



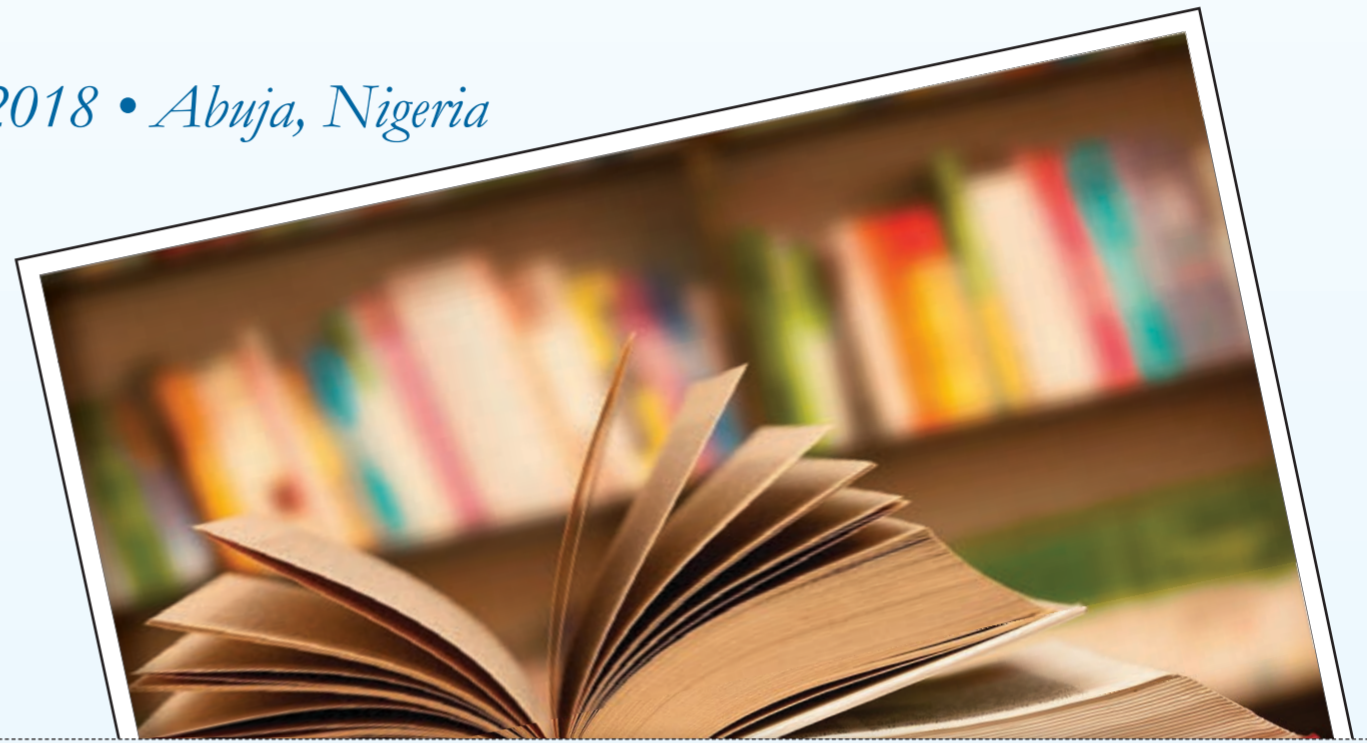
CAPA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ON

ENHANCING TECHNICAL CAPACITY AND PARTNERSHIPS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

August 26 – September 1, 2018 • Abuja, Nigeria

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS



BACKGROUND

The Commonwealth Association of Technical Universities and Polytechnics in Africa (CAPA), hitherto known as the Commonwealth Association of Polytechnics in Africa, was established in 1978, following a resolution of the 7th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers held in Accra, Ghana in 1977. As envisioned by the Ministers, the mandate of CAPA is to promote skills and professional development in the member countries, by providing a dynamic forum for sharing innovative ideas in technical and vocational education and training (TVET), as well as capacity building initiatives and policy advocacy in favour of TVET. Over the years, CAPA pioneered the introduction of entrepreneurship education in the curricula of member institutions; advocated improved access for women in technical education through its WITED programmes; arranged series of programmes for the training of trainers in various skills set; as well as capacity development in the management and leadership of these institutions.

Sub-Themes:

1. From consumption to production oriented economies in Africa: Issues and strategies;
2. Innovative and appropriate technologies for the development of energy, agriculture, food, housing and textile sectors in African countries;
3. Prospects of mines and steel development for accelerated manufacturing and industrialisation in Africa;
4. Competency-based education & training and curriculum development in TVET
5. Enhancing technical skills development in African countries through standardisation and harmonisation of qualifications frameworks;
6. Entrepreneurship development and novel approaches for strengthening SMEs and youth employment;
7. Building partnerships for promoting skilled technical manpower and industrial development in Africa;
8. Fast tracking socioeconomic development in African countries through enhanced women's participation in TVET

40TH ANNIVERSARY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

As we approach the milestone of 40 years since the establishment of the association, the CAPA Executive Board recently reviewed the achievements and activities of the association vis-à-vis its foundational goals and objectives. The Board agreed on a road map for the future of the organisation that is resolutely committed to making CAPA the flagship for a vigorous campaign and intensive skills development to propel a rapid industrialisation and economic development in African countries – the “Industrialise Africa Now” campaign project. Moreover, the Board decided to hold its special 40th Anniversary International Conference in Abuja, Nigeria on August 26 – September 1 2018, on the theme **“Enhancing Technical Capacity and Partnerships for Industrial and Sustainable Economic Development in Africa.”**

CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers on the conference themes are invited. The abstracts, maximum 250 words, should be submitted to the CAPA Secretariat (info@capa-sec.org) not later than **May 10, 2018**. Authors of accepted papers will be informed by **May 31, 2018** and the completed power-point (maximum 10 slides) and full-length papers, written in accordance with CAPA'S Instruction to Authors, will be due by **July 21, 2018**.

CONFERENCE DATE

The conference will run from **August 26 – September 1, 2018** as follows:

Arrival and Registration	Sunday, August 26 - Monday, August 27, 2018
Student / Youth Leadership Forum	Monday, August 27, 2018
Conference Opening /African Education Ministers Forum	Tuesday, August 28, 2018
Conference Technical Sessions	Tuesday, August 28 – Wednesday, August 29, 2018
Benchmarking visits & Closing session	Thursday, August 30, 2018
Group excursions	Friday, August 31, 2018
Departures	Saturday, September 1, 2018

CONFERENCE VENUE / HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The Conference shall hold at the **Main Conference Hall of Nicon Luxury Hotel, 903 Tafawa Balewa Way, Garki, Abuja, Nigeria**. While delegates are generally advised to lodge at Nicon Luxury Hotel, the Local Organising Committee shall negotiate favourable rates in a number of other hotels and lodges that are located close enough to the conference venue. When this is done, we recommend that prospective delegates should please indicate their preference and confirm their room bookings with the LOC early enough.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE AND PAYMENT MODE

The conference registration fee is US\$500. This amount will cover conference materials, snacks and lunches for the meeting days. Early bird registration (by March 31, 2018) will attract a discount of 10%, and a group registration (more than five participants) attracts a discount of 15%. The conference registration fee is payable by swift transfer to CAPA account as follows:

Title of Account	Commonwealth Association of Polytechnics in Africa
Banker	Barclays Bank of Kenya, Haile Selassie Branch, Nairobi, Kenya
Account Number	2029266894
Branch Code	084
Swift Code	BARCKENX

ENQUIRIES

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