



UNIVERSITY of the
WESTERN CAPE

DEPARTMENT OF AFRICAN LANGUAGE STUDIES CENTRE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES OF AFRICAN SOCIETY (CASAS)

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

Theme: “African Languages in Practice in the 21st Century”

The African Language Association of Southern Africa (ALASA) in collaboration with the Pan South African Language Board, the Department of African Language Studies and the Centre for Advanced Studies of African Society (CASAS) of the University of the Western Cape’s Faculty of Arts and Humanities will be hosting the 23rd BIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN LANGUAGES ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

DATE: 21 – 24 September 2022

VENUE: University of the Western Cape, Bellville, Cape Town, 7135, SOUTH AFRICA
Specific venues to be announced

CONFERENCE THEME: African Languages in Practice in the 21st Century

Proposals for paper presentations, workshops, interactive sessions, posters/exhibitions are invited to the 23rd BIENNIAL ALASA International Conference “African Languages in Practice in the 21st Century”.

WEB LINK FOR REGISTRATION: TBA

IMPORTANT DATES:

Submission of abstracts and workshop proposals extended to: 10 January 2022

Notification of acceptance of abstracts: 31 January 2022

GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS FOR PAPER AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Abstracts of 150-200 words for paper presentations, and 250-400 for workshop presentations, should be submitted by e-mail as an Ms Word file accompanied by the following information:

- Full title of the paper
- Title, full names and surname
- Institutional affiliation
- E-mail address (if paper has multiple authors, please state name of corresponding author)
- Telephone (cell/mobile or office): Fax Number: Postal address and postal code

Abstracts must be submitted in English

No references, tables or graphics should be included in the abstract

When using abbreviations within the body of the abstract, please spell out the name in full at first mention and follow with the abbreviation in parenthesis.

It is the responsibility of the author to ensure abstract text does not contain any typos or grammatical errors.

Paper presentations will be confined to 20 minutes plus a 10-minute question/discussion session. Workshops will be 60 minutes in duration and should have a minimum of two authors. Only three workshops will be accepted.

No changes can be made after the abstract deadline has passed.

All abstracts will be adjudicated.

* A workshop is an opportunity for a group of interested delegates to be engaged in intensive discussion and activity on a topic and innovative research on any area relating to the Conference theme.

Submission of paper and workshop abstracts should be sent by e-mail to:

[Ms Buhle Sondwana: alasaconference@uwc.ac.za](mailto:alasaconference@uwc.ac.za)

REGISTRATION WITH AUTOMATIC MEMBERSHIP

Face-face

Early bird registrations **[CLOSSES 30 APRIL 2022]**: R 3,400.00 (R 3, 100 + R 300.00 ALASA membership fee)

Late Registration: R 3,600.00 (R 3,300.00 + R 300.00 ALASA membership fee).

Virtual

Early bird registrations **[CLOSSES 30 APRIL 2022]**: R 1,900.00 (R 1,600 + R 300.00 ALASA membership fee).

Late Registration: R 2,100.00 (R 1,900.00 + R 300.00 ALASA membership fee).

1 DAY face-face

R1,400.00 (R1,100 + R300.00 ALASA membership fee)

STUDENT REGISTRATION

Face-face

Early bird registration **[CLOSSES 30 APRIL 2022]** R1,800.00(R1,500.00 + R300.00 ALASA membership fee)

Late registration: R2,000.00 (R1,700.00 + R300.00 ALASA membership fee)

Virtual

R800.00 (R500,00 + R300.00 ALASA membership fee)

No refunds. Substitutes are welcome at no extra cost.

If membership for 2022 has already been paid, please send proof of payment or letter or receipts from the organizations/institution.

ENQUIRIES:

General and Registration:

Ms Buhle Sondwana: alasaconference@uwc.ac.za

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CONFERENCE THEME

African Languages in Practice in the 21st Century

The above title will embrace contributions from a wide spectrum of research on African languages and cultures, from a historical perspective (reflections on what has been achieved so thus far towards the

can impact on future developments), especially with regard to issues relating to decolonization, digitalization and language practice.

Sub-themes include but are not confined to the following areas:

Literature:

- African literature and poverty alleviation
- Literature in African languages
- Colonial and postcolonial literature in Africa
- Literary theories
- Teaching African language literature

Translation, Terminology and lexicography

- African languages and translation
- African languages and lexicography
- Terminology development
- Language research and documentation
- Artificial intelligence and translation
- Language editing techniques and African Languages
- Translation and language practice

Language policy and planning

- Language and education
- African languages and policies in Africa
- Linguistic imperialism
- African languages for specific purposes

Language in society

- Language and the media
- Language, gender and identity
- Language, culture and identity
- Language contact and change, e.g. multilingualism, globalisation
- Language and politics
- Language and transformation

Language Practice and the workplace

- Language and Law (Forensic Linguistics)
- Language and health
- Language and business
- Language and governance

Language and decolonisation

- The role of African languages in the discourses on decolonisation

Language and technology

- The use of technology in the teaching of African languages
- Human Language Technology (HLT), Digital Humanities and African language research
- HLT and African language dictionaries
- African languages in social media

Theoretical linguistics

- Morphology
- Phonology
- Syntax
- Semantics
- Discourse analysis
- Pragmatics Historical/comparative linguistics

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The 23rd BIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN LANGUAGES ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA will be held at the University of the Western Cape in Bellville, Cape Town, South Africa. It will address a range of critically important themes in the various fields of linguistics, applied linguistics and sociolinguistics.

Plenary sessions will include presentations by some of the world's leading thinkers in the humanities, as well as numerous paper and workshop presentations.

The purpose of the conference is to attract scholars and researchers from a variety of disciplines and to bring together a cohort of established and emerging researchers in one assembly to deliberate on topics related to the theme and sub-themes.

DAILY PROGRAMME

Day 1: Registration: Conference programme: Presentations of papers: Evening Reception

Day 2: Conference programme: Presentations of papers, workshops, GALA dinner

Day 3: Conference programme: Presentations of papers

Day 4: Conference programme: DEPARTURE

NB: A detailed programme will be announced once it has been finalised.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Delegates will be requested to fill in electronic registration forms after acceptance of their abstracts. An invoice will be created and sent to individual delegates with personal details, registration amount and banking details. It is only after this process that delegates will be able to deposit registration fee into the university account. The conference organisers will handle no cash on the registration day.

TRANSPORT

All costs (travel, accommodation, subsistence) related to your participation in the conference must be covered by the participant or your institution, regardless of the proposal acceptance. ALASA and its conference organisers are not liable and hold no responsibility for any of these costs.

LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

1. Conference Chairperson: Prof Russell Kaschula
2. Conference Coordinator: Dr Sebolelo Mokapela
3. Conference Administrator: Ms Buhle Sondwana / Ms Nokuzola Lusani
4. Chairperson of scientific committee: Prof Mantoa Motinyane