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**A Concept Note and Call for Papers**

**THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL BLENDED  
RESEARCH DISSEMINATION CONFERENCE(RDC)**

**THEME: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT**

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## **1.0 Introduction**

This Research Dissemination Conference (RDC) endeavor to introduce a unique activity to Bugema University academic community bringing together the surrounding Community and its Academicians, thus bridging the gap between those who produce research data/the intended users or beneficiaries, and the research data collectors and publishers. It is a noble and reciprocal occasion benefiting both parties. The event will benefit the community and the academicians. The faculty will reap the satisfaction of engaging the community thus fulfilling the University mandate of Community outreach while the community will garner knowledge about their daily phenomena thus improving their quality of life. This concept note explains the event, its objectives and themes. It presents the timeline and the guidelines for presenting your research article to that RDC.

### **1.1. What is Research Dissemination Conference?**

A dissemination Conference is intended to spread the research results as quickly as possible to those who can use the findings. Secondly, it is the purpose of a dissemination Conference to raise the skills of the academic community in doing research and upgrade their knowledge in research. It also helpful to improving society in many ways by sharing research results that is appropriately linked to their daily lives. And lastly, it is the purpose of the dissemination conference to share with the community which provides the data to Bugema University Community of Researchers.

### **1.2. Objectives of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Research Dissemination Conference**

Specifically, this research dissemination conference has the following objectives.

1. To awaken community initiatives within each researcher through community-based research endeavors thus bringing our intellectual benefits to the community.
2. To create an initiative for Bugema University researchers to share their community-based research for the betterment of community wellbeing.
3. To inspire Bugema University Students to get involved in meaningful community-based research with a real purpose of contributing to community development.
4. To stimulate annual community engagements with interdisciplinary initiatives that contribute to the uplifting of the society and improve their standards of living.
5. To provide an avenue for the faculty and students to share their research with the community, which would otherwise lie on the shelves and gather dust.
6. To develop team work between faculty and students in research collaboration and networks for creating a new research culture at Bugema University where students and faculty network to publish their research products.
7. To promote community health through meaningful public health research sharing.

## **2.0. Themes of the RDC 2022.**

The Bugema University 2022 RDC is organized within the scope of the University Research Agenda and Thematic areas of various schools as follows.

1. Agriculture and Environmental Sciences
2. Business, Accounting & Finance, and Management.
3. Education, Humanities and Social Sciences
4. Health and Allied Sciences
5. Theology and Religious Studies
6. Science and Technology.

The thematic areas that make up the Research Agenda of the Institution and thus the schools and the departments are listed in the section that follow so that each participant can easily select which area is more appropriate to his individual research specialty, making it easy for everyone to participate.

### **2.1. Themes in Agriculture and Applied Sciences**

In Agriculture & Environmental Science, the researcher can select topics in line with the following themes.

*Theme 1: Leveraging markets through improved productivity and competitiveness.*

*Theme 2: Agriculture for improved nutrition*

*Theme 3: Transforming farms and landscapes for sustainability*

*Theme 4: Investment planning for resilient*

*Theme 5. Human and Ecological Risk Assessment (HERA)*

*Theme 6. In Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)*

*Theme 7. Biodiversity Assessment (BA)*

*Theme 8. Sustainability Transition Assessment (STA)*

### **2.2. Themes in Food Science & Technology**

In Food Science and Technology, the researcher can select topics in line with the following themes.

*Theme 1. Microbial Food Safety*

*Theme 2. Food-Based Solutions for Enhanced Health*

*Theme 3. Material Nature of Foods*

### **2.3. Themes in Business, Accounting, Finance, and Management**

Topics for research in business will be guided by the following themes:

*Theme 1. Business and the Emerging Markets*

*Theme 2. Sustainable Entrepreneurship*

*Theme 3. Financial Management and Banking*

*Theme 4. Building Business Resilience in the Post-Covid-19 World.*

*Theme 5. Business in the Post-Covid-19 era.*

*Theme 6. Contemporary strategic Management*

*Theme 7. Insurance Adoption in the context of Developing Nations.*

*Theme 8. Project Management*

*Theme 9. Quality Management*

*Theme 10. Creativity and Innovation*

*Theme 11. Leadership and Management*

*Theme 12. Supply chain, procurement and Logistics*

*Theme 13. Contemporary Issues in Business*

*Theme 14. Business Intelligence*

### **2.4. Themes in Education, Humanities and Social Sciences**

Researchers in the area of social sciences will follow the following themes:

#### **2.4.1. Themes in Education and Humanities**

*Theme 1. Effective pedagogies for the 21<sup>st</sup> century schools*

*Theme 2. School-community engagements*

*Theme 3. School leadership practices*

*Theme 4. Science education*

*Theme 5. Management Development*

*Theme 6. Universalization of access to education*

#### **2.4.2. Themes in Social Sciences**

*Theme 7. Leadership In Higher Education*

*Theme 8. Developmental Issues in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

*Theme 9. Mental Health and Community*

*Theme 10. Social Problems in Developing World*

#### **2.5. Themes in Health and Allied Sciences**

Public Health and Allied Science; Nursing and Midwifery offer the following themes.

