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**EASA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025
FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS
THEME:**

**Learning on the rising tides: Inspirational approaches to education,
creativity, harmonious collaboration, and deeper social connections**

DATE: 19 - 22 January 2025

**VENUE: Sun City Resort, Sun City, North West Province,
SOUTH AFRICA**



Background information:

We find ourselves navigating the ever-changing tides of knowledge, creativity, and community engagement in the vast and interconnected educational ecosystem. It is within this dynamic environment that our conference, themed *"Learning on the rising tides: Inspirational approaches to education, creativity, harmonious collaboration, and deeper social connections"*, embarks on a comprehensive exploration of educational approaches and paradigms that inspire, challenge, and foster harmonious collaborations and deeper social connections. With a focus on innovative approaches to learning that adapt and flourish amidst the rising tides of societal and technological evolution, we want to delve into the rich tapestry of community engagement and service learning, advocating for an engaged scholarship that bridges communities and higher education institutions in a mutual pursuit of lifelong learning, parental involvement, and effective community-HEI partnerships.

Transcending traditional disciplinary boundaries, our discourse extends into the realm of transdisciplinarity, embracing research, teaching, and learning through innovative pedagogy and educational policy reform to nurture teacher education and higher education landscapes marked by accessibility, quality, efficiency, equity, and success. The multilayered complexity of language in education also commands our attention, exploring the nuances of multilingualism, linguistic diversity, language planning, and policy alongside strategies for teaching reading and facilitating additional language learning.

From the tender years of early childhood education (ECE), we probe into research, teaching, learning, learner support, and qualifications, recognising the foundational significance of these formative years. The digital frontier beckons with discussions on the role of technology in education, from artificial intelligence and the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) to the integration of blended learning methodologies.

Resilience in education emerges as a critical undercurrent, acknowledging the challenges and triumphs of learners, teachers, parents, families, and educational leaders alike. We invite an open, reflective dialogue that not only contemplates the currents of educational change but also propels us forward, riding the crests of innovation, inclusivity and interconnectivity toward a future where education transcends boundaries, nurtures minds, and fosters the collective well-being of our global community.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Oral paper presentations, symposiums, workshops, round table discussions and poster presentations are the formats of presentation at the EASA 2025 Conference. There is a possibility that virtual presentations will be accepted (please indicate if you are interested in presenting your presentation online).

Presentations within the following themes are invited for presentation at the conference:

Conference themes

Main Theme

Learning on the rising tides: Inspirational approaches to education, creativity, harmonious collaboration, and deeper social connections.

Sub Themes

1. Community engagement (CE) and teacher learning through collaboration
 - a. Community-based participatory research
 - b. Lifelong learning through CE and collaboration
 - c. Parental involvement in CE
 - d. Community-HEI partnership
 - e. Socially responsive community engagement
 - f. Teacher learning through collaboration
2. Transdisciplinarity
 - a. Research
 - b. Teaching and Learning
 - c. Innovative pedagogy
 - d. Educational policy
3. Teacher Education/Higher Education
 - a. Access
 - b. Quality
 - c. Efficiency
 - d. Equity
 - e. Success
4. Language in education
 - a. Multilingualism and linguistic diversity
 - b. Language planning and policy
 - c. Teaching Reading
 - d. Additional language teaching & learning
5. Early childhood education (ECE)
 - a. Research in ECE
 - b. Teaching & learning in ECE
 - c. Learner support in ECE
 - d. Qualifications in ECCE
6. Technology in education
 - a. Artificial Intelligence (AI)
 - b. Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR)
 - c. Online, Hybrid and Blended learning
7. Resilience in Education
 - a. Learners/students
 - b. Teachers
 - c. Parents
 - d. Family
 - e. Educational leadership

GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS

Proposals for presentation of papers at the EASA 2025 conference will be:

- in the form of a 200-to-300-word abstract with
- a clear title of the presentation,
- author/s of the paper,
- an indication of the theme within which the paper should be considered and
- contact details of submitting presenter.
- Each delegate may only present a maximum of 2 papers.
- Abstract proposals will be considered on a continual basis.
- A detailed programme will be announced once it has been finalised.
- Only abstracts of delegates who paid the conference fee before **29 November 2024** will be included in the programme.

Delegates need to submit proof of payment on or before the due date, to ensure inclusion of their abstract in the Book of Abstracts and attendance/presentation at the conference.

Abstracts can be submitted by using our online platform:

1. Go to <https://inroll.behella.co.za/easa2025/Register>
2. Register as a user on the website
3. After registration, submit and manage your abstract from the My Abstracts menu option
4. Once an abstract is submitted for approval, you will receive a confirmation email acknowledging your abstract submission
5. After you submitted an abstract, it will be reviewed, and feedback will be sent to you via email
6. To register as a delegate to attend the conference and receive an invoice go to:
<https://inroll.behella.co.za/easa2025/Conference/Registration>

Only abstracts submitted on the website will be accepted.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS & PROGRAMME

Will be announced as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT DATES

Due date for submission of abstracts: 15 October 2024
Due date for registration: 31 October 2024
Due date for payment: 29 November 2024
Final date to submit proof of payment: 09 December 2024

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

The following conference registration fee structure is applicable:

Category	Conference registration fee
Full participation 3-day programme (Includes 3 evening functions)	R7 725.00
3-day programme (Excludes evening functions)	R5 115.00
Delegates 1 day only (Excludes evening function)	R2 855.00
Virtual attendance/presentation	R2 000.00

The registration fee **includes** registration, EASA membership fees, conference material, refreshments and lunch during the day(s) of attendance, organized functions, but **excludes** all travelling costs, accommodation, and any other refreshments not included on the programme.

Virtual presentations will be accepted if we receive enough interest for virtual presentations. Please indicate if you are interested in presenting your presentation online when submitting your abstract.

Virtual presentation delegates will only be able to dial into the presentations in the main plenary venue and the venue dedicated to virtual presentations. Virtual presentation delegates cannot attend the presentations in other breakaway venues.

No refunds but you are most welcome to send a substitute at no extra cost.

An official invoice will subsequently be emailed to you to confirm your successful registration.

Please e-mail a copy of the deposit slip or proof of electronic transfer, to narina@behella.co.za.

ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT

Please Take Note:

All costs (travel, accommodation, subsistence) related to your participation in the conference must be covered by the participant, regardless of the proposal acceptance. EASA 2025 is not liable and holds no responsibility for any of these costs.

Accommodation and Transport

Special rates were negotiated with the Sun City Resort Hotels namely the Cabanas, the Sun City Hotel & the Cascades Hotel. We only have limited rooms available from the rate of R1 751 per person per night for single accommodation on a bed & breakfast basis. There are alternative accommodation options also available in the Sun City area.

For online accommodation bookings, please visit <https://inroll.behella.co.za/easa2025/Conference/Accommodation>

Lanseria International Airport is the closest Airport to the Sun City Resort with regular scheduled commercial flights.

Should there be adequate interest the Administrators will arrange group transfers from Lanseria Airport to the Hotel. Kindly contact narina@behella.co.za with your travel details to assist.

SPONSORSHIPS & EXHIBITORS

Interested companies are invited to showcase their books and/or products at the EASA 2025 conference.

Please contact narina@behella.co.za for more information regarding sponsorships and exhibition opportunities.

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The organisers reserve the right to change or cancel the published venue, programme, dates and/or fee due to unforeseen circumstances.