FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

The 2020 AFRICAN CONGRESS ON SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACCOUNTING RESEARCH
(1st CSEAR Africa Conference)

November 9-11, 2020
College of Business and Social Sciences, Covenant University, Nigeria

The Department of Accounting at the College of Business and Social Sciences (CBSS), Covenant University, Nigeria, is pleased to host the 1st CSEAR Africa Conference on November 9-11, 2020.

CSEAR
The Centre for Social and Environmental Accounting Research (CSEAR) has held annual congresses in the UK (formerly referred to as the Summer School) for about three decades now, and in other parts of the world such as Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, and South and North America.

1st CSEAR Africa Conference
Similar to other CSEAR conferences, the 1st CSEAR Africa Conference will be a deliberately informal gathering and discussion forum for researchers, teachers, students and practitioners concerned with social and environmental accounting, teaching and research in the very widest sense. Its emphasis is on a high level of interaction, discussion and debate in a friendly, supportive and relaxed atmosphere.

Attendees will include academics, practitioners and PhD students at all levels of experience, and involved with all aspects of social, environmental, sustainability theory and practice in accounting and other disciplines. As such, interdisciplinary submissions applying any theoretical lenses are encouraged, and both full and research-in-progress papers are welcome. Abstract-only submissions are also welcome.

The conference will feature a workshop on how to publish in highly competitive international journals and a practitioner forum focusing on SDGs and sustainability agenda for Africa. The main objective of this conference is to provide a forum for discussions to enhance research in policies and strategies relating to sustainable development. We welcome papers with various approaches and interdisciplinary perspectives beyond accounting that explore, but not limited to:

- The accounting profession and the sustainable development goals
- Integrated reporting
- Accounting, society and the environment
- Accounting for the public interest
- Accounting and accountability for waste
- Accounting, accountability, indigenous people and conflict resolutions
- Social and environmental accounting
- Corporate social responsibility
- Counter accounting and human rights
- Health and wellbeing accounting
- Building sustainable and smart cities
- Extinction and biodiversity accounting
- Environmental regulation and governance
Emerging Scholars Colloquium (November 9)
The 1st CSEAR Africa Conference will also feature an Emerging Scholars Colloquium. The Colloquium aims at introducing emerging scholars into the social and environmental accounting research community and providing them an opportunity to present and discuss their research projects alongside a cohort of distinguished international faculty. We strongly recommend for PhD students (and early career researchers) to submit their papers to the Colloquium.

Paper Submission
All papers should be submitted to: csearafrica@covenantuniversity.edu.ng. Submission to the emerging scholars stream should clearly indicate this both on the email subject and the first page of the paper.

Conference Format
Presentations will take place either in a single session or parallel sessions.

Conference Website
https://csearafrica.com/

Plenary Speakers
Professor Ian Thomson, Director of Lloyds Banking Group Centre for Responsible Business at the Birmingham Business School, University of Birmingham, UK. He is also Convenor of the Centre for Social and Environmental Accounting Research.

Professor Charles Cho, Erivan K. Haub Chair in Business & Sustainability at the Schulich School of Business, York University, Canada.

Professor Jan Bebbington, Professor of Accounting and Sustainable Development at the Birmingham Business School, University of Birmingham, UK.

Sponsors
As of now, the event is co-sponsored by Covenant University, Erivan K. Haub Chair in Business & Sustainability at the Schulich School of Business, York University, Canada. We are currently seeking more sponsorship opportunities.

Dates to Remember

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