



African Studies & Research Forum

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**The 27th ASRF Annual Conference in collaboration with the
University of Botswana, 16th—18th June 2027**

**University of Botswana
Gaborone, Botswana.**

Conference Venue: University of Botswana, 4775, Notwane Road, Gaborone, Botswana.

The University of Botswana (UB) is the first and largest public higher education institution in Botswana, established in 1982. Located primarily in the capital city of Gaborone with additional campuses in Francistown and Maun, it is a key national centre for academic excellence, research, and innovation. A 15-minute walk from the Parliament Building and many Embassies and High Commissions of various countries; a 15-minute drive from the popular Airport Junction Mall; a 10-minute drive from the Fields Mall; a 10-minute walk from the popular Riverwalk Mall; 18 minutes' drive from the Mokolodi Game Reserve, Manong Game, Crocodile Pool; the museum; the three *Dikgosi* Monument; *Matsieng* Footprints, etc.

Theme: ***Navigating Challenges and Opportunities in Africa: Conflicts, Migration, Technology, Governance and pathways to Sustainable Development in Africa.***

Sub-themes: Climate Change and Just Transition; Defense, Peace and Security; Human and Wildlife Conflict; Women, Gender and Feminism; Governance and Democracy; Health, Mobility and Social Protection; Urban Informality and Migrant livelihoods; Xenophobia and Afrophobia/Black-to-Black Racism; Tourism and hospitality; Indigenous Methodology; De-coloniality; Social Cohesion and Education; Criminology and Criminal Justice System; Sociology Perspective on Contemporary Society and Social Change; Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Religion, Ethnicity and Conflict;

Environmental and Resource Governance; Green Transformation and Sustainable Development.

Brief Description

Africa is at a critical juncture where the interplay between conflicts, migration, technology, and sustainable development is shaping its socioeconomic and political landscape. Ethnic and resource-based conflict, environmental degradation, and political instability have led to high internal and cross-border migration flows. The high migration flows present sustainable development challenges such as straining resources, increasing poverty and causing social incoherence. Migration flows also provide opportunities for development in countries of origin and host countries through skills transfer and remittances. Understanding the complex dynamics of these interconnected issues is imperative for devising effective policies and strategies to promote peace, stability, technology, and sustainable development across the continent. ***This 27th Annual Conference of the African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF), in collaboration with the Faculty of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences, University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana,*** invites submissions of papers on how the current global crisis might be addressed in connection with the African continent, individuals of African heritage, African institutions, and the continent's interactions with other nations and regions. To assess current research and promote communication across methods in the study of the stated phenomena, the conference aims to bring together scholars from all over the world and from a variety of disciplines. In keeping with the spirit of diversity, we welcome abstracts for papers and colloquia/roundtables that engage with various topical and theoretical foci, types and sources of data, methodological questions, and practical applications. Selected papers will be considered for the ***ASRF Springer Book Series, the ASRF Global Africa Emerald Book Series, the Journal of the African Studies and Research Forum, and the Journal of African Policy Review.***

Submission Guidelines

All submissions should include the following:

- Full name of principal presenter, affiliation, email address and telephone number. The principal presenter (s) will be the corresponding author (s).

Abstract Submission details:

- Abstract (300-word limit for papers and roundtables).
- Please send your abstract(s) as an email attachment with a short note indicating your interest and the title ASRFUB 2027 Conference Abstract in the subject line to the following email address: **asrf2027conference@gmail.com**

The proposal submission deadlines are stated below. Early submissions are greatly encouraged.

DESCRIPTION	TIMELINE
Submission of abstracts	1 st September 2026 – 30 th March 2027
Peer Review, Selection & Acceptance	30 th March 2027
Draft Manuscript Deadline	30 th March 2027
Conference Date	16 th – 18 th June 2027
Organise Tourism	19 th June 2027
Conference Registration (Early Bird Payment deadline: 30th January 2027).	\$100.00 – Academics and Professionals \$20.00 – Doctoral Students
Conference Registration (Standard fee).	\$150.00 – Academics and Professionals \$25.00 – Doctoral Students

Conference Papers

Papers should be formal presentations that draw on theories and methods of one or more approaches on the topic. Papers will be presented within **20 minutes**, plus ten minutes for discussion.

Colloquia/Roundtables

These involve the presentation of multiple prepared papers on a related topic or theme, followed by structured discussions of those papers. They are typically scheduled for one and a half-hour blocks. If more time is needed, organisers can submit a series of single sessions (i.e. Part I, Part II, etc.).

Colloquium/round table organizers

Should indicate the schedule for participants, with time allocated for opening and closing remarks, presentations, discussion, and audience response.

Review Criteria

These include promises of a novel and productive contribution to Africa and its Diaspora; clarity and evidence of a well-organised, engaging presentation; and relevance to the ASRFUB 2027 conference theme. For colloquia/roundtables, criteria also include a clearly indicated schedule of activities, with an appropriate amount of time for discussion and audience participation.

For information on the ASRFUB 2027 Conference, please visit the following websites: <https://asrfonline.org/> and <http://www.ub.ac.bw>.