

International Society of Comparative Education, Science and Technology (ISCEST) VII Annual International Conference

30th November to 3rd December 2020

Conference Theme

The International Society of Comparative Education, Science and Technology (ISCEST) extends an invitation to academics, researchers, teachers, students, consultants, policy makers, curriculum developers and other interested professionals to participate in its seventh annual international conference. The theme for the conference is: ***Educational Leadership, Science and Technology: Meeting the Challenges of the Covid-19 Pandemic***. The conference takes place virtually from 30th November to 3rd December 2020.

True to its international nature, the conference purposes to concentrate on subthemes that relate to effective leadership models, changing educational paradigms, scientific processes and technological innovations that are deemed appropriate to tackle the challenges brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. Nigeria is a nation that is teeming with entrepreneurs, so subthemes are also developed to focus on how they can be helped to respond to the unexpected situations caused the pandemic. Expansion and/or restructuring of current businesses by using new innovations and investment methods are areas that merit consideration. The range for meaningful comparison is quite wide because of the widespread geographical nature of Covid-19. If Nigeria is to continue to develop in a meaningful way, there is a dire need for its citizens and residents to be able to deal with all the issues and problems that accompany the pandemic. This means that educational activities should emphasise new ways of thinking and new skill development. Effective leadership and leaders with specific skills are needed to take the twenty-first century agenda forward in the face of Covid-19.

The conference will provide opportunities to accommodate stimulating discussions among its international, regional and national and local participants. The sharing of knowledge will be an inclusive activity with prospects to demonstrate effective leadership and imitate good practices. It also offers occasions for networking with other participants who have similar interest in specific fields and research orientations.

The list below is not conclusive. Please use subject areas and the suggested subthemes as a guide to build your topics and develop your papers for your conference presentation and/or publication in the ISCEST Journal, Current Studies in Comparative Education, Science and Technology (CSCEST).

Education

- Effective leadership for changing circumstances in a global arena
- The need for effective leadership in African schools during a pandemic
- Leadership roles and gender discrimination
- Effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on leadership in schools and educational institutions
- Sustainable leadership for sustainable education in a Covid-19 national environment

Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

- 21st Century leaders for environmental science in a Covid-19 world
- How Agricultural Science can meet the challenges of Covid-19
- How effective leadership can increase agricultural production
- Improving water conservation and irrigation practices in times of environmental disasters

- Leadership skills in Agricultural Education in a changing world

Engineering Science and Technology

- Developing leaders for an ICT society to meet the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic
- Engineering science and technology for Covid-19 busters
- How engineering science can alleviate problems caused by the pandemic
- The need for skilled leaders to effect change and increase sustainability for nation building
- Creating innovative leaders in engineering and technology

VII ISCEST Conference Format

The year edition of the ISCEST conference will be completely virtual, that is, online, and will be free for this year ONLY.

The conference will use the Zoom conferencing platform, with UK-based hosts and mediators.

All registered participants will be sent a Zoom link just before the conference opens on 30th November.

The conference Zoom hosts will have the authority to admit or refuse attendance/participation or paper presentation, so it is important that you register for the conference before the deadline.

If you are presenting a paper, you will have 30 minutes (20 minutes + 10 minutes for Q&A).

Further details about Zoom conferencing 'ethics' will be provided well before the conference opens.

Call for Papers & Abstracts

Full Papers

- Full papers that are accepted will be published in the ISCEST Journal, CSCEST. See <http://www.journal.iscest.org/about-the-journal/> for paper guidelines.
- Deadline for paper submission: **30th September 2020**
- Papers should be sent electronically to: Editors@iscest.org.

Abstract Only Presentation

Abstracts should be sent to: iscestnigeria@gmail.com

Deadline for submission of Abstracts: **31st October 2020**

Abstracts should be sent electronically to: Editors@iscest.org.

Notes on Abstract Submission

- Participants may submit Abstracts only.
- Abstracts must be written in Standard English.
- Length of Abstract: **150-250 words**
- Accepted Abstracts will be published in the ISCEST 2020 Conference Programme/Book.

REGISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP FEES

Registration for this conference only is **FREE**, courtesy **The Azaiki Foundation**.

Full Membership: N10,000 (local) or US\$60.00 (International)

Student Membership: N5,000 (local) or US\$30 (International)

Retired Membership: N5,000 (local) or US\$30 (International)

N.B. Membership forms available.

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