



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

2026 SANORD Conference Hosted by the University of Namibia Theme: Reimagining Knowledge for Shared Development

SANORD
Southern African-Nordic Centre

Dates: 22 – 25 September 2026

Venue: Mercure Hotel
Windhoek, Namibia

UNAM is honoured to host the 2026 Southern African-Nordic Centre (SANORD) Annual Scientific Conference, and hereby invites submissions of abstracts for papers and poster presentations. The conference will also host symposia, roundtable discussions, and workshops.

CONFERENCE AIMS

The 2026 SANORD theme, Reimagining Knowledge for Shared Development, highlights the transformative power of knowledge systems in shaping equitable, just, and sustainable future. The Conference aims to bring together scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and students from the Global South and North to interrogate dominant paradigms and co-create pathways toward shared development. Submissions aligned with the conference themes outlined below are welcome.

CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES:

- 1) Health, Well-being, and Resilient Communities
- 2) Economic Transformation, Entrepreneurship, and Future Skills
- 3) Epistemic Justice, Social Justice, and Inclusive Knowledge Systems
- 4) Governance, Policy Reform, and Collaborative Partnerships for Global Impact

- 5) Innovation, Digital Transformation, and Emerging Technologies in Higher Education
- 6) Global Citizenship, Multiculturalism, and the Internationalisation of Higher Education
- 7) Climate Change, Energy Transitions, and Sustainable Development (including oil & gas and green hydrogen futures)

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- a) Abstracts should not exceed 300 words.
- b) Include author names, institutional affiliations, and contact details.
- c) Indicate your presentation type (paper, poster).
- d) Submit via the SANORD 2026 the email address sanordconference2026@unam.na including your name and keywords
- e) Submission deadline: **27 April 2026**

**The conference and its proceedings are structured to comply with the South African Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) Research Outputs Policy. Only full papers that undergo a rigorous double-blind peer review process and are published in the official proceedings will be eligible for DHET research output consideration*

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