

Botswana Open University

invites proposals for the

2022 Open and Distance Hybrid In-person and Virtual E-Learning Conference

Conference dates: 18 - 20 October 2022

Conference modes: Virtual and In-person at Botswana Open University Maun Campus Hotel



Theme: Exploring Teaching and Learning Innovations in Open and Distance Learning



Botswana Open University (BOU) invites proposals for the 2022 Open and Distance E-Learning In-person and Virtual Conference

Full paper submissions, addressing the themes and sub-themes are invited from academics, scholars, researchers, emergent scholars and postgraduate students for the BOU 2022 Virtual Conference.

Conference Theme

Exploring teaching and learning innovations in open and distance learning.

SUB-THEMES



Teaching and learning strategies in the context of COVID 19

Innovative teaching and learning approaches, Blended learning modalities and methods in lifelong learning, Strategies in technical and vocational education, Innovative practices in continuing and professional development, Teaching and learning innovations in special and inclusive education, Creating innovative and supportive teaching and learning environments, Creatively managing the teaching and learning functions in higher education, Resourcing strategies in open and distance learning and Lifelong learning



Assessment in ODL

Assessment models and methods, E-assessment methods and practices, Alternative assessment practices, Embedding innovative activities in assessment, Designing and developing programme-focused assessment, Involving students in assessment practices, Developing and managing e-portfolios and Quality assurance of assessment items.

Sub-themes Continued



Technology adoption and management in ODL

Technology enabled learning in the 4IR context, Innovative learning management systems, Mobile learning and mobile learning technologies, Developing technology integration frameworks, Technology-enhanced course development, Promoting digital scholarship, Embedding digital tools in teaching and learning, and Use of open educational resources



Research and innovation in ODL

Trends in ODL research, Research and innovative practices, Researching learner profiles for effective teaching and learning, Research on blended, synchronous and asynchronous learning and Case studies of institutional practices.



Partnership and collaboration in ODL

Partnerships and collaboration in open and distance learning, Team approach in the development of teaching/learning materials, Role of regional and continental organisations in fostering collaboration, Effective networks in promoting teaching and learning, Models and methods of collaboration, and International collaboration and networking opportunities



Support Services

Viable support systems for teaching and learning, Strategies for enhancing learner support, Managing tutorial services and activities, Innovative practices in libraries and information services, Counselling and e-counselling support, Innovative marketing approaches and Capacity building and staff training.

Submission of Abstract

Submit an abstract of not more than 350 words, indicating title, focus of presentation, research methods and key findings. Each abstract should identify a topic and the conference sub-theme. They should also include a list of key words at the end. Abstracts should be sent to this email: 2022bouannualconference@bou.ac.bw. Submission of abstracts opens: 15th May 2022 and the last date to submit abstracts is 31st July 2022. Notification of abstract peer review/acceptance is from the **15th – 31st August 2022**.

Manuscript guidelines

Full papers of accepted abstracts should be submitted on or before latest by the **22nd September 2022** for peer review. Papers should be written in Times New Roman 12pt font, 1.5 line-spacing and justified margins. Papers should include title page (title, author names and organisation), abstract should include five keywords, the main body and conclusion. The length of the paper should be between 4500-6000 words. Papers should be divided into subheadings and have page numbers. Quality papers may be considered for publication *in either a journal Special Issue or an edited book*. Registration commences: 1st September 2022, Registration ends: 30th September 2022.



CONFERENCE FEES

Before 26th August 2022	Early registration	Late registration
Participants	\$300 (P3500)	\$350 (P4000)
Students	\$100 (P1000)	\$150 (P1500)

Participants will be given a **Unique Identifier Number (UIN)** when registering online for the conference. Kindly use the unique identifier number as your payment reference and include your names (as used in your passport or ID). Payments for conference fees should be made directly to the following account:

Account Name:	Botswana Open University	
Bank Name	First National Bank	
Branch:	First Place Branch	
Branch Code:	281467	
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ACCOMMODATION

1. Maun BOU Campus Hotel. There are 32 rooms available comprising of 22 Double Bedrooms and 10 Twin Bedrooms at P357.00 or \$25.00.

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2. For those wishing to stay in other hotels and lodges, there is a range of such in Maun, within 10-15 minutes driving distance from the conference venue. Participants will arrange their transportation to and from the venue. These are listed below:



Sedia Riverside Hotel

Plot 305, Sedie Ward, Maun, Botswana +267 686 0177 reservations@sedia-hotel.com www.sedia-hotel.com



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