

# ESWATINI ECONOMIC CONFERENCE 2019



● ● ● OCTOBER 23 - 25, 2019

## INTRODUCTION

The Eswatini Economic Policy Analysis and Research Centre (ESEPARC,) together with the Central bank of Eswatini (CBE) and the University of Eswatini (UNESWA) held the first ever Eswatini Economic Conference (EEC) under the theme “Economic Recovery and Sustainable Growth in Eswatini,” in 2017. The theme for the second Eswatini Economic Conference to be held in 2019 is thus KNOWLEDGE, INNOVATION, AND DEVELOPMENT IN ESWATINI: CURRENT AND FUTURE PROSPECTS. The purpose of this conference is to provide a platform to discuss and begin to materialise the knowledge economy Eswatini can become.

## FORMAT OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference will be jointly organised by ESEPARC, CBE and UNESWA. It will be held in **October 23 - 25, 2019, in Eswatini**. The two-and-a-half-day Conference will provide a number of plenary sessions on the themes listed below. These will feature presentations and discussions by policymakers, the Eswatini private sector, prominent local and regional academics and opinion leaders, and development partner representatives. Breakout sessions will be used for more in-depth discussions and technical analyses of prominent topics related to the thematic focus of the Conference.

## THEMES FOR DISCUSSIONS

1. Knowledge generation and management for structural transformation.
2. The role of new technologies in strengthening productive capacities.
3. Building a competitive industrial base.
4. Human capital development and building capacities for the new economy in Eswatini.
5. Structural and macroeconomic reforms to boost competitiveness and growth.
6. Financial innovation and macroeconomic stability.

*For more details on the themes you can download the conference concept note from [www.separc.co.sz](http://www.separc.co.sz), [www.centralbank.org.sz](http://www.centralbank.org.sz) and [www.uniswa.sz](http://www.uniswa.sz)*

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES AND TIMEFRAME

Papers are invited on the topics outlined above. To submit papers, author/s must follow the following instructions.

- Abstract of not more than 450 words (Brief; introduction, proposed methodology, justification).
- Submit the abstract by emailing it to the Conference Secretariat at [EEC2019abstracts@separc.co.sz](mailto:EEC2019abstracts@separc.co.sz)
- Papers should use:
  - **Font** - Times New Roman, 1.5 spacing.
  - **Font size** - 12
  - Not more than 6 200 words (excluding references).
  - Use the Harvard Referencing Style to cite information sources.

## DEADLINE DATE

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| ● <b>Deadline for submission of Abstracts</b>   | - | March 15, 2019        |
| ● <b>Notification of Abstract acceptance</b>    | - | March 29, 2019        |
| ● <b>Deadline for submission of full papers</b> | - | June 28, 2019         |
| ● <b>Notification of final acceptance</b>       | - | September 20, 2019    |
| ● <b>Conference dates</b>                       | - | October 23 - 25, 2019 |

*Priority will be given to the submission of full papers. We also encourage the submission of policy-oriented papers with strong empirical work.*

## OUTPUTS

The expected outputs from the EEC 2019 include:

- A Conference Report summarising key findings as well as important policy recommendations extracted from conference papers and keynote speeches;
- Conference proceedings in the form of a special issue focusing on innovative articles of policy and operational relevance as well as an inaugural issue of the Eswatini Journal of Economics and Development Review (EJEDR) that will publish a selection of relevant papers with a strong empirical basis.