



NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

2017 NATIONAL RESEARCH DISSEMINATION CONFERENCE

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

1.1 Introduction

The National Commission for Science and Technology (NCST) was established by the **Science and Technology Act Number 16 of 2003**. The mandate of the Commission is to advise the Government and other stakeholders on all science and technology matters in order to achieve science and technology led development. The mission of the NCST is to promote, support, coordinate and regulate the development and application of science, technology and innovation in order to create wealth and improve the quality of life.

In pursuit of its mission, the NCST is organizing the 2017 National Research Dissemination Conference (NRDC), whose theme is “*Research and Innovation: a catalyst for sustainable development*”. The conference aims at providing researchers and professionals a platform for disseminating their findings, exchanging contemporary knowledge and building partnerships and collaborations to advance research and innovation, thereby contributing to sustainable development. The conference will also provide an interactive opportunity among researchers, policy makers, industrial practitioners, state and non-state actors, development partners and the general public.

1.2 Date and Venue

The NRDC will be held from **27th to 29th September, 2017** at **Sun and Sand Holiday Resort** in Mangochi.

2.0 Objectives

The main objective is to provide a platform to present and discuss lessons learnt, best practices and solutions to the challenges impeding on socioeconomic development.

The specific objectives are to:

- Promote uptake of research results
- Provide a platform for researchers to showcase their research works
- Enhance cooperation, collaboration, networking and partnerships
- Facilitate evidence based policy decision making
- Enhance scientific advances into marketable innovations

3.0 Sub-themes of the Conference

The Conference will cover the following sub-themes:

- i. Agriculture, Irrigation and Food Security
- ii. Environment, Climate Change and Natural Sciences
- iii. Education, Social Sciences and Humanities
- iv. Health and Population
- v. Energy, Industry and Engineering
- vi. ICT and Knowledge Management
- vii. Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship

4.0 Abstract format and submission guidelines

The NCST is therefore calling on all interested researchers to submit **abstracts** for paper or poster presentations for consideration. The Abstracts *should strictly* adhere to the following format:-

- Abstracts not exceeding 300 words in MS word document
- Times new roman, single spacing and font 12;
- Introduction, methodology, results, discussion and conclusion;
- Provide authors first name followed by last name, institutional affiliation, email address and phone number.

NOTE: Include a statement indicating the year the research/study was conducted, for which the abstract is submitted

Deadline for submission of Abstracts is close of business (**17:00Hrs**) on **Friday 16th June, 2017**, to the email address provided, *with the subject of the email clearly indicating the sub-theme*.

4.0 Structure of the Conference

The conference will comprise key note address, paper and poster presentations, key note address (topical lectures) and technology and innovation exhibitions.

5.0 Registration Fees and Participation

The following fees will apply:

- Researchers (national) @ K50,000.00
- Students @ K25,000.00
- International participants @USD100
- Exhibitions @K50,000

Payment of the registration fees will be made upon confirmation of acceptance of the abstracts.

6.0 Costs

The NCST will provide refreshments, lunches, and meet costs pertaining to venue and conference materials for all participants. The successful applicants will be required to meet **own accommodation and transport costs**. Institutions are therefore encouraged to support the participation of their researchers at this important conference.

7.0 Submission and enquiries

Submissions and all other enquiries should be made by calling the **Chief Technology Transfer Officer, Mr. Symon Mandala** on +2651771550 and +265999407291 during working hours or email at smandala@ncst.mw or visit our website at www.ncst.mw or alternatively by writing to the following address:

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