1. Theme:
Towards Sustainable Development: Open and Distance Learning - Pre and Post Covid-19

Sub-theme 1. Building resilient communities through ODL during, pre and post Covid-19 Pandemic

i) Addressing Equity, Diversity and Inclusion through ODL for sustainable development.

ii) The paradox between Open Distance Learning and COVID -19 Lockdown - a semantic mismatch

iii) Enhancing collaboration and team work in open and distance learning institutions for COVID 19 mitigation and sustainable development.

Sub-theme 2. 21st Century skills for Sustainable Development

i) Leveraging 21st Century skills in the ODL environment (artificial intelligence, ICT savvy etc)

ii) Emerging technologies in the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) space for Covid-19 mitigation and for sustainable development

iii) Promoting online learning pre and post Covid-19: the case of Southern Africa
Sub-Theme 3. Quality assurance in ODL for Sustainable Development

i) Ensuring quality at institutional level for sustainable development.
ii) Learner support for sustainable development.
iii) Assessment in institutions of learning for sustainable development.
iv) Acceleration and intensification of the delivery of ODL/Odel during the pandemic (COVID-19's impact on Distance Learning)

Sub-Theme 4. Research innovation in ODL towards sustainable development

i) Research in E-learning in ODL
ii) Researching 21st Century skills in ODL
iii) Research management systems in ODL institutions
iv) Enhancing research in ODL
vi) Breaking research barriers in ODL institutions of learning
vii) Open Educational Resources (OER) and ODL

2. Guidelines for submission of abstracts:

2.1 The word count for abstracts is a maximum of between 250 and 300 words.

2.2 Abstracts should be written in Times New Roman12.

2.3 Prepare your abstract in Microsoft Word (doc. or docx)

2.4 Your abstract should include a title (of not more than 15 words), the rationale for the study, the main research question(s), theoretical/conceptual framework (as applicable), research design and methodology, the main findings and the recommendations based on the findings/projected findings. Please, refer to the attached guidelines.

2.5 Your abstract should not contain references, abbreviation and lengthy background.

2.6 Include between five and six keywords in your abstract.

2.7 Please, provide the name and contact details of the author(s)/presenter(s), the institution and the sub-theme. Abstract must reflect conference theme and subthemes.

2.8 Submit abstracts to the following address: deasa.mozambique@gmail.com
and the subject should be **Abstract_2020**.

2.9 The deadline for abstract submission is **20th November, 2020**

2.10. The deadline for submission of full papers will be in 2021 (Dates still to be determined)

### 3. Conference dates

The conference dates are **2nd, 3rd and 4th December, 2020**

### 4. REGISTRATION FEES

*Registration Closes on 30th November, 2020*

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