



THE INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL UNION (IGU) COMMISSION ON AFRICAN STUDIES CONFERENCE

Theme: Mobilising geographical knowledge in response to increased and intensified pandemics and risks

Date: 28 – 30 May 2023

Venue: Universidade Pedagógica de Maputo, Campus da Lhanguene, Moçambique

BACKGROUND

In recent years, the world has experienced an unprecedented onslaught of disasters and other hazards. One of them is the COVID-19 pandemic that hit the world in December 2019 with devastating consequences. The COVID-19 pandemic is still raging leaving in its wake a trail of destruction and/or devastation. Africa in general and Southern Africa specifically have not only been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic but also face many other risks such as tropical cyclones accompanied by flooding, loss of life, and destruction of property as well as social and physical infrastructure. These are questions that invite ongoing and consistent academic conversations. In this context, the IGU Commission on African Studies (IGUCAS), invites paper and session proposals for its 2023 annual conference themed; ***Mobilising geographical knowledge in response to increased and intensified pandemic and risks***, which will be held at Pedagogical University (Universidade Pedagógica), Maputo, Mozambique from 28-30 May 2023. The theme of the scientific event address geographic, interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary scientific research on pandemics and various risks and how and to what extent geographic knowledge can be mobilized to address these challenges, in this way the conference directly responds to the challenges that afflict and affect people in different scales and locations.

The IGU CAS, therefore, invites paper and session proposals from all fields of geography and other disciplines which respond to and interrogate, but are not limited to the following:

THEMATIC AXES

- a) **Geographic knowledge in a globalized world;**
- b) **Cartography and geographic information sciences;**
- c) **Geographic education and teaching;**
- d) **Climate change, disasters and socio-environmental risks;**
- e) **Sustainability in the use of natural resources;**
- f) **Challenges of health geography and demographic dynamics;**
- g) **Urbanization and development;**





- h) Geopolitics, culture and citizenship;
- i) Natural resource use/management.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS:

The IGUCAS welcomes proposals for panels, papers and posters on any of the themes above or any other. Each panel or session should constitute between four to five papers. Proposals should clearly indicate the form and theme of presentation proposed:

Deadline for panel OR session proposal submission: 30 November 2022;

Deadline for paper and poster abstract submission: 30 November 2022;

Notification of abstract/session acceptance: 30 January 2022;

Deadline for submission of full papers: 30 March 2023.

Abstracts should follow the following format and be sent to all of the following emails: igucasconference@gmail.com; sabildamiao@hotmail.com; gudgedge@gmail.com

Your Abstract must follow the ensuing format:

- Title
- Abstract (250 words)
- Keywords (not more than 6)
- Full name(s) and institutional affiliations of the author(s)

REGISTRATION FEES:

Level	Value in Mozambican Meticais
All undergraduate students	500
All graduate students	1 000
Mozambican academics/teachers	1 500
Non Mozambican academics	3 000
Gala Dinner	2 500
Geographic excursion	1 500

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