### **SASUF RESEARCH & INNOVATION WEEK 2023**

# Track 2 - Host a workshop / session during the Sustainability Forum



**Date:** 29-31 March 2023

Location: University of the Western Cape

Last day to apply: 8 January 2023

This is for the researchers that already have an existing contact in the other country, and it will be a requirement to have at least one Swedish PI and one South African PI to host a workshop / session. Requirement for the PI's to have a PhD-dissertation.

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## Call for hosting a Workshop / Session in the SASUF Sustainability Forum in the 5th SASUF Research & Innovation Week

#### Deadline 08 January 2023

SASUF (South Africa – Sweden University Forum) aims to build capacity for collaboration between Sweden and South Africa by hosting a Research and Innovation Week, where researchers from both countries can meet, share their interests and build further on common interests to establish joint collaborations.

The Sustainability Forum will be organised around parallel workshops, seminars, and sessions taking place between 29-31 March 2023. It is the participants themselves who are the main contributors to the Forum by applying to host a workshop / session via this call.

After being selected, all workshops / sessions will be organised in parallel and open to all participants in the Forum to engage in. Activities to create new and build on on-going collaborations come in many different formats. Therefore, we encourage you to take time to consider the best way to organise your workshop / session to exchange ideas, knowledge and experiences with a broad audience.

Call deadline: 08 January, 2023

Submission: The official application form is available via this link <a href="https://doit.medfarm.uu.se/bin/kurt3/kurt/73969">https://doit.medfarm.uu.se/bin/kurt3/kurt/73969</a>

#### Eligibility criteria

- The main applicants must be employed by one of the 40 SASUF partner universities
- The proposal must include one PI from each country, meaning one person from Sweden and one from South Africa.
- The main applicants must have a PhD dissertation
- The proposal must be argued for / and connected to the Sustainable Development Goals and fall under one of the <u>six</u> following sub themes within SASUF
  - Theme 1: Climate change, natural resources and sustainability
  - Theme 2: Education for a sustainable society
  - Theme 3: Social transformation through change: Knowledge and social development strategies
  - o Theme 4: Health Understanding the burden of disease in Sweden and South Africa
  - Theme 5: Sustainable urbanisation, travel and tourism in the 21st Century
  - Theme 6: Digital technologies, big data and cybersecurity
- The proposal must have an area of focus that is relevant for both countries, meaning that research interest from both Sweden and South Africa must be of importance and relevance
- The proposal must touch on the area of student involvement, meaning how students can be involved long term in the work.\*



#### Review criteria

The proposal will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Engaging: The workshop format has high potential to attract attendees from the institutions involved and its contents can be broadly disseminated and understood. Since the Forum will pave the way for engagements with new academics, and not only previous colleagues, there must be a format in mind that allows inclusion and/or engagement from new colleagues.
- Inclusion: A broad representation of universities will be kept in mind during the assessment, as we highly value participation from all 40 partner universities. In line with South African transformation objectives, the inclusion of historically disadvantaged universities (HDIs)\* are encouraged, and will be part of the assessment.
- **Relevant**: The workshop raises and discusses issues important to the SDGs using experience and knowledge from both the South African and the Swedish context.
- Clear: The intended outcomes of the workshop are easily understood.
- **Potential**: Prospective to develop future collaborations and activities beyond the Forum. The potential of the project to initiate or further develop meaningful intercultural interaction between students, teachers and researchers (and possibly other actors / external stakeholders such as NGOs, research institutes, industry, etc.) in Sweden and South Africa.

Moreover, for the final decision the following aspects will also be taken into consideration: the overall representation of the PI:s in the selected proposals in terms of distribution: gender, institutions and <a href="subthemes-within SASUF">subthemes within SASUF</a> represented. Workshop / session proposals may also be suggested to merge.

#### Checklist before submitting a proposal

- Minimum 1 Swedish and 1 South African PI must be behind the proposal.
- The PI:s must be employed at one of the 40 SASUF universities.
- The PI:s must have a PhD-dissertation.
- The workshop must address at least one of the Sustainable Development Goals and fall under one of the six main themes.
- The scope should be wide enough to attract participants from other SASUF-universities and different disciplines.
- The proposal must be engaging, of high quality, clear and relevant.
- The proposal must include a plan on how students can be included in the activities in the long run.
- The proposal must have a short description of the topic and the activities planned for the program.
- The proposal should have a clearly described goal for example: future collaboration, follow up activities, research project, student exchange, etc.



#### **Selection process**

The proposal should be submitted to SASUF via the submission form before the deadline 08 January 2023. After this, a quality review and ranking will be conducted by the SASUF universities based on the assessment criteria above and for the final decision the representation aspect will be considered. The selection will be communicated at the end of January 2023.

#### **Funding**

Participation in the Sustainability Forum will be handled by each individual university, and possible travel grants and what can be covered is locally decided. An acceptance of hosting a workshop / session in the Sustainability Forum does not automatically provide you with funding from your institution, since there is no central funding from SASUF for participation. This needs to be communicated directly with your local SASUF Coordinator, which you can find contact details to at the bottom of this webpage.