*Theme 1. Health Management Information Systems*

*Theme 2. Nutrition and Malnutrition*

*Theme 3. Public Health Emergences*

*Theme 4. Maternal and Child Health Issues-*

*Theme 5. Health Policy Issues*

*Theme 6. Global Health*

*Theme 7. Young People and Health*

*Theme 8. ICT and Health (e-Health)*

*Theme 9. Alcohol and Drug Abuse*

*Theme 10. Infectious Disease*

*Theme 11. Non-Communicable Diseases*

*Theme 12. Cell Biology, Development and Genetics*

*Theme 12. Chromosomal and RNA Biology*

*Theme 13. Infection and Disease Processes*

#### **2.6. Themes in Theology and Religious Studies**

*Researchers in Theology and Religious studies can study topic under the following themes.*

*Theme 1. Faith and Culture*

*Theme 2. Church and Leadership*

*Theme 3. Pentecostalism in Christian Church*

*Theme 4. Evangelism and Church*

*Theme 5. Moral Decadence and Christian Church*

*Theme 6. Eschatology and Sanctuary*

## **2.7. Themes in Science & Technology; Life & Physical Sciences; Computing and Informatics**

*In Life and Physical Sciences; computing and Informatics have the following themes*

*Theme 1. Adoption of cloud technologies: Adoption of SaaS solutions in Uganda SMEs*

*& Adoption of e-Learning in ICT vocational training*

*Theme 2. Business Intelligence: Data analytics and visualization in Uganda SMEs*

*Theme 3. Technological Impact on Education and Society*

*Theme 4. Appropriate Technology for 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

## **3.0. Scope and Timeline of the RDC**

### **3.1. Scope of the Research Dissemination Conference.**

This dissemination Conference will focus on faculty and students' research that have selected for publication. The DS calls for submissions from researchers in all departments across the University but the leading department in this exercise is the department of social sciences which is spearheading the DS. Your articles that have been sent for publication or which have been published under Bugema University can be part of this dissemination Conference. Those researches that focus on the School Agenda and contribute to national or global development agendas are given priority in this DS.

The areas in this dissemination Conference will include the following areas: Development Studies, Social Work and Social Administration, Counseling and Psychology, Public Administration, Gender studies, Conflict Resolutions, Bugema University Campus Researches involving policy formulations or policy transformation in the institution.

### **3.2. Important Dates & Timelines**

Interested Participants should note the following deadlines:

- ❖ Call for Abstracts / Papers September 20, 2022
- ❖ Abstract /Paper Submission September 27-30, 2022
- ❖ Abstract /Paper Acceptance Notification October 7, 2022
- ❖ Full Paper Submission October 12 & 13, 2022
- ❖ **Early** Bird Registration October 14, 2022
- ❖ **Late** Registration Deadline October 17, 2022
- ❖ Conference Dates October 19 & 20, 2022

#### 4.0. Authors Guidelines

In order to have consistence and present a user-friendly journal where readers will be able to locate the items they need in a quick fashion; the Conference provides you with the format to organize your work. Readers and reviewers do not have to be left guessing how the work is being organized. Hence, Author guidelines for accepting the article include the following;

- ❖ The Articles are expected to be 3,000 words excluding references.
- ❖ In terms of pages, your article should not go beyond 15 pages
- ❖ The Abstract should not exceed 200 words.
- ❖ Not more than five **Key words** at the bottom page of the abstract
- ❖ Minimize the use of Foot notes and no end notes
- ❖ Quality considerations include readability, fluency of style and clarity.

#### 5.0. Organization of the Conference Paper

In order the Conference paper will be organized around the following subhead.

**5.1. Introduction** – should clearly state the context, what is already known, the ideal, the reality and the gap to be filled and how the article will fill this gap. Hence, a clear rationale for the publishing of the article will be presented in the introduction.

**5.2. Literature Review** – your literature review should contribute to the clarity of your research problem; throw light on your research methodology and expand knowledge on entire research. It should contextualize your research problem and add on the discussion of the findings. In **Literature review organization**, the following organizations are considered important; Thematic organization; chronological order; contrasting schools of thought; known to unknown order; major models or major theories; prominent authors; topical – showing relation to the problem, whichever logical organization, it should summarize the existing contributions and move towards identifying the knowledge gap to be filled by the current article.

**5.3. Methodology:** Clearly describe your research process following the rigors of research to show how the study was conducted.

**5.4. Results:** Present your empirical findings to be followed by the discussion.

**5.5. Discussion** – following your presentation of results, engage other scholars in relation to your findings, highlighting similarities or differences and pointing out implications of your study.

**5.6. Conclusions:** Should be in line with the research question of your article.

**5.7. Recommendations:** Present recommendations in **three areas** as follows; (1). Recommendations for practice for; (2). Recommendations for policy and (3). Recommendations for further studies. They should be based on the current findings.



**5.8. Reference:** Use APA 7<sup>th</sup> edition.

**For example, when citing a conference paper** use: Author's name, Initials. (Year, Month Day-Day). Follow with *Paper title*. Conference Name, City, State, Country. URL  
Take a look at APA 7<sup>th</sup> Edition for details.

#### **6.0. Submission of Article:**

Authors may submit their abstracts, full papers and posters to:  
[bugemauniv.rdconference@gmail.com](mailto:bugemauniv.rdconference@gmail.com)

**For More information, send your Inquires to:** [pnmukasa@bugemauniv.ac.ug](mailto:pnmukasa@bugemauniv.ac.ug) or [amatsiko@bugemauniv.ac.ug](mailto:amatsiko@bugemauniv.ac.ug) Or call: +256 783788730/+256779875373/0703800400

#### **7.0. Conference Registration Fees**

**All participants must register to participate in the conference.**

**Registration** [susanprossy2007@gmail.com](mailto:susanprossy2007@gmail.com) / +256-773493361 & +256-759222064

**Early Bird Registration** for Non-Presenters = 20,000 UGX

**Late Registration** for non-presenters 30,000 UGX

**Presenters' Registration fee** and Invited Guests: **Fully covered.**

#### **8.0 Publication of the Conference Proceedings**

All Authors who wish their papers to be published in the conference proceedings will submit their full revised papers to *Bugema University Multidisciplinary Journal (BUMDJ)* before 30th October, 2022. All papers to be published will undergo rigorous peer review with a double-blind peer review process.