

# Call For Papers

## SALGA Research Colloquium

### Rethinking Local Government Transformation: Spatial Planning, Robust Governance and Sustainable Financing as tools for developmental local government

The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) is a voluntary association of municipalities. The Constitution mandates it to represent municipalities in the intergovernmental and cooperative governance system. SALGA leads in the transformation of local government and actively pursues solutions for problems facing municipalities through -

- research and information dissemination;
- provision of specialised services to strengthen local government capacity;
- facilitating shared learning between municipalities; and
- human resource development & councillor training (leadership development).

In partnership with the University of the Western Cape's Dullah Omar Institute, SALGA will host a research colloquium in Cape Town on 28 – 29 March 2018. The colloquium will bring together municipal professionals, policy makers across the public sector, universities, policy institutes and other partners in local government. It is a platform for researchers to present and discuss research specific to local government, pursue direct policy impact of their work and exchange ideas for future research. This is a call for papers to be presented at the Colloquium. Submissions must fall in one or more of the following themes.

#### Theme 1: Sustainable, Inclusive Economic Growth and Spatial Transformation

- Implementing sustainable urban development programmes,
- Supporting regional economic strategies and effective land use management approaches,
- Promoting high quality and reliable service provision and infrastructure investment in support of economic strategies,
- Strengthening the role of local government in community development and social cohesion.

#### Theme 2: Good Governance and Resilient Municipal Institutions

- Strengthening oversight and accountability for effective, accountable and transparent leadership practices,
- Modernising governance systems and processes through the use of digital technology and exploration of new models of interface with communities,
- Fostering sound and productive labour relations,
- Professionalising local government.

#### Theme 3: Financial Sustainability of Local Government and Greater Fiscal Equity

- Developing and supporting the implementation of financial strategies for the long term sustainability and viability of local government,
- Strengthening financial management systems and controls.

Not all abstracts received will be selected for presentation at the Colloquium. The best papers will be included in a peer-review book.

#### Submission guidelines and important dates

All abstracts must be submitted on or before 12 December 2017 in an electronic MS Word format with a short title containing full contact details and institutional affiliation (where possible) of the author/s. The abstract must be submitted in English with key words and may not exceed 400 words.

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