NAMIBIA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

PAN-AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR LOGISTICS, SUPPLY CHAIN & STRATEGIC BUSINESS

# Call for Abstracts

## Pan-African Institute for Logistics, Supply Chain and Strategic Business (PASCL) International Conference 2027

Submission Deadline: **06 November 2026**

**19 - 23 July 2027**

NUST Main Campus,
(Face to face and Online)

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Pan African Institute for Logistics, Supply Chain and Strategic Business (PASCL) International Conference 2027 provides a premier platform for scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and students to engage in transformative conversations around the future of supply chains in Africa. Universities are increasingly expected to collaborate with industry because the knowledge, skills, technologies, and challenges of the workplace are changing faster than traditional academic systems can respond. Industry–university collaboration helps ensure that education and research remain relevant, applied, innovative, and responsive to societal and economic needs. Hence the PASCL 2027 international conference seeks to bring together researchers, academics, industry practitioners, policymakers, entrepreneurs and other stakeholders to exchange knowledge and develop innovative, evidence-based solutions that bridge the gap between research and practice in logistics, supply chain management and strategic business, with particular emphasis on strengthening global competitiveness and sustainable development. This conference offers doctoral candidates and other emerging scholars an opportunity to share their research work and get feedback from established scholars to improve on their work. We welcome comparative, collaborative and benchmarking contributions from scholars and practitioners across other continents that offer relevant insights for advancing African transport, logistics, supply chains and strategic business".

## PASCL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2027 SUB-THEMES

CONSOLIDATED PASCL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2027 SUSTAINABLE LOGISTICS, SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT & STRATEGIC BUSINESS SUB-THEMES

| Conference Themes | Sub themes |
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| **Theme 1:** Digitalisation and Innovation in logistics, supply chain and strategic business | AI and Intelligent Supply Chains; Smart Logistics and Emerging Technologies; Digital Transformation and Business Innovation; Smart Strategy, Competitiveness and Transformative Value Creation; Smart and Agile Supply Chains; Smart Platforms, Entrepreneurship and Inclusive Growth |
| **Theme 2:** Sustainable and Resilient Supply Chains | Climate-Resilient and Low-Carbon Supply Chains; Circular and Regenerative Supply Chains; Risk-Intelligent and Adaptive Supply Chains; Inclusive and Community-Centred Supply Chains; Responsible Sourcing and Supply Chain Governance; Sustainable Supply Chain |
| **Theme 3:** Global Logistics and African Competitiveness | Logistics Infrastructure and AfCFTA Trade; Trade Corridors, Ports and Regional Connectivity; Logistics-Led Value Chains and Industrialisation; Trade Facilitation and Global Market Access |

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| **Theme 4:** Strategic Business and Organisational Excellence | Strategy, Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Innovation, Business Models, Marketing, Finance, Human Capital, Operations, Governance and Competitiveness |
| **Theme 5:** Smart Transport and Logistics Systems | ITS, smart mobility, e-mobility, urban logistics, multimodal transport |
| **Theme 6:** Research, Practice and Policy for Sustainable Supply Chain and Strategic Business | Strategic Transformation of Critical Minerals Global Supply Chains; Sustainable and Responsible Critical Minerals Global Value Chains; Inclusive Value Creation, Localisation and Global Competitiveness; Digital Innovation, Strategic Connectivity and Industry Collaboration |
| **Theme 7:** Research, Practice and Policy for Sustainable Supply Chain and Strategic Business | Industry Innovation on Sustainable Transport, Logistics, Supply Chain Management or Strategic Business for Sustainable Value Creation & Competitiveness; Resilient and Competitive Supply Chains: Industry Solutions and Case Studies; Policy, Regulation and Governance for Sustainable Transport and Supply Chain |

## GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- Length: 250–300 words
- Format: MS Word or PDF
- Font: Times New Roman/Arial, 12pt, single-spaced
- Title: Bold, not exceeding 15 words
- 15% or below- plagiariasm; 0% -AI Detection

Include:

- Name(s) of author(s)
- Affiliation(s)
- Contact information
- Sub-theme alignment
- Keywords (3–5)

## THE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION SHOULD FOLLOW THE FOLLOWING LAYOUT:

- Purpose
- Method
- Findings/Results
- Research limitations
- Practical implications
- Originality/Value

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** 15 OCTOBER 2026
- **Notification of Acceptance:** 15 NOVEMBER 2026
- **Full Paper Submission:** 28 FEBRUARY 2027
- **Late Submission:** 01 APRIL 2027
- **Conference Dates:** 17 - 23 JULY 2027

**Registration Fee:** US$250 in-person / US$ 150 online / US$100 student

## TARGET PARTICIPANTS

- Academics and Researchers
- Industry Experts and Practitioners
- Policymakers and Government Officials
- Development Partners
- PhD and Postgraduate Students as well as Post Doctoral Fellows

PLEASE NOTE:

- Acceptance of your abstract for presentation at the symposium does not guarantee publication of a journal article.
- The publication of any article emanating from this conference is
- dependent upon the successful submission, peer review, and approval of the manuscript in accordance with the specific requirements and editorial standards of the targeted journal.
- Authors are solely responsible for ensuring their manuscripts meet these criteria.

## SUBMISSION AND ENQUIRIES

Please submit abstracts via email to: **sdumba@nust.na | rpashapa@muast.ac.zw | zb.awino@uonbi.ac.keor or Progresshs@mandela.ac.za**

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