

Call for Papers

5th Covenant University Conference on E-Governance in Nigeria (CUCEN 2018)

Theme: e-Government for Democratic Consolidation and Transformation: Agenda Setting for the 2019 General Elections and Transparency in Governance

CUCEN2018 is designed to bring together opinion leaders, decision-makers as well as middle and high-level manpower personnel across the various tiers of government and business sectors to set the agenda for the 2019 general elections and to institute transparency in governance.

The present political dispensation, more than ever before, since the return to democratic governance in 1999 has been threatened by various agitations whereby our sovereignty is under question. Therefore, it is the mandate of the eGovernment and eBusiness Research Centre of Covenant University through CUCEN2018 to proffer solutions to the various challenges.

The theme of CUCEN2018 is broad enough to cover every aspect of ICTs integration in governance, administration, and all areas of democratic practices such as eVoting, eParticipation and ePolling. Others include Cybersecurity, ICT and Law, ICT and Corruption, Public Sector Administration, Privacy and Trust in e-business and e-government amongst others.

At the conference, we shall be addressing issues of Restructuring, Corruption, Transparency and Visionary Leadership through eGovernance. Also, we shall present best practices from some states of the federation, the level of adoption of ICT in governance. Furthermore, there shall be a pre-conference workshop on Computer literacy for interested participants particularly, the government employees.

We, therefore, invite papers and panels that address the broad theme of ICT integration in all sectoral activities in Nigeria. Emphasis will be given to presentations emerging from primary research and case studies of ICT integration in different aspects of the Nigerian society, policy papers, and theoretical and methodological contributions to our understanding of the role of ICT for improved transparency governance, public service delivery, grassroots mobilization and voting.

Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Applications of Emerging Technologies to E-Government
 - Techniques, Tools and Methodologies
 - Data mining, Big Data, Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing, Networking, Distributed Systems, Knowledge Management, Decision Support Systems and their application in Health, Education, Agriculture, Finance, Business and etc.
 - E-Administration
 - G2B, G2C, G2E Communication
 - Intergovernmental Integration and Interoperation
 - Shared Services

- e-Services
- e-Settlement
- Mobile Public Services
- Political Participation and Democracy in the Digital Age
 - Civic participation in democratic governance
 - Setting agenda for e-democracy at the local government level
 - Online citizen engagement in public decision making
 - Open government implementation, best practices and implications for Nigeria
 - Social media and political discourse
 - Social media use for G2B and G2C communications
 - Gender and electronic participation
 - E-community
- Promoting Good Governance using ICTs
 - E-society and Human Rights
 - Methodologies for using ICTs to promote good governance
 - ICTs and Public Sectors Accountability and Transparency
 - ICT based Anti-Corruption Measures
 - Security, Privacy and Ethics for e-Government
 - E-Security
 - E-Resolution
 - E-Procurement
 - ICTs in Support of Human Rights, Democracy and Good Governance
 - Policy Analysis, Implementation and Evaluation in e-government
- Privacy, Trust and Confidentiality
 - Privacy and Trust in e-business and e-government
 - Confidentiality, privacy and trust in online transactions and services
 - Identity management, identity theft and trust management
 - Information audit and data integrity/credibility
 - Digital rights management
 - Cyberespionage
- Cybercrime and Cybersecurity
 - Cybercrime, detection and prevention
 - Cyber warfare, terrorism and bullying
 - Computer forensics and anti-forensics
 - Cryptographic technologies
 - Network security, risk aversion and data protection mechanisms
- Information Technology, Law and Administration of Justice in Nigeria
 - Crime prosecution, justice and other issues in the digital age
 - Admissibility and enforceability of electronic documents, contracts and online transactions

- Intellectual property rights of digital products and documents
- Technology-assisted law firm management and administration
- Online arbitration and alternative dispute resolution strategies
- Best practices/models of law and administration of justice in the digital era
- Social and Ethical issues
 - Burden of e-government on citizens as stakeholders, clients and consumers
 - Application of ICTs as anti-corruption tools
 - Ethics in digital societies
 - Freedom of expression, freedom of information and privacy
- Issues of Concern in the Adoption of Technologies in Public Sector Governance
 - Open government versus bureaucratic ethics (confidentiality, national security, etc.)
 - Sociopolitical implications of e-governance for stakeholders (MDAs, Policymakers, Practitioners and Civil Society Groups)
 - Business process modelling for e-government systems
 - Sustainable development in a digital age
 - The economics and business of e-government
 - Costs, benefits and challenges of e-governance/e-government in a Nigerian context

Abstracts: Abstracts of not more than 300 words should be submitted through our online submission portal (<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=cucen2018>). We also welcome panel proposals: description of the topic/issue to be addressed, a 300-word abstract of each paper to be presented at the panel (and a minimum of four presentations is expected for each panel). Each abstract should include the following information: The Title, introduction, problem statement, research objective/justification, research methodology, analysis of results/findings, and conclusion, as well as the bio-data of the author(s).

Deadlines:

- a) Submission of 300-word topic description and abstract of papers and panel proposals (with abstracts of individual papers): **December 15, 2017**
- b) Notification of Acceptance: **December 28, 2017**
- c) Submission of full-length paper (5,000-7,000 words): **February 18, 2018**. Each paper will undergo a double-blind peer review process. Acceptance will be based on quality, relevance and originality.
- d) Authors of accepted papers will be notified by **March 18, 2018** and given the opportunity to revise their papers (where applicable) for a final submission.
- e) Final submission of full papers: **April 16, 2018**
- f) Submission of a PowerPoint Presentation of 15-20 slides including the reference slide(s) of the accepted conference paper: **May 15, 2018**
- g) Conference begins: **June 13, 2018**

Note: Papers (abstracts and full papers) must be saved in MS Word format and submitted to <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=cucen2018>. All papers must follow APA format which can be viewed at <http://www.apastyle.org/>.

All accepted papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings – **CUCEN2018 Proceedings** (on a CD) to be given to participants during registration on arrival at the conference. Authors of the best ten conference papers (evaluated on originality of research, quality of analysis and contribution to knowledge) will be contacted after the conference and invited to submit their revised papers for inclusion in a special issue of a peer-reviewed scholarly journal.

In addition, a Certificate of Participation will be issued to all registered participants.