



Join us at the 12th International Conference on Infrastructure Development and Investment in Africa

DII-2026 Conference: 10-12 August 2026



BLANTYRE, MALAWI

THEME: INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT ERA: CLIMATE RESILIENCE, INNOVATION AND INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS
HOST: MALAWI UNIVERSITY OF BUSINESS AND APPLIED SCIENCES (MUBAS), MALAWI | **VENUE:** Sunbird Mount Soche Hotel

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

ORGANISERS

Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences (MUBAS) | University of Johannesburg | CARINBE | ASIM

OBJECTIVES

The DII-2026 conference is part of the DII conference series on Infrastructure Development and Investment. It aims to provide a forum for leaders, researchers, practitioners, and stakeholders in infrastructure development to discuss, evaluate and devise ways of maximizing the benefits of infrastructure development and achieve outputs that will inform policy and wider development goals.

MAIN TOPICS

- Sustainability in infrastructure development
- Mega projects
- Infrastructure investment - trends and forecasts
- Smart infrastructure and cities
- Quality and resilient infrastructure
- Gender equity, empowerment, and development
- BIM, digital twins, mixed reality, 3D printing and construction innovation
- Climate change, shock events response and water resources
- Environmental and waste management
- Investment and finance
- Renewable energy
- Construction cost management
- Construction materials and ethical issues in construction
- Lean construction and value engineering
- Construction ergonomics, health, and safety
- Social justice and social inequality in construction
- Circular economy in construction
- Supply Chain Management

POSTGRADUATE (MASTERS' & PHD)

The DII conference has been mandated to promote research and collaboration in Africa. Therefore, papers and research proposals from postgraduate students are also invited to be presented at the Conference on issues relating to Development and Investment in Infrastructure.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Enquiries concerning registration, Sponsorship, exhibitions, paper/ poster presentations and abstract submissions should be directed to DIIConference@uj.ac.za

Website: <https://www.uj.ac.za/faculties/engineering-the-built-environment/centers-units-institutes-stations/carinbe/dii>

IMPORTANT DATES

- Conference Dates: **10-12 August 2026**
- Abstract Deadline: **31 March 2026**
- Notification of Abstract Decisions: **8 April 2026**
- Full Paper Submission Deadline: **6 May 2026**
- Notification of Full Paper Decisions: **10 June 2026**
- Final Paper Submission: **30 June 2026**
- Conference Registration Opens: **1 April 2026**
- Ph.D. Poster Submission Deadline: **1 April 2026**

SUBMISSION

Abstract: <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/80989/submitter>

REGISTRATION DETAILS

International authors: \$300
Co-authors: \$100
Non authors/conference delegates: \$100
Malawian Students: MK150,000
Malawian Authors: MK350,000
Malawian Delegates: MK450,000

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The Abstract should not exceed 150 words and include up to 5 keywords. Papers should be limited to 9 pages. All submitted abstracts, papers will go through a double-blind peer- review process with decisions and comments available to all authors. Final acceptance is only granted upon revising the manuscript in line with the reviewer's comments. Acceptance of the manuscript is subject to review and approval by the Publishers. Publication in the proceedings and presentation at the Conference is subject to registration and submission of copyright forms.

For enquiries, contact: Dr Adetayo Onososen
Diiconference@uj.ac.za

LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Dr. Grace Sukasuka (Chairperson)
Prof. Theresa Mkwandawire
Mr. Lumbani Nyirenda/ Mr. Edmund Nyenku
Mr. Japhet Nthala/ Mr. Vincent Mbewe
Mr. Borgestein Zibophe/ Mr. Sambirani Chirwa

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Prof. Innocent Musonda (Chairman)
Prof. Theresa Mkwandawire
Prof. Ignasio Ngoma
Prof. David Olukanni
Prof. Sam Zulu
Dr. Wakisa Simukonda
Dr. Rehema Monko

PANEL OF SCIENTIFIC REVIEWERS

Prof. Riza Sunindijo
University of New South Wales, Australia
Prof. Sing Wong
University College of Technology, Sarawak, Malaysia
Prof. Mbuyu Sumbwanyambe
University of South Africa, South Africa
Prof. Ephraim Munshifwa
Copperbelt University, Zambia
Prof. Tirivavi Moyo
Nelson Mandela University
Prof. Erastus Mwanaumo
University of Zambia, Zambia
Prof. Sam Zulu
Leeds Beckett University, United Kingdom
Prof. Trynos Gumbo
University of Johannesburg, South Africa
Prof. David Oloke
New Model Institute for Technology and Engineering
Prof. Chioma Okoro
University of Johannesburg, South Africa
Dr. Olatunji Aiyetan
Durban University of Technology, South Africa
Prof. Kahilu Kajimo-Shakantu
University of the Free State, South Africa
Dr. Nuru Gambo
Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, Nigeria
Dr. Nadine Ibrahim
University of Waterloo, Canada
Dr. Lovemore Chipungu
University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
Dr. Kenneth Park
Aston University, United Kingdom
Dr. Hussien Elsaigh
University of South Africa, South Africa
Dr. Robert Suya
MUBAS, Malawi
Dr. Webster Sambo
Mzuzu University, Malawi
Dr. Bupe Mwanza
University of Zambia, Zambia
Dr. Abdullahi Saka
University of Westminster, United Kingdom

