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**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BREAKING THE NEXUS BETWEEN GENDER AND POVERTY**

**15-16 May 2017, Elephant Hills Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

Great Zimbabwe University will host an international conference on, “Breaking the nexus between Gender and Poverty”. The conference is dedicated to the advancement of practical and policy-oriented approaches to eradicating poverty. The conference will bring together researchers, development practitioners and policy makers from all over the world to analyse the relationship between Gender and Poverty. We are now calling for abstracts for papers on empirical studies, good practice and theoretical reviews on the theme:

**BREAKING THE NEXUS BETWEEN GENDER AND POVERTY**

The sub-themes for the conference include but are not confined to the following:

**SUB-THEMES**

1. GENDER AND MIGRATION
* Forced migration dynamics and gender
* Internal and cross border trade
* Internally displaced persons
* Gender and refugee issues
1. GENDER AND CULTURE
* Gender and religion
* Early and child marriages
* Afrocentricity
* Gender and writing
* Gender and literature
* Gender and media
1. GENDER AND VULNERABILITY
* Disability issues in gender
* Children living on the streets
* Orphaned and vulnerable children
* Child soldiers
1. GENDER AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
* Access to education
* Reduction of inequality
1. GENDER, LAW AND POLITICS
* Gender and Conflict
* Gender and Economic policy
* Legal and Policy frameworks for gender justice and equality
1. GENDER AND COMMUNITY HEALTH
* Community health initiatives in marginalised settings
* Tackling HIV and AIDS at community level
* Ebola and other pandemics
* Prevention, care and support for chronic ailments (Cancer,Diabetes etc.)

**Key-note speaker:**

Dr. Caroline Sweetman, PhD(2006) University of Leeds, MA (1993) University of East Anglia, BA University of Cambridge, is the Editor of the world’s only International Journal (Gender and Development) published by Taylor and Francis/Routledge. Her PhD focused on poverty, women empowerment and economic livelihoods. She is an Associate of International Gender Studies (IGS) at Lady Margret Hall, Oxford, and lectures regularly at UK universities including Warwick and Oxford Brookes University. Dr. Sweetman is a renowned researcher whose recent work was published in the International Handbook of Gender and Poverty (2011) and the Routledge Handbook of Gender and Development (2015).

**Publication**

All presenters will be invited to submit their manuscripts to be considered for publication in a special issue of the Great Zimbabwe University’s *Dzimbahwe Journal of Multidisciplinary Research* [DJMR].

**Important Dates**

10th March 2017:**Closing date for submission of abstracts.**

14th April 2017: **Last date for Notification of Acceptance.**

3rd May 2017**: Registration and submission of full papers.**

15th to 16thMay 2017: **Conference**

**Abstract Format and Submission Process**

Abstracts should follow the generic format of purpose, method, results, conclusions and recommendations. The abstract should be between 150 and 200 words and accompanied with a maximum of five key terms. Contact details and institutional affiliations should be included. Abstracts are to be submitted as word documents to: research@gzu.ac.zw

**Registration Fees**

For all accepted abstracts, a registration fee of US$250.00 will be paid to cover for lunches, teas and stationery (including laptop bags).

**Other important information**

Conference venue:Elephant Hills Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Telephone +2631344793

Negotiated rates: Single Room bed & breakfast- $100.00

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Other hotels that are a short distance from the conference venue are:

Cresta Sprayview Hotel, Telephone +2631344344

Victoria Falls Hotel, Telephone +2631344751

The Kingdom Hotel, Telephone +2631344275

Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, Telephone +2631343211

The main language of the conference is English

Presentation formats include plenary presentations, poster presentations and parallel presentations.

**Further Information**

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