



## **(First) Call for Abstracts and panel proposals**

### **Conference Theme:**

**“We are because you are: Community Engagement and the Scholarship of Engagement interface”**

To be co-hosted by the University of Zululand (UNIZULU). University of Venda (UNIVEN) and Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT)

**Venue: Hybrid (Durban, Zululand and Venda)**

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**Dates: 28, 29 and 30 June 2023.**

### **TITLE THEME**

The integrated nature of community engagement in Higher Education warrants universities to have socially robust engagements, first to map out, how that look like, and secondly, to ‘walk the talk’. In addition, the accompanying buzz words, i.e., of critical post humanist approaches to the academic project, decolonising scholarship and of afro-sensed Indigenous ontological-epistemological choices, should be a constant in the discussions amongst researchers and stakeholders. Engaging on what we are good for (Chris Brink) and interrogating how to deliberate about the impact to society. The needs of communities are first to be understood in a relational process, for teaching and learning and research and innovation to be at the interface between communities and Universities. In the era of uncertainty, we interrogate how blending a participatory, transformative Malinowski research praxis, in-step with the communities while sensitive to their needs. We create a platform to engage about the scholarship of community engagement and how inclusive the monitoring and evaluation might be.

### **SUB-THEMES:**

- 1) Understanding the praxis of the Integrated community engagement
- 2) Mapping the community engagement ecosystems
- 3) Monitoring and Evaluation of Community Engagement in Higher education
- 4) Societal and social Impact self-review, evidence collection and measurement
- 5) Critical post humanist, Adaptive systems and Change theories

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- 6) Community engagement in the digital era
- 7) Quintuple Partnership Helix
- 8) The role of the scholarship of community engagement in addressing the SDGs
- 9) Social Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship development through community engagement
- 10) The role of Community Engagement in the transformation of Higher Education
- 11) The ethics of engagement and Community Engagement in Higher education
- 12) Decolonial Community engaged research Methodologies
- 13) The role of community engagement in educating for responsible citizenship
- 14) Citizenship Education-Student Initiatives and CE Projects- (Student track)

#### TIME LINES

*Please send Abstracts of not more than 300 words (including workshop proposals)*

**The deadline for abstracts:**

**31 March 2023**

**Full papers including workshop proposals:**

**15 April 2023**

**REGISTRATION DETAILS: (link)**

#### ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES AND OUTPUT

*The conference anticipated the following outcomes*

- Understanding of community engagement impact, monitoring and evaluation framework

#### **Output:**

- 1) Books Project, project, Posters, Articles, Workshop
- 2) Social Impact report?
- 3) Case Studies
- 4) Programmes
- 5) Artefacts

#### **NB: CONTACT DETAILS:**

*Should you have any queries about the conference or to send abstracts, please contact us at:*

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We look forward to welcoming you to our Conference.

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