



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Conference on Gender Transformative Higher Education in Africa

This conference seeks to critically interrogate, from an intersectional lens, how higher education systems can move beyond access and gender parity towards transformative change that addresses structural inequalities in African contexts.

It also aims to interrogate how higher education can serve as a catalyst for gender equality, inclusive development, and social transformation in line with Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

DEADLINE

15 August 2026

KEY THEMES AND SUB-THEMES

1. Transformative Education and Gender Equality

- Access, retention, and completion of women and girls in higher education
- Gender-responsive pedagogy and inclusive curricula
- Prevention and response to GBV, including technology-facilitated violence
- Adolescent SRHR and re-entry policies for young mothers
- Digital inclusion, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and gendered digital skills gaps
- Male engagement in gender equality initiatives
- Inclusion of marginalised groups (persons with disabilities, ethnic and linguistic minorities)

2. Policy, Governance and Financing

- Gender mainstreaming in higher education policy frameworks
- Women Leadership: Promotion policies and practices
- Gender-responsive budgeting and financing mechanisms
- Gender equality scorecards and accountability systems

3. Knowledge Production and Innovation

- Women in research, STEM, and innovation ecosystems
- Decolonising knowledge and African feminist research methodologies
- University–industry partnerships and school-to-work transitions

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

We invite you to submit an abstract of **250 words** to gendercentre@wua.ac.zw. Please accompany your abstract with a **bio of 100 words** indicating author/s name/s, title/s and institutional affiliation. Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to present their papers at the conference.

FULL PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Paper Length: 4,000 to 6,000 words, excluding references.

Format: Papers should be submitted in Microsoft Word format, following APA style for citations and references.

IMPORTANT DATES

10 August 2026
Deadline for
submission of abstracts

21 August 2026
Notification of
abstract acceptance

26 Aug-18 Sept 2026
Conference
Registration

12 October 2026
Full Paper
Submission

3-4 November 2026
Conference Dates

CONFERENCE FEES

PACKAGE	FEE
✓ International Delegates	US \$200
✓ Local Delegates	US \$100
✓ Virtual	US \$50

NB: The conference fees only cover conference pack, teas and lunch during conference days. The fees stipulated do not include accommodation and transportation.

CONFERENCE VENUE

**Women's University
in Africa,
Main Campus.**

549 Arcturus Road, Manresa,
Harare, Zimbabwe.

