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Africa in the era of digital economy: Harnessing opportunities and mitigating the challenges

Conference venue

Graduate center faculty of humanities
University of Witwatersrand

Conference Date

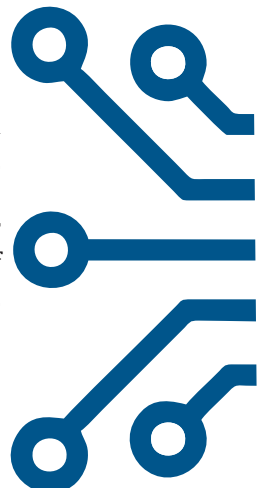
11-12 September 2025

Call for Papers

Today, the catchphrase in business development - both in the private and public realms- is digital economy. No national economy in all of the continents is not making frantic efforts to shift away rapidly from the traditional models of getting things done to grasping the full potential of a digital economy. No doubt, there has been a phenomenal growth in the application of digital computing technologies or Web Economy in advancing mankind's living standards. Because of the currency of the internet and the World Wide Web in international relations, Africa cannot but key into pursuing ways of developing her E-business and E-commerce transactions in today's globalized world. In the light of this reality, therefore, Africa's development towards not only bridging the digital divide in the international market space but also ensuring her optimal exploration of its innate technological endowments to make profound contribution to a global digitalized economy cannot be overemphasized. Given the reality of Africa's socio-economic and technological backwardness, the continent remains at the periphery in deploying the computer-mediated links in all spheres of her business endeavours compared with other continents. Yet, the continent is professed to possess the human skill, capacity and capital, as well as the human resources and technological endowments to be a force to be reckoned with in the digital economy landscape. On this note, this call for vibrant intellectual and scholarly discussions regarding the challenges militating against the African continent's relevancy in the digital economy, and her potential contribution to this arena need to not only be initiated but also very necessarily sustained.

Critical and well-thought-out intellectual engagements on Africa's place in the digital economy application is rather infinitesimal. This may not be unconnected with the scholarly focus on the plethora of development challenges bedeviling the continent especially in the aspect of good governance delivery and uncertainties of her public policies. While these developmental realities confronting African nations persist, we believe that this Special Issue will go a long way to imbuing a mindset that growing a digital economy is the key to surmounting underdevelopment in Africa. This call for papers aims to gather academics, researchers, civil society organisations, policy makers and other stakeholders to extensively discuss and proffer policy recommendations that can engender the entrenchment of a full-scale digital economy in Africa implies that the continent now has a pride of place amongst the comity of nations in the international relations domain.

D. Sub-Themes



The following sub-themes and related ones should be covered in the conference

- i.Theorizing on Africa's digital economy
- ii.Africa's E-business infrastructure potential/challenges
- iii.E-governance application (federal-state-local levels)
- iv.Digitalizing pedagogy in Africa's higher school education
- v.Application of internet in curriculum delivery in pre-university institutions
- vi.The place of digital economy in advancing rural economies
- vii.Africa's political economy of entrenching a digital economy
- viii.The policy science dimension of an African digital economy landscape
- ix.Issues in Africa's bi-lateral and multi-lateral engagements in a digitalized economy
- x.Developing Africa's capacity in leading a global digitalized economy
- xi.Overcoming issues bordering on patents of Africa's intellectual contribution to the digital economy
- xii.Social media: Managing criminality and crime in its place in an African digitalized economy
- xiii.Developing indigenous digital economy technology in Africa: Challenges/potential
- xiv.Special focus on science and technology education needs/requirements to full-scale digitalizing an African economy

Interested presenters should send abstracts of no more than 250 words with a short bio of 100 words to info@glotanresearch.com, stating the appropriate sub-theme that best suits their submission.

Upon acceptance of abstracts, presenters are expected to send 10-page slides and a well-researched manuscript of between 6,000 and 8,000 words.

Post-Conference Publishing opportunities

Authors whose papers are presented at the conference as well as those who might be unable to attend have the option of submitting their full papers for peer review and publication in any of the four accredited journals listed below including in an edited book coordinated by Prof. Victor Ojatorotu and Dr. Samuel Agunyai.

·African Renaissance

- Journal of African Affairs
- AYIKA: Journal of Environment and Politics in Africa
- Africa and Global Issues Quarterly

Conference venue:

Humanities Graduate Centre, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

Important dates:

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 30 June 2025

Announcement of decisions on abstracts: 15 July 2025

Submission of full papers: 30 August 2025

Conference registration: 1 – 10 September 2025

Conference: 11 – 12 September 2025

Conference fees: R5000 (students – R3500)

Conference conveners:

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