

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Dear Graduate Students, Faculty and Staff,

In preparation for the upcoming Queen's Africa Day (QAD), I would like to invite you to submit an abstract for the conference, to be held at Queen's University **October 21st 2016**. This year's theme will centre around the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

QAD is an interdisciplinary academic research conference, designed to bring Queen's students, faculty and staff together with members of the wider Kingston and surrounding communities. This conference encourages collaboration and communication from participants spanning various disciplines and phases of their career, while fostering dialogue, networking opportunities and knowledge exchange on topical issues related to Africa.

The Committee welcomes papers on any research pertaining to Africa and African Diasporic studies. Suggested topics may include:

- LGBTQ and sexual minority rights
- Natural resource extraction and development
- Health and human security
- Democracy and good governance
- Climate change and environmental issues
- Arts and culture
- Food security and agriculture
- Any other topic related to Africa and the SDGs

Call Paper Timetable:

Timely submission of the papers is critical to the success of the program. The procedures and timetable enumerated below will apply.

1. *Deadline for Proposals*

By **September 16, 2016**, authors should submit a one-page proposal for their papers including the title, research description and select key words. Abstracts should be no longer than 250 words. Proposals, along with authors' contact information, should be submitted via e-mail to the Planning Committee at queensasn@gmail.com. **Please put "QAD Paper Abstract" in the subject line.**

2. *Acceptance of Proposals*

By **September 23, 2016**, the Committee will make a decision on all proposals and will contact successful applicants regarding their proposals.

Call for Posters Timetable:

This year we will also be accepting poster presentation, a new addition to QAD, and another chance for students to showcase their research efforts. The procedures and timetable are the same

as for papers indicated above, with one exception: **please put “QAD Poster Abstract” in the subject line.**

On behalf of the Planning Committee, we look forward to receiving proposals in response to the call, and are happy to respond to inquiries from interested parties. Questions may be addressed to Melanie Jansen via e-mail at m.jansen@queensu.ca.