

**The Centre for Education and International Development (CEID)
Annual Conference 2018**

Higher Education and International Development

Call for papers

Higher education has been included in the Sustainable Development Goals, and there is broad acknowledgement of its role in building just and prosperous societies. However, there is a lack of rigorous research on higher education in most lower-income countries, meaning that evidence is often insufficient to bring about policy changes. Furthermore, there are a number of contested trends in policy and practice, such as the growing presence of private providers, the emergence of new technologies (including MOOCs), international rankings and concentration of research capacity in elite institutions. Hosted by the Centre for Education and International Development (UCL Institute of Education), this conference brings together academics and policymakers to present cutting-edge research in the field, discuss key issues and debate the role of higher education in sustainable development.

Date:

Tuesday 19th June 2018

Location:

UCL Institute of Education (London)

The conference will address the following key themes:

- The role of higher education in the Sustainable Development Goals
- Expanding access to quality higher education in the context of resource constraints
- Research gaps and priority areas for research investment
- Impact of existing interventions and the role of external development agencies

The event will allow space for the presentation of original research papers, developmental workshops and an open forum. There will also be a keynote presentation by Prof. Teboho Moja of New York University (USA).

Proposals are welcome for presentations on diverse aspects of higher education in low and middle-income countries, involving empirical research, policy analysis or theoretical engagement. Papers can be submitted explicitly to one of the following five themes, each affiliated with one of CEID's thematic focus areas:

1. Equity in access and outcomes
2. Conflict and peace building

3. Gender equality
4. Health and well-being
5. Migration and mobility

Alternatively, papers can be submitted to the general pool on other topics (e.g. funding, technology, internationalisation, teaching and learning, curriculum, the academic profession, employability, governance, research capacity building and partnerships).

Proposals can be submitted either for a full paper presentation, a quickfire session (shorter in length, and designed to highlight work in progress), a poster presentation or a symposium (3-5 papers on a common theme). Please indicate in your submission which of these formats is preferred. For those unable to travel to London, there may be an opportunity to present via video link: please also indicate if you are interested in this opportunity.

Guidelines for submissions

Proposals should include the following:

1. Title, author(s), affiliation(s) and contact details
2. Abstract of 250 words (max.):

The abstract should include brief treatment of the following: aims and objectives of the paper, existing knowledge on the topic, research design and methods, key findings and implications. For symposium submissions there should be an abstract for each of the papers, as well as an abstract outlining the overall theme.

3. Preferred format (full paper; quickfire; poster; symposium)

Proposals should be sent to the following email address: hedevtforum@gmail.com

The deadline for submissions is **Thursday 1st February 2018**. Presenters will be notified by 1st March.

Selected presenters may be invited to submit their full papers for a special issue of a journal (to be confirmed).