

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



Sol Plaatje University International Language Conference

Theme:

**Servants of Africa – African
Languages in the 21st Century**

6 - 8 SEPTEMBER 2023

Kimberley, South Africa

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THE DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND COMMUNICATION IN THE SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES INVITES ABSTRACTS FOR THE SOL PLAATJE UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FROM 6 - 8 SEPTEMBER 2023 IN KIMBERLEY, SOUTH AFRICA.

INTRODUCTION

Drawing on the legacy of the multilingual Solomon T. Plaatje and his various roles as teacher, interpreter, novelist, and language activist, the conference seeks to give a platform to all African languages. Plaatje, as inscribed on his tombstone, was seen as a “Servant of Africa”, therefore the aim of this conference is to broaden perspectives around African languages and investigate the roles they play, not only in South Africa and the African context, but also within the broader global context.

The conference is therefore structured around (but not limited to) the following themes regarding African languages:

- Language Activism
- Language Teaching and Learning
- Language and Indigenous Knowledge
- Language Conservation/Sustainability
- Language Policy and Planning
- Sign Language
- Marginalised Languages
- Linguistics
- Translation and Interpreting
- Creative Writing
- Literature

Please submit an abstract of **150-250 words** to **Dr Frederick Botha** abstracts.langconf@spu.ac.za by **9 June 2023**.

Proposals should include the title of the paper, keywords, author’s name/s and title, affiliation/s, and a contact email address. Reference lists are not required.

Even though papers may focus on any African language, abstracts and presentations during the conference must be in one of the official languages of the Northern Cape where the University is situated, i.e., Afrikaans, English, Setswana, and isiXhosa.

Abstracts and presentations in Afrikaans, Setswana, and isiXhosa should be accompanied by a translated summary in English. Interpreting services into English will be available for presentations in Afrikaans, Setswana, and isiXhosa.

CONFERENCE FEES

Academic Scholars ZAR 2 500 (USD 150)

Postgraduate Students ZAR 1 500 (USD 90)

Conference fee includes stationery, refreshments, and conference gala

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

AFRIKAANS



ANZIL KULSEN
(Northern Cape Writer)

CREATIVE WRITING



SINDISWA BUSUKU
(Writer, University of Cape Town)

NAMA



PROF NIKLAAS FREDERICKS
(Namibia University of Science and Technology)

SETSWANA



DR EILEEN ELIZABETH POOE
(North-West University)

ISIXHOSA



PROF HENRY THIPA
(Nelson Mandela University)