Hence, in order to ensure compliance and safety for all participants of ICASuD 2021, the organizing committee have resolved to adopt hybrid mode combining both *in-person and virtual platforms*. However, if the situation of Covid-19 continues until the period of the Conference, then the Conference will be fully virtual.

The in-person location for ICASuD 2021 is **Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) Conference and Exhibition Center, Alausa, Ikeja, Lagos State, Nigeria**. The *virtual remote conference link* will be sent to all registered participants in due course.

5. Submission Guidelines

The Organizing Committee of ICASuD 2021 wish to encourage paper presentation from both industry practitioners and researchers in academia and research-based institutions. Interested authors must submit their abstracts and full papers online to https://easychair.org/cfp/ICASuD_2021 or by email to icasud@shavehconsulting.com. Only abstracts and full papers addressing the main theme or at least a sub-theme of the conference will be considered for presentation. We strongly recommend that papers should address policy recommendations and demonstrate a clear contribution to scientific body of knowledge. Therefore, Sections that address implications for theory and practice are also recommended in all full paper submissions.

Abstracts of not more than 300 words should be submitted through email to icasud@shavehconsulting.com. Each abstract should include at least four (4) keywords.

- Font type: Times New Roman, 12 point size
- Line Spacing: 1.5
- Full papers should be a maximum of 15 pages including references, appendices, figures, tables etc.
- Author(s) Name(s) and affiliation(s): Centre alignment, 12 point size, superscripts for different affiliation (1, 2...)
- Sub headings: introduction, literature review, methods, analysis of data, discussion of findings and conclusion
- A brief bio-data of the author(s) should be provided.

6. Important Dates

Description	Due Date
Abstract submission deadline	CLOSED
Notification for Acceptance of abstract	CLOSED
Submission of (i)full-length academic research paper (3,000-7,000 words), or (ii)full-length industry research reports (2,500 – 5,000 words)	August 27, 2021 September 28, 2021 (Extended)
Authors of accepted papers will be notified by	September 10, 2021 (Authors of late submissions will receive the review notification after three weeks of submission)
Final submission of full papers	October 7, 2021
Submission of a PowerPoint Presentation of 10-15 slides including the reference slide(s) of the accepted conference paper	October 15, 2021
Arrival of conference delegates & welcome dinner	October 19, 2021
Conference open & close	October 20-21, 2021

Each paper will undergo a double-blind peer review process. Acceptance will be based on quality, relevance and originality.

Note: Papers (abstracts and full papers) must be saved in MS Word format and submitted online to https://easychair.org/cfp/ICASuD_2021 or as an attachment through email to icasud@shavehconsulting.com. All papers must follow APA format which can be viewed at <http://www.apastyle.org/>.

7. Publication

All accepted papers will be published as Conference Proceedings (in a CD) to be given to participants. The ICASuD 2021 Conference Proceedings will be submitted for evaluation and possible inclusion in Web of Science (Conference Proceedings and Citation Index). Authors of the conference papers (evaluated on originality of research, quality of analysis and contribution to knowledge) will be contacted after the conference and invited to submit their revised papers for inclusion in a special issue of journals and book project that are indexed in highly rated databases like **SCOPUS** and **Web of Science (WoS)** and others. Already the following journals will be receiving papers from the ICASuD 2021:

- **SPECIAL ISSUE:** Managerial and Decision Economics (Wiley) (Scopus, WoS)
- **SPECIAL ISSUE:** Journal of Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Taylor & Francis) (Scopus, WoS)
- **BOOK PROJECT: Book title:** Innovation, Entrepreneurship development and the Informal Economy in sub-Saharan Africa: A Sustainable Development Agenda
- International Journal of Supply Chain Management (Scopus)
- Forum for Social Economics (Taylor & Francis) (Scopus, WoS)

8. Conference Fees and Registration

Category of Participant		In-person Early Bird (Ends 20 th September, 2021)	In-person Late Registration	Virtual Registration
Student Participants	Nigerians	₦10,000 only per participant	₦15,000 per participant, covering for a maximum of 2 papers	₦7,000 only per participant
	International	\$75 only per participant	\$100 per participant, covering for a maximum of 2 papers	\$70 only per participant
Non-Student Participants	Nigerians	₦20,000 only per participant	₦25,000 per participant, covering for a maximum of 2 papers	₦15,000 only per participant
	International	\$130 only per participant	\$150 per participant, covering for a maximum of 2 papers	\$120 only per participant
Industry Participants	Nigerians	₦20,000 per participant (Corporate Participants of a maximum of 5 persons = ₦100,000)	₦25,000 per participant (Corporate Participants of a maximum of 5 persons = ₦115,000)	₦15,000 per participant (Corporate Participants of a maximum of 5 persons = ₦75,000)
	International	\$130 per participant (Corporate Participants of a maximum of 5 persons = \$650)	\$150 per participant (Corporate Participants of a maximum of 5 persons = \$750)	\$120 per participant (Corporate Participants of a maximum of 5 persons = \$600)

The fee covers tea break, lunch, conference materials, certificate of presentation (for paper presenting participants) and certificate of attendance.

Payment should be made to:

Bank: Zenith Bank Plc

Account Name: Shaveh Consulting

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9. Expected Outcomes of the Conference

The output of the conference will include:

- A conference report that will serve as communique from the conference
- A book of abstracts and conference proceedings respectively that will include all submissions made to ICASuD 2021 and peer reviewed.
- Call to authors of selected papers to update their manuscripts and resubmit for publishing in partnering journals, including the home journals.
- Policy briefs.

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