Call for Papers

African Real Estate Society (AfRES) 23rd Annual Conference
Smart Cities in Africa for the 21st Century
10–13 September 2024, Radisson Blu, Livingstone, Zambia

The African Real Estate Society (AfRES), founded in 1997, is a continent-wide organization that seeks to promote networking, research and education among property professionals and academics across Africa. The AFRES conference brings together representatives from academia and practice from the continent and from across the world to discuss and present innovative solutions to real estate challenges. The conference encourages professionals from the private real estate sector, government agencies, academia, and other stakeholders in the sector.

The 2024 AFRES annual conference, themed “Smart Cities in Africa for the 21st Century”, will be held in Livingstone, the home of the mighty Victoria Falls and the tourist capital of Zambia. The conference encourages papers with a broad spectrum of real estate related issues including, but not limited to the following:
- Housing development
- Real estate investment trusts
- Research priorities for smart cities
- Smart cities planning and sustainability
- Sustainable financing and investments
- Land administration and management
- Real estate market research
- Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles
- Technology in smart cities development

We would also like to encourage papers from practitioners regarding case studies they might have come across, under any of the above themes.

SUBMISSION DETAILS
Abstracts for papers should contain the purpose, objective(s), methods, findings, and implications/significance. Keywords (up to five) should be included. Full papers should contain an Introduction, literature review, methods, findings and discussion, and conclusion. Papers should be submitted online using this link https://form.jotform.com/232645848750566. Papers will only be accepted on the programme if the author/co-author will attend the conference.

IMPORTANT DATES
Conference dates: 10–13 September 2024
Early bird registration: 28th July 2024
Registration deadline: 17 August 2024
The following deadlines apply for REFEREED PAPERS:

Abstract submission (300 words max.)
21st Jan 2024

Notification of abstract acceptance
26th Feb 2024

Full paper submission
26th May 2024

Notification of full paper acceptance
30th June 2024

Re-submission of revised papers
28th July 2024

The following deadlines apply for NON-REFEREED PAPERS:

Submission of abstracts or full papers
28th July, 2024

Notification of acceptance
4th Aug, 2024

AWARDS
Accepted full papers (presented at the conference) will be published in Conference Proceedings with an ISBN. Papers will also be considered for publication in the Journal of Real Estate Research (JARER).

A prize for the Best Student Paper will be awarded. Other prizes include the International Real Estate Business School (IREBS) Foundation for African Real Estate Research awards in the following categories:
- Best investment paper
- Best sustainable real estate paper
- Best valuation paper

Other special awards include:
- The Dr Gisela Schulte Award to:
  a. A woman, who has shown exceptional excellence, innovation, or quality in her work in the context of African Real Estate research or education.
  b. Individuals or institutions that contributed in an exceptional manner to the advancement of women and to gender equality in the African real estate profession, both in academia and practice.

POSTGRADUATE COLLOQUIUM: 10 SEPTEMBER 2024
This platform provides an excellent opportunity for doctoral students to present and receive constructive feedback on their ongoing research/proposals from leading academics in the real estate field.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
Registration fee per attendee: USD350
Early bird registration fee: USD300 (28 July 2024)
Student registration: USD200

The registration fee covers an additional paper per author or attendee, attendance to conference activities and conference materials. At least one author must attend to present the paper at the conference. Papers that are not presented at the conference will be removed from the Conference Proceedings. If you require an invoice to pay, kindly contact the organisers.

For more information on registration and other details regarding travel, please visit the AFRES website:
www.afres.org

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