



IEASA

International Education
Association of South Africa

27th Annual Conference
26 - 29 August 2025.



IEASA CONFERENCE 2025 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The International Education Association of South Africa (IEASA) is delighted to announce its 27th Annual Conference, set to take place in Gqeberha (formerly Port Elizabeth), Eastern Cape, from 26 to 29 August 2025.

The theme of the Conference is “**Bridging Borders, Inspiring Solutions: Internationalisation for a Resilient and Inclusive Future**”

This theme aligns IEASA’s mission with South Africa’s strategic role in the G20, which consists of the following members: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Türkiye, the United Kingdom, the United States, the African Union, and the European Union.

As a member of the G20, a premier forum for international economic cooperation, South Africa represents not only its national interests but also serves as an important voice for the African continent. South Africa’s participation ensures that global policy dialogues incorporate perspectives from developing economies. The G20 platform promotes inclusive economic growth, innovation, and sustainability—objectives that align directly with the transformative goals of higher education internationalisation.

In this context, the 27th Annual Conference aims to foster meaningful dialogue on how African higher education institutions can play a pivotal role in addressing global challenges, strengthening international partnerships, and contributing to a more resilient and inclusive future, while celebrating the unique contributions of African higher education to global advancement.

Sub-themes for exploration:

- **Higher Education and Global Challenges:** Tackling equity, sustainability, and innovation;
- **Equitable Partnerships:** Amplifying Africa’s role in global higher education.
- **Global Partnerships for Local Impact:** Internationalisation and sustainable development locally;
- **Critical Contemporary Challenges:** Addressing climate change, digital transformation, and social justice through internationalisation;
- **Intersecting Education, Innovation, and Policy:** The Role of Internationalisation in Shaping Resilient and Inclusive Futures
- **Educational Innovation for a Shared Future:** Africa’s innovative contributions on the global stage;
- **Implementing Internationalisation:** Navigating practitioners’ challenges in the contemporary global context;

Call for contributions:

IEASA warmly invites academics, researchers, professionals, practitioners, educators, students, innovators, and leaders in international higher education to contribute to this conference. We encourage diverse perspectives and insights, including:

- Informed opinions or thought pieces.
- Research findings and reflections.
- Best practice examples and lived experiences.
- Innovative plans and strategies.

While rooted in the South African context, IEASA values contributions from the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the African continent, the global South, countries in the G20, and beyond.

Contributions are invited for the following formats:

- **Parallel Sessions:** Interactive discussions and presentations.
- **Poster Sessions:** Visual displays of research and initiatives.
- **Workshops:** Hands-on and in-depth explorations of topics.

We look forward to your participation in advancing dialogue, collaboration, and innovation in international higher education.

Submission details and timelines:

Parallel and poster sessions:

Please submit your proposal online by **Friday, 28 February 2025** at:
<https://forms.office.com/r/YWYs3GW8g0>

Workshops:

Please submit your proposal online by **Friday, 28 February 2025** at:
<https://forms.office.com/r/VqFtJyb9aM>

Submission of proposals	Opens on Friday, 13 December 2024 Closes on Friday, 28 February 2025
Notification of selection results Deadline for speaker confirmations	Friday, 28 March 2025 Monday, 7 April 2025
Conference registration	Opens on Friday, 9 May 2025 Closes on Friday, 8 August 2025

Deadline for speaker registrations	Friday, 30 May 2025
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Contact details:

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