

# **CALL FOR PAPERS**

## **WORLD TOURISM DAY SYMPOSIUM – RETHINKING TOURISM**

**15 SEPTEMBER 2022**



### **VENUE: MIDLANDS STATE UNIVERSITY, GWERU**

The 2022 World Tourism Day Symposium will be held at Midlands State University main campus, Gweru, Zimbabwe. The purpose of this symposium is to bring together researchers to present and discuss issues that resonate with this year's World Tourism Day theme, i.e. rethinking tourism. This theme is better captured by the United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres when he said,

“As we restart and recover from the pandemic, the UNWTO has a key role in rethinking tourism and its interaction with societies, economies and our natural resources and ecosystems. That means green tourism, with high-emitting sectors including air and sea transport aiming for carbon neutrality. It means inclusive tourism that benefits marginalized communities and contributes to gender equality and intercultural understanding. And it means sustainable tourism, which builds resilience, protects our planet and delivers on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.”

In light of the foregoing, the World Tourism Day Symposium will provide a platform for showcasing thought-provoking research on contemporary and vexing tourism related issues focussing (not exclusively) on the following themes:

- **Tourism and climate change**
- **Tourism and poverty alleviation**

- **Innovation in the tourism industry**
- **Tourism and indigenous people**
- **Tourism and global pandemics or crises**
- **Tourism and information communication technologies**
- **Tourism and wildlife conservation**
- **Tourism and gender**
- **Tourism and land reform**
- **Tourism and human resources**
- **Tourism and entrepreneurship**

N.B. Selected 5 best papers will be awarded prizes. Authors will present a 20-30 minute power point presentation during the World Tourism Day Symposium at Midlands State University, Gweru, Zimbabwe.

## **Submission dates**

### **Abstracts are due 7 July 2022**

An abstract of between 150 to 200 words should be submitted. The abstract should include an indication of the purpose of the research, the research approach taken, the methods used and the key (expected) findings. The abstract should be written (and submitted) in Times New Roman, Font 12, 1.5 Spacing.

**Full papers** should be submitted by **30 July 2022** to [nyahunzvidk@staff.msu.ac.zw](mailto:nyahunzvidk@staff.msu.ac.zw)

## **Authors' guidelines**

Authors' detailed guidelines are as follows:

- Type, 12 point, Times New Roman
- 1-inch (2.5cm) for all margins and 1.5 spacing for entire text
- A separate cover page should include the topic of the paper, affiliation, author's name, contact number and email address.
- Please indicate the above information only on the cover page and not anywhere else
- All submission should be in MS Word.
- All submissions will be forwarded to our Paper Review Panel for double-blind review.

- Once the submission is accepted, at least one of the authors must register for and present the paper at the conference.
- Final copies of accepted papers will be professionally published as edited conference proceedings in the Midlands State University Journal, The Dyke.
- All submissions should use Harvard style of referencing and be sent as an attachment to **nyahunzvidk@staff.msu.ac.zw**. Accepted papers will be published in the Midlands State University Journal, The Dyke.
- **Length of papers:** Between 6000 to 8000 words including the reference list.
- Authors of accepted papers will be notified through e-mail by **30 August 2022**.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Dr D.K. Nyahunzvi

Call for Papers Committee Chair

Midlands State University,

Faculty of Business Sciences

P Bag 9055,

Gweru, Zimbabwe

Email: nyahunzvidk@staff.msu.ac.zw

Telephone: +263 778 813 083