



ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN
AFRICAN SCHOOLS AND
DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT
(ASSADPAM)



25-27 September 2019

1st ANNOUNCEMENT AND 1ST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Hosted by ASSADPAM in conjunction with the Department of Public Administration and Management,
University of South Africa (Unisa)
Venue: KleinKaat, Centurion, Gauteng

CONFERENCE THEME

A CALL FOR ACTION: A Reflection of Tenets of Public Administration

Public administration and management has remained predominantly silent during times of political interference in administration processes, economic crises, corruption, state capture and a fast-changing and unpredictable global environment. In 2019, we call the discipline of Public Administration and Management to action.

How should the subject public administration and management as well as public servants respond to these challenges?

What aspects of public administration and management remain relevant in our current state and global environment?

Should there be more emphasis on administrative justice and the prevention of corruption?

The 2019 ASSADPAM Conference, which will take place in Centurion, Gauteng from 25–27 September 2019, aims to provide a platform for Southern African Schools and Departments of Public Administration and Management to network around the following sub-themes:

SUB-THEMES

Sub-theme 1: Rethinking the ethical dilemmas in public administration and how it affects the public servants

- What is the role of public servants in the prevention of unethical conduct?
- How can public servants prevent 'state capture'?
- How can public servants prevent political interference in administrative processes?
- Is service delivery in SA characterised by ethical values/leadership?

Sub-theme 2: Rethinking the role, responsibility and future of public administration

- Are public servants still serving the needs of citizens?
- Are the *Batho Pele* principles still relevant in the 21st century?
- Is the Constitution still a significant guideline for public servants?
- What qualities are expected from a future public sector leader?
- Do public servants think creative, innovative and entrepreneurial?
- To what extent has the political administrative interface evolved?

Sub-theme 3: Rethinking the contribution of academia towards the public service

- Did academia lose its voice?
- Do academics still have a voice?
- What should the future curriculum and research focus of universities entail?
- What role should academia play in support of good governance?
- What are the challenges faced by academia in supporting government?
- How do academia influence the policies of the public service?

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS/FULL PAPERS:

When submitting an abstract, authors are requested to follow the proposed structure:

- Name, surname, institution, contact details
- Sub-theme
- Topic
- Purpose of the envisaged paper
- Design/methodology/approach applied
- Main findings
- Practical implications
- Originality/value

ABSTRACT – Length: 500 words

FULL PAPER – Length: 3 000 words

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2019:

Call for abstracts opens: **1 February**

Closing date to submit abstracts: **1 May**

Notification of abstract acceptance: **1 June**

Call for full papers opens: **15 June**

Closing date to submit full papers: **31 July**

Online conference registration opens: **30 July**

Conference registration closes: **6 September**

CONFERENCE FRAMEWORK

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Emerging researchers workshop 10:00 ASSADPAM Exco meeting 12:00 Registration 13:00 Opening ASSADPAM annual general meeting Informal networking event	Parallel sessions 16:00 Administratio Publica editorial committee meeting Formal networking event	Parallel sessions Joint plenary session

CONFERENCE FEES

R2 300.00	Academic institutional member
R2 500.00	Non-members
R1 000.00	Full-time students providing proof of registration & registered postgraduate students presenting papers

Conference fee includes:

- Parallel sessions starting Thursday 26 September at 9:00 and closing on Friday 27 September at 12:00.
- Informal and formal networking events on 25 and 26 September
- Conference bag, stationery
- Book exhibitions

ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL/GUESTHOUSE

KleinKaap Boutique Hotel (4-star hotel)
Protea Hotel by Marriot Pretoria Centurion (4-star hotel)
Forever Hotel @ Centurion (4-star hotel)
Leriba Hotel (4-star hotel)
The Centurion Hotel (4-star hotel)
Lapalosa Lodge (4-star guesthouse)
Aandbloem Guesthouse (4-star guesthouse)
LightStone Guesthouse (3-star guesthouse)
Pilgrims Delight B&B (3-star guesthouse)
Tuishuis Lodge (2-star guesthouse)

WEBSITE

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