



# FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

# The 2024 AFRICAN CONGRESS ON SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACCOUNTING RESEARCH (1st CSEAR Africa Conference)

## November 11-13, 2024

# College of Business and Social Sciences, Covenant University, Nigeria

The Department of Accounting at the College of Business and Social Sciences (CBSS), Covenant University, Nigeria, is pleased to host the 1<sup>st</sup> CSEAR Africa Conference on November 11-13, 2024.

#### **CSEAR**

The Centre for Social and Environmental Accounting Research (CSEAR) has held annual congresses in the UK (formerly referred to as the *Summer School*) for about three decades now, and in other regions of the world such as Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, and South and North America.

## 1st CSEAR Africa Conference (November 12-13, 2024)

Similar to other CSEAR conferences, the 1<sup>st</sup> CSEAR Africa Conference will be a deliberately informal gathering and discussion forum for researchers, teachers, students and practitioners concerned with social and environmental accounting and accountability, teaching and research in the very widest sense. Its emphasis is on a high level of interaction, discussion and debate in a friendly, supportive and relaxed atmosphere.

Attendees will include academics, practitioners and PhD students at all levels of experience, and involved with all aspects of social, environmental, sustainability theory and practice in accounting and other disciplines. As such, interdisciplinary submissions applying any theoretical lenses are encouraged, and both full and research-in-progress papers are welcome. Abstract-only submissions are also welcome.

The conference will feature a workshop on how to publish in highly competitive international journals and a practitioner forum focusing on SDGs and sustainability agenda for Africa. The main objective of this conference is to provide a forum for discussions to enhance research in policies and strategies relating to sustainable development. We welcome papers with various approaches and interdisciplinary perspectives beyond accounting that explore, but not limited to:

- Accounting and accountability for waste
- Accounting for disasters, climate change and climate justice
- Accounting for prisons
- Accounting for sustainability education
- Accounting for the public interest
- Accounting, accountability, indigenous people and conflict resolutions
- Accounting, society and the environment
- Building sustainable and smart cities
- Corporate social responsibility
- Corruption and transparency (including extractive industries transparency initiatives)
- Environmental regulation, law and governance
- Extinction and biodiversity accounting

- Health and wellbeing accounting
- Integrated reporting
- Judicial accountability and accounting for social and environmental justice
- NGO accountability, counter accounting and human rights
- Social and environmental accounting
- Supply chain, modern slavery, workers' rights and workplace regulation
- Sustainability in the public sector
- The accounting profession and the sustainable development goals
- Water accountability

## **Emerging Scholars Colloquium (November 11, 2024)**

The 1<sup>st</sup> CSEAR Africa Conference will be preceded by an Emerging Scholars Colloquium. The Colloquium aims at introducing **emerging scholars** into the social and environmental accounting research community and providing them an opportunity to present and discuss their research projects alongside a cohort of distinguished international faculty. We strongly recommend for PhD students (and early career researchers) to submit their papers to the Colloquium.

#### **Paper Submission**

All papers should be submitted to: <a href="mailto:csearafrica@covenantuniversity.edu.ng">csearafrica@covenantuniversity.edu.ng</a>. Submissions to the emerging scholars stream should clearly indicate this both on the email subject and the first page of the paper and submission to the main conference should indicate that it is for the main conference on the email subject.

### **Conference Format**

Presentations will take place either in a single session or parallel sessions. This conference will be HYBRID.

#### **Conference Website**

Coming soon

#### **Keynote Speakers**

TBC

# **Dates to Remember**

May 31, 2024: Submission deadline for full papers or abstracts (300 words). Details to come.

June 30, 2024: Notification of acceptance of papers

September 15, 2024: Registration deadline. Details to come.

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