



**CALL FOR PAPERS,
POSTERS AND EXHIBITIONS
RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND
INDUSTRIALISATION WEEK, 2026.**

Theme

**“FROM KNOWLEDGE TO IMPACT: ADVANCING RESEARCH,
INNOVATION AND INDUSTRIALISATION FOR SUSTAINABLE AND
INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT”**

**VENUE: MIDLANDS STATE UNIVERSITY
DATES: 15-17 SEPTEMBER 2026**

ABOUT THE EXPO

Midlands State University invites researchers, innovators, industry players and entrepreneurs to participate in the Research, Innovation and Industrialisation Expo 2026. The Expo provides a platform to showcase cutting-edge research, innovative solutions, and industry-ready products that contribute to sustainable development and economic transformation. This Expo will feature paper and poster presentations and exhibitions.

➤ CALL FOR CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

We invite abstract submissions for:

1. Oral Paper Presentations
 2. Research Poster presentations
- Special encouragement is extended to **postgraduate students (Masters' and PhD candidates)** to submit abstracts showcasing their ongoing or completed research aligned with the Expo theme and sub-themes.
 - Space for research poster presentations will be available. Deadline for submission is 26 JUNE 2026. Please send your submissions to researchandinnovation@staff.msu.ac.zw

➤ CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

All presenters and participants are required to register for the conference.

- **Individuals / Professionals:** USD 100
- **Postgraduate Students:** USD 50
- **Companies / Agencies:** USD 250

(Registration fees cover conference participation and access to all Expo sessions.)

➤ RESEARCH SUB-THEMES

Submitted abstracts should align with one or more of the following sub-themes. Contributions from all disciplines and faculties are strongly encouraged, including Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, Business Sciences, Law, Education, Built Environment, Health Sciences, and Agriculture.

RESEARCH SUB-THEMES ALIGNED TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND THE SDGS

Science, Technology, Health and Environment (SDGs 2, 3, 7, 9, 12, 13)

1. Research for Sustainable Development and National Development Priorities
2. Innovation, Technology Transfer and Commercialisation for Economic Growth and Industrial Competitiveness
3. Industrialisation, Manufacturing and Value Addition for Job Creation and Inclusive Growth
4. Digital Transformation, Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies for Development and Service Delivery
5. Climate Change Mitigation, Environmental Sustainability and Green and Renewable Technologies
6. Agriculture, Food Security, Agro-Processing and Agro-Business Development for Rural and National Development
7. Health Sciences, Medicine, Pathology, Diagnostics and Biomedical Research for Public Health Systems Strengthening

Arts, Humanities, Languages and Culture (SDGs 4, 8, 11, 16)

8. Arts, Culture, Heritage and Creative Industries as Drivers of Sustainable Economic and Social Development
9. Languages, Linguistics, Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Communication for Inclusive Development
10. Literature, Media, Cultural Studies and Knowledge Dissemination for Social Awareness and National Cohesion

Gender, Social Sciences and Community Development (SDGs 1, 5, 10, 16)

11. Gender Equality, Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice in Sustainable Development
12. Social Sciences, Community Engagement and Social Innovation for Poverty Reduction and Social Transformation
13. Human Rights, Ethics and Responsible Research and Innovation for Sustainable Societies

Business, Economics and Management Sciences (SDGs 8, 9, 12, 17)

14. Business Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Start-ups for Economic Growth and Employment Creation
15. Economics, Finance, Trade and Industrial Development Policy for National Competitiveness
16. Marketing, Supply Chain Management and Sustainable Enterprise Development

Law, Governance and Policy (SDGs 16, 17)

17. Law, Governance, Regulation and Intellectual Property for Innovation, Industrialisation and Development
18. Public Policy, Institutional Frameworks and Research–Industry–Government Linkages for National Development

Built Environment, Design and Creative Technologies (SDGs 9, 11)

19. Built Environment, Urban Planning, Architecture and Infrastructure Development for Sustainable Cities and Communities
20. Art, Design, Fashion and Creative Technology Innovations for Cultural and Economic Development

Education and Human Capital Development (SDGs 4, 8, 9)

21. Education, Curriculum Innovation and Pedagogical Transformation for Sustainable Development
22. Skills Development, TVET, Postgraduate Research and Workforce Readiness for Industrialisation and National Development

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST–EXHIBITORS

Expressions of Interest are invited from:

1. Individuals showcasing research, innovation and industrial products
2. Universities
3. Companies and entities showcasing research, innovation and industrial products

1. Innovators and Entrepreneurs

Exhibition Stand Fees (3 x 3m stands)- Entities/Companies: \$250, Individuals: \$ 100

Exhibition stands will be allocated upon confirmation of payment by the 31 JULY 2026.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

- ✓ Academics, Academic Institutions and Researchers
- ✓ Industry and Manufacturing Firms
- ✓ Innovators and Start ups
- ✓ Government and Development Agencies
- ✓ Students and Individual Innovators

IMPORTANT DATES

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Branch : Samorah Machel

Swift Code : SBICZWHX

Account Name : Midlands State University

Bank Name : Stanbic Bank

Account Number : 9140001318763 **(ZIG)**

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