



CALL FOR PAPERS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC PROCUREMENT LAW AFRICA

The African Procurement Law Unit (APLU), Faculty of Law, Stellenbosch University, is pleased to announce the Call for Abstracts for the fourth **International Conference on Public Procurement Law Africa**. The Conference will be held from **5th to 6th November, 2020 at the Century City Conference Centre & Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa**.

Conference Theme

The Conference theme is **Public Procurement and the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa: A Decade of Opportunity**. The theme will address a range of critically important legal and policy issues relating to sustainable development and sustainable public procurement in Africa, in the ten year deadline to achieving the SDGs by 2030. The conference will examine the role of public procurement to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals; using public procurement to address the climate emergency in Africa, the integration between procurement and human rights issues such as modern slavery, as well as issues that present an obstacle to sustainable development such as corruption, weak institutional capacity and poor governance in the procurement context – all from a regulatory perspective. The conference will also consider the role that innovation and technology such as blockchain and AI can play in sustainable public procurement and regulatory issues pertaining to such innovation. Plenary speakers include some of the leading thinkers in public procurement in Africa and internationally, and the conference will feature numerous papers, and workshops presentations. We are inviting abstracts for paper presentations addressing the broad conference theme in any of these particular areas:

Sub-themes

- 1 Using public procurement law to address the climate emergency
- 2 Public procurement and human rights
- 3 Sustainable development and public procurement law in Africa
- 4 Corruption, fraud and public procurement in Africa
- 5 Sustainable public procurement in Africa – regulatory challenges and opportunities
- 6 Technology, sustainable public procurement and law
- 7 Innovation and public procurement law in Africa

Note that abstract ideas that extend beyond these thematic areas but which are within the broad conference focus will also be considered.

Submit a Conference Abstract

Abstracts for the conference should be emailed to aplu@sun.ac.za and should be no more than 300 words. The deadline for submission is **30th March 2020**. Authors of accepted abstracts will be notified by **30th April 2020**. Full conference papers (of no more than 10,000 words, including footnotes) and presentation slides (no more than 12 slides) should be submitted by **1st September 2020**, for distribution to delegates. Please note that late abstract submissions will not be considered.

The best papers will either be published in an edited book collection (to be confirmed), or in the *African Public Procurement Law Journal*.

Important dates

Event	Date
Abstract submission opens	10 th December 2019
Abstract submission deadline	30 th March 2020
Acceptance Notification	30 th April 2020
Full paper submission deadline	1 st September 2020

Conference Details

To learn more about the conference, including speakers, session formats, venue, registration please visit www.africanprocurementlaw.org.

Inquiries should be directed to the organizers at aplu@sun.ac.za

Please note that the conference is an academic conference and we are unable to fund speaker's participation.

Prof Geo Quinot & Prof Sope Williams-Elegbe

Conference directors