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The 12th Africa Business Conference and 3rd International Conference on Entrepreneurship, Creativity and Innovation Management

Under the theme

Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the Age of Disruption: New Frontiers, New Challenges



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GENERAL PRESENTATION

The literature concerning the concepts of entrepreneurship and innovation has continued to develop since the pioneering work of Schumpeter who considered entrepreneurship as a synonym of innovation, which is according to him at the center of economic change through a process of “creative destruction” (Schumpeter, 1942). In “The Theory of Economic Development” published in 1912 Schumpeter, defined an entrepreneur as a person who “is carrying out new combinations”, meaning who is investing in the emergence of innovation. By drawing upon the discoveries of scientists and inventors, an entrepreneur creates completely new opportunities for investment, economic growth and employment. Unlike the inventor, the innovative entrepreneur is the one who perceives an opportunity for profit from innovation through the unintentional creation of networks of externalities that promote the creation of new ideas and consequently the formation of new markets. Innovation, which should then be differentiated from invention, involves converting new knowledge into new products and services (product and service innovation), processes (process innovation) or management (management innovation). The effect of entrepreneurship on growth is therefore the result of the intrinsic qualities of the entrepreneur, more precisely his propensity to innovate. In the field of management sciences, the concept of management innovation (MI) which is now considered as one of the major drivers of organizational performance, is a major concern for scholars, researchers and practitioners of management (Hamel, 2006, 2009; Mol and Birkinshaw, 2009). Hult et al, for instance define the concept of Management Innovation as “the way to change the organization, as a response to external or internal changes or as a proactive attempt to change this environment.” He postulates that “[a]s the environment is changing, firms must adopt innovations along the time, and, what is more important, innovations are those activities that let the company gain competitive advantages, contributing thus to its effectiveness and business success.” MI can then be considered as “the implementation of a new management practice, process or structure that significantly alters the way in which the work of management is performed, and is intended to further organizational goals” Birkinshaw et al (2005). It is therefore a non-technological innovation that impacts on the one hand the work of managers, and on the other hand the performance of different types of organizations (business, governmental, non-profit, academic...).

This international conference aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and research scholars, and experts in entrepreneurship and the innovation management sectors from several disciplines (strategy, HRM, marketing, economy, tourism, administration, renewable energies, the environment, public policy, intercultural communication ...) to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all aspects of Entrepreneurship, Creativity and Innovation Management. The aim is to bring in-depth reflections on the logics of creativity and innovation to help stakeholders improve their management potential and become aware of the need to renew practices based on the model of perpetual developments in the business world. The theme of the 12th Africa Business Conference - ICECIM2023 is: Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the Age of Disruption: New Frontiers, New Challenges. The world is changing rapidly, with new technologies, trends, and challenges emerging all the time. In this context, the ability to innovate and adapt is more important than ever for entrepreneurs and innovators. This theme explores the latest frontiers and challenges in entrepreneurship and innovation, providing a platform for discussing cutting-edge research, sharing best practices, and exploring future directions. This theme builds on the earlier conferences, which explored the challenges and opportunities of innovation and entrepreneurship in times of crisis and in the New Normal. The current theme expands on this by focusing on the latest trends and challenges facing entrepreneurs and innovators. It highlights the importance of staying abreast of new developments, anticipating future trends, and proactively addressing new challenges.

Accordingly, this conference will try to answer the following questions: How do entrepreneurs and innovators navigate the challenges and opportunities presented by disruptive technologies and market shifts? What are the key factors that enable successful entrepreneurial and innovative activity in industries undergoing rapid transformation? How can established organizations effectively incorporate disruptive innovation into their business models, and what challenges do they face in doing so? What role do emerging technologies (e.g., artificial intelligence, blockchain, virtual and augmented reality, renewable energies) play in driving innovation and entrepreneurship in the current business landscape, and what opportunities and challenges do they present? What are the key skills and competencies that entrepreneurs and innovators need to succeed in the age of disruption, and how can these be developed and nurtured?

THE SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE

In this context, the conference will be structured around the following sub-themes:

- Innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystems dynamics in the context of ongoing disruptions and rapid change
- Entrepreneurship and innovation in the context of emerging trends and technologies (Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain...)
- Innovation and entrepreneurship in response to global disruptions (pandemics, climate change, and geopolitical tensions...)
- Innovation, entrepreneurial economy and development
- Managerial innovation in public administrations (NPM)
- Managerial innovation in healthcare institutions
- Innovation and entrepreneurship in the tourism sector
- Sustainable, social and solidarity-based entrepreneurship and Social innovation
- Digital entrepreneurship and technological innovation
- Green entrepreneurship
- Cultural entrepreneurship
- Women's entrepreneurship
- Entrepreneurship and the future of work in the Gig economy
- Scientific entrepreneurship, entrepreneurial universities and entrepreneurship education
- Creativity and Innovation Management
- Strategic management and innovation
- Start-up and financing of innovative companies
- Business communication
- Intercultural communication

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Important dates and deadlines

15th August 2023	Deadline for receipt of communication intentions
Starting 20th August 2023	Response of the scientific committee.
15st September 2023	Deadline for receipt of final papers
30th September 2023	Response of the scientific committee.
7th - 9th November 2023	Dates of the conference
10th November 2023	Social program (Excursion)

Submission Procedure

Types of submissions accepted:

- Proposals for thematic sessions
- Long papers (9000 words)
- Short papers: 4,000 words max.

Contributors are invited to submit a proposal in Word format in Arabic, French or English, to the following e-mail address:

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The full text should not exceed 15 pages and must respect the following format:

- A4 Format.
- Margins (upper, lower, left, right) of 2.5cm or 1 inch.
- Font: Times New Roman (12 points), single and justified line spacing.

All proposals must include a cover page which is not counted in the maximum number of pages. It should include:

- The title of the article (Times New Roman 20 bold);
- The name (s) of the author (s) (Times New Roman 12 bold);
- Affiliations & addresses (Times New Roman 12);
- The email address (Times New Roman 12);
- A single-spaced abstract of approximately 250 words, followed by a list of a minimum of five key words (Times New Roman 12).
- Tables and figures must be embedded in the text with a title.
- The necessary notes will be placed at the bottom of the page.
- The article should be followed by:
 - Bibliographical references.
 - Appendices.

Publications

The best papers will be published in the *Journal of Comparative International Management (JCIM)*; and in the *Afreximbank Working Paper Series*; in addition to the Proceedings of the Conference.

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