

4 April 2019

Dear Members and Conference delegates

RE: CONFERENCE UPDATE

It's all systems go. Finally, our much anticipated conference is taking place as scheduled - 13-17 May 2019, in Mbombela's (formerly known as Nelspruit) Mpumalanga province. The South Africa Association of Public Administration and Management (SAAPAM) and the University of Mpumalanga are looking forward to hosting you.

Conference Programme

Over 350 participants had registered to participate in the conference, where 240 papers are expected to be presented, with some of the presenters coming outside the country. SAAPAM conference had assumed an international character.

The conference programme is attached for ease reference.

Registration will take place on 13 May 2019 from 15:00-17:00, followed by a cocktail reception from 18:00-20:00. On 14 May 2019, the opening session of the conference would be addressed by Professor Thekiso Mayekiso (Vice-Chancellor of the University of Mpumalanga) and Professor Zweli Mpehle (President of SAAPAM). The keynote address will be given by Professor Eesa Albastaki (President and CEO of the University of Dubai) and a presentation from Professor Joe Diescho.

Professor Vil-Nkomo Lecture will be presented by Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi. We will also have a book review session and wine with the editors of the Journal of Public Administration. Delegates will have an opportunity for excursion to various tourism sites in the Mpumalanga Province.

Conference Payments

Conference delegates are expected to pay their registration fees on time. The last day for this is 15 April 2019. All delegates must send proof of payments to saapam@tut.ac.za and also produce the same at the conference. .

The conference edition will be issued shortly after the conference and authors whose papers are accepted will be notified as such.

Emergency Contacts

All delegates if encounter any problem, please contact the following:

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Lastly, SAAPAM and UMP promises you a robust engagement at the conference. Delegates are promised to enjoy their participation and stay at the conference in Mpumalanga. We wish you safe travels to Nelspruit, Mpumalanga.

Yours sincerely



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