“Enhancing Access and Success in Education through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) in the SADC region”

Call for abstracts and papers
Abstracts and papers are invited on the theme and its sub-themes described above. The presentations shall be in the form of:-
- Theoretical papers based on research and review
- Case studies
- Poster presentation
- Keynote address
- Audio-Visual, CD-Rom Internet demonstration

The Conference will be organized in sessions to include:
- Opening and keynote address session
- Plenary sessions
- Parallel sessions
All papers will be peer reviewed before being published in the conference proceedings.

THE CONFERENCE VENUE:
The conference shall be held in the commercial capital of Tanzania, the City of Dar es Salaam, at the Blue Pearl Hotel, along Morogoro Road.

REGISTRATION FEES
Early Bird: (Closes July 31st, 2011)
- DEASA Members: SA Rand 600
- Non Members: SA Rand 700
- Students: SA Rand 250
Late Registration: (From August 1st, 2011)
- DEASA Members: SA Rand 650
- Non Members: SA Rand 750
- Students: SA Rand 300

The registration fee will cover conference materials, bags, lunches and tea/coffee breaks.

ACCOMMODATION
Dar es Salaam has a vast network of safe and comfortable hotels adjacent to the conference venue. These include The Blue Pearl Hotel, the Peacock Millenium Tower, The Movenpick Royal Palm, The Holiday Inn, Landmark Hotel, Protea Hotel Court Yard, Regency Park Hotel, Southern Sun, New Africa Hotel, Giraffe Ocean View Hotel, Kempinski Kilimanjaro Hotel, etc.

WEATHER
During the month of September, Dar es Salaam is cool, and dry. Participants will enjoy the cool breeze from the Indian Ocean and the friendly atmosphere in this ‘Harbour of Peace.’

TRAVEL INFORMATION
Book your ticket through any travel agent to Dar es Salaam International Airport in Tanzania. Kenya Airways has three to four daily flights from Nairobi, Kenya. Other airlines that fly from different destinations in Europe and other parts of Africa, include KLM, SAA, Quatar, Emirates, Gulf Air, Swiss, BA, Ethiopian, Uganda, Rwanda Air, Zambezi, Egypt Air, etc.

TOUR PACKAGES
Tanzania is endowed with vast national parks and game reserves. Participants will also be granted to explore its rich biodiversity and enjoy seeing the fauna and biota including organized tours to climb the Kilimanjaro mountain, visits to the spice islands of Zanzibar and Pemba, as well as expeditions to famous national parks such as the Serengeti, Mikumi, Sadani, Ruaha, Selous, Manyara, Kilimanjaro, Tarangire, Nygorongoro Crater, etc. One could also visit the famouse Gombe Stream in Kigoma to see Mountain Gorillas.

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15-18 SEPTEMBER 2011

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS
Conference Theme:
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Sub-themes
1. Promoting Education Provision for Special Groups through ODL - The sub-theme deals with practice and possibilities of ODL modes in serving people with disabilities, marginalized and vulnerable groups. What are the experiences in the provision of ODL to special groups? Research on relevant curriculum, teaching and learning.

2. Roles of ICT in learning through Distance Education Programmes - The sub-theme covers the use of ICT in ODL, public attitudes on the use of ICT, the function of government and non-governmental agencies in relation to ICT use in ODL.

3. Management of innovative ODL programmes - In this sub-theme the focus is on managing blended learning programmes, provision of support services to learners, relevant leadership skills in a changing ODL programmes and current trends on professional development for planning and management of ODL in the knowledge society world.

4. Collaboration and Partnership in Open and Distance Learning - The sub-theme focus on formation of alliance between various stakeholders in provision of ODL. It covers partnership between government and private providers, relevant modes and forms of collaboration and partnership, for example in open schools and universities as well as challenges in establishing the Public Private Partnership collaborations and partnerships in ODL.

5. Moving towards Relevant Meanings in Provision of Education through ODL - Provision of appropriate education is the main focus of the sub-theme. The authors are expected to cover designing of learner-centred education, adoption and implementation of competence-based curriculum through ODL, designing instruction materials and training of qualified teachers at all levels through ODL.

Authors of papers and posters are invited to send abstracts and full papers to the undersigned. An editorial review panel will scrutinize all abstracts and all papers shall be peer reviewed before being published in conference proceedings. The main objective of this conference is to share experiences and knowledge in key areas related to Open and Distance Learning (ODL), and how ODL can fast track the development of Africa and other developing regions of the world.

Abstracts and papers should be submitted to:
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DEASA has as general objectives to enable members to share information, to collaborate in obtaining and developing quality distance education courses in identified areas of need, and to organise relevant professional development activities.

DEASA has the following specific objectives:
(a) To provide a platform for discussing issues related to and affecting the field of distance education;
(b) to encourage the exchange of expertise among member institutions as efficiently and widely as possible;
(c) to exchange information and materials on distance education and to promote co-operation among member institutions;
(a) to promote educational activities and opportunities for those who are not part of the conventional education system;
(b) to promote assistance from national governments and international organizations to distance education;
(c) to collaborate with governmental as well as non-governmental organizations to promote effective distance education policies, methods and practices;
(a) to represent and promote to governments and funding agencies the interests of distance education as a set of learning and teaching methods and practices that require particular interventions and cost allocations; and
(b) to encourage members to maintain DEASA's Code of Ethics in advancing distance education.

On behalf of the Distance Education Association of Southern Africa (DEASA), we wish to invite to present papers at the 46th Conference and AGM of DEASA, to be held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania from 30th - 2nd October, 2011.

For further information, please contact:
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Deadlines
Call for abstracts of 150 words 31st May, 2011
Due date for abstracts: 30th June, 2011