



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 on
11 to 12 September 2023 in Cape Town, South Africa.

Conference Theme

The Conference theme is **Public Procurement and the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa: Opportunities towards 2030**. The theme will address a range of critically important legal and policy issues relating to sustainable development and sustainable public procurement in Africa, towards 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 gender equality and 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. The conference will also consider the role that innovation and technology such as blockchain and AI can play in sustainable public procurement. Other topics include the effectiveness of emergency procurement frameworks in Africa and health procurement frameworks. Plenary speakers include some of the leading thinkers in public procurement in Africa and internationally, and the conference will feature numerous papers, and workshop 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 to address the climate emergency
2	Public procurement and human rights
3	Gender responsive procurement in Africa
4	Sustainable development and public procurement in Africa
5	Corruption, fraud and public procurement in Africa
6	Sustainable public procurement in Africa

7	Technology and sustainable public procurement
8	Innovation and public procurement in Africa
9	Health procurement and sustainable development
10	Emergency procurement and pandemics

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@africanprocurementlaw.org and should be no more than 300 words. The deadline for submission is **25th January 2023**. Authors of accepted abstracts will be notified by **28th February 2023**. 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 August 2023**, 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 deadline	25 th January 2023
Acceptance Notification	28 th February 2023
Full paper submission deadline	1 st August 2023

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@africanprocurementlaw.org

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

Prof Geo Quinot & Prof Sope Williams

Conference directors