



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



DII-2026 Conference: 4-6 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) STUDENTS' PAPERS

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: **4-6 August 2026**
- Abstract Deadline: **10 March 2026**
- Notification of Abstract Decisions: **18 March 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

\$450 per paper
(Lead authors: \$450, Co-authors: \$100)
Non authors/conference delegates: \$100

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

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