




# THE INAUGURAL NATIONAL BI-ANNUAL POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS CONFERENCE, 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

 Venue: Maasai Mara University Narok, Kenya

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND POSTERS

### Introduction

The National Research Fund (NRF) is a State Corporation established under Section 32 of the Science, Technology and Innovation (ST&I) Act No. 28 of 2013, with the goal of fostering research that advances Science, Technology, and Innovation. Maasai Mara University, founded in 2008, is a leading institution of higher education located in Narok County, Kenya. It offers a broad spectrum of undergraduate and postgraduate programs, prioritizing academic excellence, research and innovation.

The two organizations have collaborated to create a platform for postgraduate students to present their research findings for peer evaluation and quality assurance. This conference will facilitate the assessment of research quality and the progress of postgraduate students, which is crucial for effective monitoring and evaluation. Participants will be able to present their oral presentations, poster presentations (a standard template to be provided), showcase their research outputs, and attend workshop trainings.

The following themes and subthemes are designed to frame an integrated discussion on the contributions of postgraduate research toward achieving sustainable development by approaching local and global challenges with innovative approaches.

**THEME:** "Innovation for Sustainable Development: Postgraduate Research for Societal Transformation"

### Sub-Themes:

1. Technological Innovations for Socio-Economic Growth (ICT and emerging trends in AI)
2. Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action (Earth sciences and climate change)

3. Policy, Governance, and Societal Impact
4. Emerging issues in Education
5. Pure, and Applied sciences in technological advancements
6. Business and Economics for sustainable economic development
7. Arts and social sciences for societal transformation
8. Innovations in Agriculture and food security
9. Cross-cutting issues

### **Conference registration**

All participants must fill the registration form on the following link:  
<https://shorturl.at/A4bTj>

You will receive a confirmation email through the conference email:  
[nbpsconference@mmarau.ac.ke](mailto:nbpsconference@mmarau.ac.ke) as soon as your application has been submitted.

### **Registration fees**

- A nominal fee of 1,000/= is required

### **Method of Payment**

- Will be advised once the paper has been accepted

### **Abstract guidelines**

All Abstracts submitted should be saved in the following format in MS Word, named as: Sub-theme number \_ Institution \_ First Name \_ Second Name for instance;

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Presentation Title

- i. Authors Name (s),
- ii. Times New Roman
- iii. Font size 12
- iv. Affiliation of authors i.e. Departments, Organization, Postal address, Telephone contact, Email address, ORCID number (if available)
- v. Standard Poster templates will be shared
- vi. Abstract body
- vii. Keywords (4 – 6 keywords)

Please Ensure your abstract includes a brief introduction, gap, main objectives, methodology, findings/results, conclusions, and recommendations of the study (maximum 350 words).

NB; There should be **NO** citations in the abstracts.

### **Key Dates**

- a) Registration deadline – Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2025
- b) Submission of abstracts deadline – Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025
- c) Notification of Acceptance of abstracts – Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2025
- d) Conference Dates: Wednesday-Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

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