



## SCHOOL OF GENERAL STUDIES University of Nigeria, Nsukka

### Conference Announcement and Call for Abstracts

# SGS Conference 2019



## Theme ▼ EMERGING CROSS-DISCIPLINARY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: *The Role of General Studies Programme*

### Keynote Speaker ▼

#### Prof. P. A. O. Okebukola

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**Date:**  
Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2019

**Venue:**  
Princess Alexandra Auditorium (PAA),  
University of Nigeria, Nsukka

### Registration is now open

N12, 000 - Early bird (on or before 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2019)

N15, 000 - Regular (from 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2019)

N7, 000 - Full-time student with valid ID

*Fees inclusive of conference materials, certificates, lunch and tea break/ snacks.*

### Payment Information

Name of Account: School of General Studies Conference

Account Number: **6060373073**

Bank: Fidelity Bank

**NB:** After payment, kindly forward a scanned copy of your teller or screenshot of your transaction (if using mobile Apps) and your contact details (name, phone number and affiliation) to [sgs.conference@unn.edu.ng](mailto:sgs.conference@unn.edu.ng). Receipts of payment will be distributed when conferees register on-site at the conference.

### Additional Information

Update on information regarding the conference programme will be made available from time to time on the University of Nigeria website and also sent to email addresses of those who have either registered or submitted abstracts for the conference. For more information contact the conference planning committee on [sgs.conference@unn.edu.ng](mailto:sgs.conference@unn.edu.ng).

**Please note that good quality papers will be published in a special edition of SGS journal series**

### Complimentary Shuttle Service

SGS, UNN will provide complimentary shuttle service for conferees from the UNN Shuttle loading spot in front of Oge Market, Nsukka to different hotels. Kindly call Dr Joshua on 08037842267 or Patrick on 08037792980 upon arrival. This service will be available from 12 noon to 6: 00 pm on Monday 6th May, 2019.

### Seminar/Workshop on Accessing Research Grants

The Conference will provide opportunities for conferees to participate in the above seminar/workshop which will be facilitated by internationally renowned resource persons, including Prof. P. A. O. Okebukola.

### Accommodation

Participants seeking accommodation can make reservation in any of the suggested hotels in the table below (as per preference and budget) or contact conference planning committee for assistance.

#### Some Hotels in and around the Conference Venue

Name of Hotel	Price Range (Naira)	Approximate Distance (km) to Venue	Contact Details (Tel.)
UNGEL UNN Guest House (CEC)	5,250 to 31,000	On Campus	+2348162115951 +2348021377336
UNGEL UNN Guest House (Presidential)	15,000 to 30,000	On Campus	+2348132662298 +2348037793191
NCERD (Energy Centre) Guest House	6,000 to 10,000	On Campus	+2347033484402 +2349061689357
Grace Manor	8,000 to 40,000	1	+2348064660771 +2348036768078
Kennan Lodge	8,000 to 20,000	1.5	+2348078454477
Janwas Camp	7,000 to 15,000	1.2	+2348038724725 +2348138167083
Podez Hotel	4,200 to 6,875	1	+2348035155099
New Carolina	3,000 to 5,000	1	+2348030586109
Old Carolina	3,000 to 8,000	1	+2348062113075
Elrina Guest House	3,000 to 5,000	1.2	+2348061106142
Jerry Marriot Hotel	10,000 to 40,000	1.5	+234805158849 +2349095567015
Seenew Hotel	5,000 to 40,000	1.5	
Jucony	10,000 to 40,000	1.5	+2348034089529
Golden Valley Hotel & Suits	10,000 to 40,000	1.5	+2348148629059
Ikenga Hotel	12,000 to 30,000	1.5	+2349032369375

## Emerging Cross-Disciplinary Education and Research for Sustainable Development: The Role of General Studies Programme

### Rationale

Insights matter. However, insights from various relevant sources, with wider perspectives matter even more. Since insights from single disciplines have led to developments in each of those disciplines, would it not be worthwhile [in an era when humanity has moved from (human) development to sustainable development] to harvest and connect richer insights from across various disciplines? This question is at once exciting and inviting; and it is the rationale for the 2019 School of General Studies Conference, University of Nigeria, Nsukka. Having reflected on the role of the General Studies Programme in Development in Africa (during our conference in 2016), the organizers of the 2019 conference aim to further interrogate how the inter- /cross-disciplinary nature of the General Studies Programme enables students, lecturers and researchers to develop cross-disciplinary inquiry mind-set. It is not in doubt that several development efforts have resulted to unforeseen anti-human/environmental consequences, partly because perspectives from other disciplines were not considered while developing the seeds of those development efforts. We are therefore interested in understanding why and how the General Studies Programme in tertiary institutions should be explored towards: (i) education that is cross-disciplinary in content and character, and (ii) research activities that are cross-disciplinary in conceptualization and focus, and where possible, involve researchers from several disciplines in the search for more sustainable solutions to global human problems.

### Abstracts will be categorized along the following conference subthemes

- Security, Peace and Conflict Studies
- Education, Language and Communication
- Agriculture, Health, Science and Transformative Technologies
- Politics, Administration and Policies of Development
- Project Management, Public Private Partnership and Development Studies
- Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Sustainability
- Linguistics, Applied Linguistics and Literary Studies
- Ethnicity, Human Rights and National Cohesion
- Philosophy, Religion and Culture
- Hate Act, Hate Speech, Fake News, Social Media and Domestic Legal Systems
- Artificial Intelligence and Information & Communication Technology
- Financial Literacy, Paper- and Knowledge-Based Economy
- Domestic Violence, Social Exclusion and Gender Issues

### Abstract Submission

December 2018 - March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

*All abstracts will be reviewed and author(s) notified within  
3 weeks of submission.*

Abstracts must be sent as attachments to the Secretariat email,  
**sgs.abstract@unn.edu.ng**

Please use the subtheme(s) relevant to your abstract  
as the subject line of the email.

Abstracts that cut across one or more subthemes are encouraged

### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- **Authorship:** An individual may be the first or the presenting author of not more than two abstracts.
- **Affiliation and contact:** Full name, email address, phone number and affiliation(s) are mandatory for each author. Indicate the presenting author for the abstract.
- **Language:** All abstracts must be written and submitted in **English**.
- **Font:** Times New Roman 12, single paragraph, single-spaced in Microsoft Word.
- **Originality:** Abstracts should contain new information and must not have been presented before. Review papers and project reports are also acceptable.
- **Title:** The title should not exceed 15 words. Capitalize only the first letter and proper nouns in the title.
- **Body:** Maximum of 300 words (authors, contacts and title not included). Abstract must be structured to reflect the article content including background (study objectives, hypothesis tested, or description of problem), methodology, results (in summarized form, must include data and/or substantial information about results, but **do not** include tables, graphs or pictures) and conclusion/recommendation. Do not include references.
- **Abbreviation:** Specify all abbreviations in full at the first mention, followed by the abbreviation in parentheses. Use the abbreviation thereafter.
- **Presentation Format:** Indicate preferred presentation format (oral or poster presentation). All oral presentations for accepted abstracts must be in PowerPoint format.
- **Deadline for submission is 31st March, 2019.**