

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC PROCUREMENT LAW AFRICA

The African Procurement Law Unit (APLU), Faculty of Law, Stellenbosch University, is pleased to announce the Call for Abstracts for the **Third International Conference on Public Procurement Law Africa**. The Conference will be held from **1st – 2nd November, 2018 at the Century City Conference Centre & Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa**.

#### Conference Theme

The Conference theme is **Procuring for Development in Uncertain Times**. The theme will address a range of critically important issues relating to the uncertainty facing public procurement in Africa and beyond, especially in relation to digital innovations such as “smart contracts”; the integration between procurement and human rights issues such as modern slavery; global uncertainty in the face of Brexit and “America First” policies; the role of procurement in meeting the Sustainable Development goals; recession in many African countries and slow global economic growth, as well as issues of anti-corruption, governance and the operational context of procurement. Plenary speakers include some of the leading thinkers in public procurement in Africa and internationally, and the conference will feature numerous papers, and workshop presentations. We are inviting abstracts for paper presentations and workshops addressing the broad conference theme in any of these particular areas:

#### Sub-theme

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1	Smart contracts and electronic procurement
2	Public procurement and human rights
3	Sustainable development and public procurement
4	Corruption, fraud and public procurement
5	International issues: Brexit, EU and USA procurement, BRICS
6	Reform of public procurement systems
7	Supplier remedies and administrative review in public procurement
8	The operational context and professionalisation of procurement in Africa

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Note that abstract ideas that extend beyond these thematic areas but which are within the broad conference focus will also be considered.

### Submit a Conference Abstract

Abstracts for the conference should be emailed to [appru@sun.ac.za](mailto:appru@sun.ac.za) and should be no more than 300 words. The deadline for submission is **30<sup>th</sup> April 2018**. Authors of accepted abstracts will be notified by **30<sup>th</sup> May 2018**. Full conference papers and presentation slides (no more than 12 slides) should be submitted by **30<sup>th</sup> September 2018**, for distribution to delegates. Please note that late abstract submissions will not be considered.

The best papers will either be published in an edited book collection (to be confirmed), or in the *African Public Procurement Law Journal*.

### Important dates

Event	Date
Abstract submission opens	10 <sup>th</sup> November 2017
Abstract submission deadline	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
Acceptance Notification	30 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Full paper submission deadline	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2018

### Conference Details

To learn more about the conference, including speakers, session formats, venue, registration please visit [www.africanprocurementlaw.org](http://www.africanprocurementlaw.org).

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