



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



# 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 PAPERS

### 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

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- Conference Dates: **10-12 August 2026**
- Abstract Deadline: **31 March 2026**
- Notification of Abstract Decisions: **8 April 2026**
- Full Paper Submission Deadline: **10 June 2026**
- Notification of Full Paper Decisions: **20 June 2026**
- Final Paper Submission: **30 June 2026**
- Conference Registration Opens: **10 May 2026**
- Ph.D. Poster Submission Deadline: **1 July 2026**

### SUBMISSION

**Full Paper:**

<https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/80990/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 10 pages. All submitted abstracts, papers will go through a double-blind peer- review process with decisions and comments availed to all authors.

Final acceptance requires (a) submission of a revised manuscript addressing reviewers' comments, (b) registration of at least one author, (c) submission of signed copyright forms (d) at least one author must register and present.

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