

1st REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING

“IGNITING THE EMPLOYABILITY REVOLUTION IN EAST AFRICA”

Date: 12 – 14 September 2018

Venue: United States International University - Africa (USIU-A), Nairobi, Kenya

CALL FOR PAPERS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

OVERVIEW

This a two-day conference aimed at exploring strategies, mechanisms and sharing experiences with other stakeholders in Africa on how to engage students, practitioners and industry in research, innovations and Work Integrated learning (WIL). Despite the breadth of Work integrated learning, there relative agreement regarding the capabilities being enhanced through student participation in this form of learning and opportunities to assist them achieve the desired outcomes in the work place. Employers are desirous of graduates who capable of managing real life business problems. The theme of the conference “transforming institutional arrangements for research, innovation and work-based learning” is designed for practitioners, industry and researchers interested in employability and skills development in Africa to leverage the developments in Work integrated learning. This conference will bring about a shared understanding that can contribute to a common dialogue and language across academia (Universities and Tertiary Institutions), Industry and Student. Participants will benefit from an international perspective and meaningful insights of leading experts and fellow delegates from the African region and the rest of the world.

PURPOSE AND NATURE

The purpose of this conference is to create awareness and shared understanding of Work Integrated learning in solving pressing societal and global challenge of skills development and employability through work integrated learning.

The conference will consist of key note speeches ,by invited guests, case studies, experience papers and theoretical papers related to work integrated learning. The outcome of the conference will be a policy brief for government policy makers in order to chart a way forward for employability and skills development for sustainable development.

TOPICS OF INTEREST:

Topics to be discussed during the workshop Include:

- Factors Influencing WIL
- TVET and Governance
- Framework for Work Integrates learning
- Interaction between Academia and the World of work
- Sharing experience between industry and Academia
- Fostering University-Industry Linkages
- TVET and Quality assurance
- Graduate employability
- Developing Competencies for entrepreneurial Teaching,
- Role of Managers in adopting WIL
- Centre of WIL Excellence
- Changing Apprentice game
- Institutional responsibilities
- WIL: Benefits to Students, The Employer and Academia
- Work Based Learning
- Collaborate governance of Work Based learning

SUBMISSION AND PUBLICATIONS

Conference papers should be submitted as a single file to easy chair via:

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=esdwil18>

Workshop Registration

All participants and invited speakers must register and pay for conference before or on due date.

Participation

Education practitioners, educational policy researchers, Institutions and industry leaders are welcome to attend this conference. All sessions and talks will be conducted in English. Therefore, participants should have a good working knowledge of the language.

KEY NOTE SPEAKERS

WACE:

- Dr. Sampan Silapanad - (Vice President: Western Digital Corporation Thailand)

South Africa:

- Carva Pop – President – SASCE
- Z. Mvalo- Deputy Director General, Skills Development
- Boni Gantile - SASCE
- Hylia Nghiwete - Chair: Core Working Group for Co-operative Education and CEO: Namibia Student

Kenya:

- Dr. Kevit Desai - Principal Secretary for Vocational and Technical Training (TVET), Ministry of Education
- Prof. Paul Tiyambe Zeleza - Vice Chancellor, United States International University-Africa (USIU-A)

ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

Committee members from:

- United States International University – Africa (USIU)
- Linking Industry With Academia (LIWA)
- Cresco Skills Development Ltd (CRESCO)
- Southern African Society for Cooperative Education (SASCE)

IMPORTANT DATES

05 July 2018	Extended Abstract Submission
25 Jul 2018	Notification of Acceptance
25 Aug 2018	Registration & Camera Ready

CONFERENCE COSTS

REGISTRATION

Students:	150 USD
Early Bird:	250 USD
Late Registration:	350 USD

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation available close to the conference venue ranging from 100 to 250 USD Bed & Breakfast