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6th AfricaLics Research Conference 2024:

The Africa We Want: Leveraging Innovation and Digital Transformation

PROGRAMME IN SUMMARY

Day 1: Wednesday 13 th November 2024	
Time	Session
7:00	Departure of buses from Hotel – University of Ilorin located between 35 and 45 minutes from the hotel depending on the traffic.
8:00 - 9:00	Arrival and registration at the Conference venue.
9:00 - 10.30	Official opening session (organized by the Local Organizing Committee - LOC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole SAN, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin - Prof. Kitaw, President, AfricaLics - Dr. Maruf Sanni, President, NigeriaLics - Dr. Kemi F. Omotesho, Chair of LOC (6th AfricaLics Conference) - Hon. Minister Dr. Bosun Tijani, Federal Ministry of Communication, Innovation and Digital Economy (FMCIDE)
10.30 - 11.00	Break and group photo session
11.00 - 12.00	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Professor Williams O. Siyanbola, Centre for Energy Research and Development, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria: <i>Technological Innovation and Digital Economic Transformation for Sustainable Development in Africa: Opportunities and Challenges</i>
12:00 – 12:15	Brief health break and relocation to rooms where paper parallel sessions take place.
12:15 - 13:45	PAPER PARALLEL SESSION A (Session A1, Session A2, Session A3, Session A4 and Session A5)
13:45 – 15:00	Lunch including AfricaLics Alumni meeting
15:00 - 17:30	PAPER PARALLEL SESSION B (Session B1, Session B2, Session B3, Session B4 and Session B5)
17:30 – 18:15	Book presentations
18:15 – 19:30	Welcome Reception (Cocktails) hosted by the University of Ilorin – at the Multipurpose Hall of the University
19:30	Buses departing for hotels



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Day 2: 14 th November 2024	
8:00	Buses departing from hotels for conference venue
8:45 - 10:15	THEMATIC SESSIONS A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thematic session A1: E-governance and development of a digital economy in Nigeria ▪ Thematic session A2: Innovation and Just Energy Transformations in Africa ▪ Thematic session A3: Agricultural innovation and digital solutions
10:15 - 10:45	Tea break
10:45 – 11:45	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Prof. Rasmus Lema, UNU-Merit: <i>Green Value Chains in the Era of Innovation and Digital Transformation.</i>
11:45 – 13:15	PAPER PARALLEL SESSION C (Session C1, Session C2, Session C3, Session C4 and Session C5)
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch break
14:15 – 15:30	PAPER PARALLEL SESSION D (Session D1, Session D2, Session D3, Session D4 and Session D5).
15:30 – 16:00	Tea break
16:00 – 17:30	PAPER PARALLEL SESSION E (Session D1, Session D2, Session D3, Session D4 and Session D5).
17:45	Buses leaving from the conference venue to hotels
19:00	Buses leaving hotels for conference dinner venue.
19:30 – 21:30	Conference dinner (at one of the conference hotels) (Dress code: African attire/ traditional dress)
21:30	Busses will take participants not staying at the hotel where the conference dinner is held back to their hotels.

Day 3: 15 th November 2024	
Time	Activity
8:00	Buses leaving from hotels for conference venue – participants to bring their luggage if going directly to the airport from the conference venue
9:00- 10:30:	THEMATIC SESSION B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thematic session B1: Rethinking metrics: Advancing a research agenda for STI measurements in Africa. ▪ Thematic session B2: Excellence in Research and International Publishing ▪ Thematic session B3: Unlocking the Potential Green Charcoal Innovations to Mitigate Climate Change in Northern Uganda.



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10:30 – 11:00	Tea break
11:00 – 12:00	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Dr. Angella Ndaka: <i>Seeing like the market: Unmasking the politics of AI and data-driven economies in Africa.</i>
12.00 – 13:30	Lunch break – including informal meetings (national LICS or other)
13:30 – 14:00	Conference closing session – chaired by Prof. Opeyemi Ayinde, Secretary General of NigeriaLics. Will include info on the host and location of the AfricaLics Conference 2026 and a brief vote of thanks by AfricaLics Secretary General, Dr. Ann Kingiri.
14:00	Tea break
14:30	Buses leaving for the airport (and hotels for those not leaving on 15 th November).

**Notification re: acceptance/rejection of papers will be provided
on 2nd September 2024 or shortly after this date.**

Fundraising for the conference for travel support for PhD students and early career scholars from African countries is ongoing but will be limited. Participants are therefore expected to fundraise for their travel costs, accommodation, and conference registration fees.

Invitation letters will be made available in the conference management system (Conftool) to help support fundraising efforts and visa applications.

Information about hotel opportunities in Ilorin, accommodation prices, and how to obtain accommodation at reduced rates (conference participants only), will be made available on the conference website or through the conference management system in due time.