### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA



#### 9 - 11 JULY 2007

## **NELSON MANDELA METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY**

### **CONFERENCE THEME:**

#### AFRICAN LANGUAGE STUDIES: TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

#### **FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS**

Abstracts are invited on a wide range of fields within African linguistics and literature on topics linked to the conference theme, although papers on other topics within the following sub-fields are also welcome:

# African linguistics

- Sociolinguistics ٠
- Language planning and policy ٠
- Language in society ٠
- Language acquisition
- Applied linguistics including literacy and language teaching ٠
- Lexicography Discourse analysis/text linguistics
- Pragmatics
- Human communication ٠

# Literature produced in African Languages

- Literary theory ٠
- Prose
- Drama
  - Theatre and performance
- Poetrv Praise poetry
- Oral art, folklore ٠
- History of literature

- Onomastics
- Syntax
- Morphology
- Semantics
- Phonology and phonetics **Computational linguistics**
- Psycholinguistics
- Comparative linguistics
- Historical linguistics
- Translation
- Comparative literature
- Science fiction

#### Proposals for papers

Presentations will be 20 minutes in length plus 10 minutes for discussion.

Submission of abstracts: Abstracts should be submitted by email as an MSWord file attachment in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Title ٠
- Surname ٠
- Full first name(s) ٠
- Institutional affiliation ٠
- Email address ٠
- Telephone and/or fax number(s)
- An abstract of approximately 100 words of the paper

Deadline for abstracts: The deadline for the submission of abstracts for papers is 30 March 2007. Abstracts received after 30 March 2007 will not be considered. Abstracts may also be submitted in hard copy form to the ALASA Conference Secretariat. Abstracts will be reviewed anonymously and notification of acceptance will be sent by 13 April 2007.

For information on other conference-related matters, please contact the Conference Secretariat.

#### Conference contributions can be emailed to the ALASA Conference Secretariat:

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