



## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS



The National Association of Distance Education and Open Learning in South Africa (NADEOSA) is proud to announce its annual AGM and conference on open learning and distance education.

The AGM and conference will be sponsored and hosted by the Faculty of Education Sciences, North-West University, Potchefstroom Campus.



## THE CONFERENCE THEME WILL BE:

**TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING IN THE DEVELOPMENTAL STATE: POLICY, ETHICS AND PRACTICE**

6 to 8 SEPTEMBER 2010, Potchefstroom, South Africa

Dear Colleagues and Educators

## INVITATION TO PRESENT A PAPER AT AN UPCOMING CONFERENCE

The National Association of Distance Education and Open Learning in South Africa (NADEOSA) and the Faculty of Education Sciences of the North-West University in South Africa take pleasure in providing academics and education practitioners from different countries and academic institutions involved in open learning and distance education an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas on various aspects regarding policy, theory, ethics and practice.



The theme of this conference is: ***Towards sustainable open and distance learning in the developmental state: policy, ethics and practice.***

This conference will be of interest to all educators and education managers who aspire to provide quality educational experiences in ways that are sustainable and contribute to the goals of development. We anticipate six international keynote speakers to be announced in due course.

The conference theme will be explored through the following sub-themes:

- Open Distance Learning and learning technologies for developing contexts.
- Curriculum appropriateness: context and impact.
- Creating supportive learning environments.
- Financing quality distance education.

## **ABSTRACT AND PAPER**

We invite you to send a **200 - 400** word abstract (excluding references) to the conference e-mail address, to reach the secretariat at [melinda.dutoit@nwu.ac.za](mailto:melinda.dutoit@nwu.ac.za) by **31 March 2010**. Selected authors will be notified by **30 April 2010** as to whether or not their presentations will be included in the conference programme. We would like to receive your full-length paper by **31 July 2010**. These full-length papers will be included in the conference proceedings in the form of a CD comprising all the presentations. Each participant will receive a free copy of this CD at registration.

Note that there will be a refereeing process for abstracts and full papers as capacity is limited and we intend to publish the conference proceedings and refer the best papers for consideration for publication in the accredited journal *Progressio: South African Journal for Open and Distance Learning Practice*.

Your abstract as well as your full-length paper should be in the following format:

**First page:** Please use the cover sheet at the end of this document for your submission.

### **Second page (and onwards):**

- Abstract: 200 - 400 words
- Full-length paper: 4 000 - 6 000 words
- The structure: State the research problem; present the research method used; report your findings; and references according to the Harvard method.
- Format: One-and-a-half spacing, Arial font 12 in Word.

NOTE: Provision will also be made for poster presentations

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- 01-02-2010 – Conference notification and call for papers to be sent out.
- 31-03-2010 – Last day for submission of abstract and 4 page synopsis.
- 31-07-2010 – Last day for submission of full length paper for publication in conference proceedings CD.
- 15-08-2010 – Notification of acceptance of paper for presentation at the conference.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

A cocktail function will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> September. A formal banquet will be offered on the 7<sup>th</sup> at which the winners of the 2010 NADEOSA Courseware Awards will be announced (further details to follow). An optional post-conference tour will be available from the 8<sup>th</sup>, providing there is enough interest.

**Information regarding the venue, programme and logistic arrangements are available on the conference website and from the conference coordinator.**

### **All enquiries regarding the conference:**

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**COVER SHEET FOR CONTRIBUTION TO NADEOSA-NWU DISTANCE LEARNING AND EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2010**

I am/we are submitting the following contribution to the Programme Committee for consideration for presentation at the conference to be held at the North West-University, Potchefstroom Campus.

**NOTE: Please complete a separate cover sheet for each presentation you are proposing.**

<u>Title of presentation:</u>	
<u>Initials and surnames of ALL authors:</u>	
<u>Number of words</u>	
<u>Sub-topic the paper addresses:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open Distance Learning and learning technologies for developing contexts.</li><li>• Curriculum appropriateness: context and impact.</li><li>• Creating supportive learning environments.</li><li>• Financing quality distance education.</li></ul>	

<b>Details of author to whom feedback must be submitted</b>	
<u>Name:</u>	
<u>Institution/organisation:</u>	
<u>Postal address:</u>	
<u>Work telephone number:</u>	
<u>Home telephone number:</u>	
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<u>Cell/mobile phone number:</u>	
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