



**CALL FOR PAPERS:
'GOOD GOVERNANCE, PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE: CIVIL SOCIETY AS
AN AGENT OF CHANGE AND INNOVATION IN AFRICA' CONFERENCE**

31 August-1 September 2021

In Africa, civil society has played, and continues to play, a critical role in providing space for both change and mass innovation throughout the continent. In recognition of this, the Faculty of Humanities at the University Johannesburg (UJ) will be hosting the '**Good governance, participatory democracy, and social justice: Civil society as an agent of change and innovation in Africa**' conference. The conference is due to take place at the Capital Hotel, Melrose, in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 31 August to 1 September 2021 and will be hybrid in nature.

This conference will bring together, both face-to-face and virtually, representatives and scholars of civil society from across Africa to review and assess the constructive roles that civil society has played and continues to play on the continent in addressing a range of political and socio-economic challenges.

To this end, the conference organising committee welcomes abstracts from **organisers in civil society and scholars that address the theme of African civil society** from one or more of the following areas:

- Good governance
- The quality of democracy
- Youth, youth empowerment and youth as agents of change
- Human rights promotion
- Environmental issues and the Sustainable Development Goals
- Technology
- Gender
- Entrepreneurship and business development
- COVID-19 and other health matters

Abstracts should be typed in Arial size 12 font and be no longer than 300 words and should include:

- The title of the paper
- A tentative outline of the paper
- The names and affiliations of all authors
- The email address of the corresponding author
- Five keywords

Abstracts can be submitted via email to Mr Sven Botha at ujcivilsocietyconference@gmail.com by no later than the **1st of April 2021**. Authors of accepted abstracts will be notified by the **15th of June 2021**, with their full paper to be delivered by the **16th of December 2021**.

Information pertaining to conference registration will follow in due course. For more information about the conference, please visit the conference website (<https://civilsocietyconference.org>). Questions can also be directed to Mr Sven Botha via email (ujcivilsocietyconference@gmail.com).

The University of Johannesburg is committed to creating a platform for meaningful engagement for both scholars and practitioners alike. In recognition of this commitment, the conference organising committee will be providing additional guidelines for ease of reference. All of these guidelines can be accessed by visiting the conference's website: <https://www.civilsocietyconference.org/>.