

	<p>SOUTHERN AFRICAN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY INITIATIVE (SASEI)</p> <p><b>INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE</b>  <b>Gaborone, Botswana</b>  <b>Renewable Energy Applications for Sustainable Development</b>  <b>(IREC-2016)</b>  26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> October 2016  Gaborone International Conference Center (GICC)</p>		
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## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Deadline: 15 July 2016**

### **Conference background**

The International Renewable Energy Conference is a consequence of research on "Southern African Sustainable Energy Initiative" funded by the ACP-EU Cooperation program and being collaboratively undertaken by three Southern African partner universities - the University of Botswana, National University of Lesotho, Namibia University of Science and Technology and the Hochschule Darmstadt University which is based in Germany. The overall objective of the research is to enhance the institutional, human and systems development capacity of the consortium of regional universities in the area of renewable energy and energy efficiency. The specific objectives of the conference are:

- i. To provide a regional platform for knowledge sharing, and thereby integrate and co-ordinate initiatives in the field of sustainable energy
- ii. To provide an innovative services and product platform that will raise awareness and provide sound research support to a broad range of stakeholders in view of ensuring participation and ownership of interventions and implementation.

Following a big success of the International Renewable Energy Symposium held in Windhoek in October 2015, the University of Botswana, through its Centre for Clean Energy housed in the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, will host the first International Renewable Energy Conference in Botswana from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at GICC. The conference theme is "Renewable Energy Applications for Sustainable Development".

**You are invited to submit papers to the following topics:**

1. Options for increasing Energy Access Worldwide
2. Renewable Energy Resources Availability, Technologies and Environment
3. Trends and developments in Energy Efficiency and Technology
4. Stand-alone and Grid Connected Solar PV power systems –Enhancing Rapid Deployment
5. Renewable Energy Technologies for Electrical and Mechanical Power
6. Renewable Energy Technologies for Thermal Applications
7. Training and Capacity Building for renewable energy and Energy Efficiency
8. Energy Economics and Financing of Renewable Energy Technologies
9. Policy and Regulatory Environment for Improved Sustainable Energy Access

**Local Organizing Committee**

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**For more information on paper submission, click on the link below:**

<http://www.sasei-ireconference.com/index.php/register>

**Abstracts**

Authors are invited to submit abstracts for presentation at the conference for oral or poster presentations. Abstracts should be:

1. A maximum of 340 words.
2. The format for all text should be font size 12, Times New Roman and single-spaced.
3. The title should be no more than 15 words in title case.
4. Author's names should be written in such a way that the surname appears first followed by the first name.
5. The authors' names should indicate one corresponding author\* (with an asterisk) and the email of the corresponding author.
6. The affiliations of authors should be shown through letter superscripts (such as a, b, c).
7. Four keywords should be included in alphabetical order.
8. The abstract on the full paper should include a statement of the issue to be addressed, research methodology, and a concise summary of the findings.

9. Work must be unpublished at time of presentation.
10. A maximum of 3 submissions per author, either as single author or joint co-author are allowed.

### **Submission of Abstracts and Papers**

All abstracts will be handled and reviewed electronically through the conference's EasyChair submission <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=irec16>. You will need to set up an Easy Chair account before you login for your submission. A few roles have been set on the platform, register as an author, all other roles will be completed through invitation. When completing the submission form on EasyChair, you will see a space requiring an abstract to be typed in. This is not the place for your full abstract; simply enter a short statement (no more than 50 words) that summarizes your paper. Further down the page you will upload your full abstract as an attachment (formats: pdf, doc or docx). Your attachment should bear no names or affiliations or other identifying information about authors. Ensure that all special characters display properly before uploading. You will receive confirmation of submission of your abstract from Easy Chair immediately after submission by email.

### **Selection Criteria**

All abstracts submitted for oral/poster presentation will undergo a peer review process and the results will be communicated to the corresponding author.

### **Special Sessions**

Organisations interested in convening special sessions should submit their proposals on the digital platform. Proposals should show the relevance of the workshop and the expected number of participants. Each special session will be allocated approximately two hours. If, however, more time is required the organisers should state this in the proposal. The proposal should also state the materials and equipment that will be required.

### **Deadlines**

Deadline for submission of abstracts	30 June 2016
Notification of acceptance of abstracts	15 July 2016
Deadline for submission of full papers	15 August 2016
Deadline for early bird registration	5 September 2016

### **Registration fees**

*Registration Payable before 22 October 2016*

Delegates(Authors)	USD 450 (BWP 5000.00)
Students ( Authors)	USD 370 (BWP 4100.00)
Local exhibitors	USD 500 (BWP 5500.00)
International exhibitors	USD 800 (BWP 9000.00)

**Payment details**

Bank Name: Standard Chartered

Account Name: University of Botswana

Account Number: 01001101096-00

Swift Code: SCHBBWGX

Account Type: Botswana Pula (BWP)

Bank Postal Address: Standard House, The Mall, P.O. Box 1529, Gaborone, Botswana.

**Registration**

Online registration can be done at:

[http:// www.sasei-ireconference.com/index.php/register](http://www.sasei-ireconference.com/index.php/register)