

# IASIA Conference 2021

## *Public Administration in the Fourth Industrial Revolution*

July 26 – 30, 2021

Bela Bela, Limpopo

South Africa



**CALL-FOR-PANELS**

## “Public Administration in the Fourth Industrial Revolution” Call-for-Panels

### 1. Introduction

The IASIA Conference 2021 will be organized by the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration in close cooperation with the University of South Africa (UNISA). The IASIA Conference 2021 will take place at the ATKV Klein Kariba Resort in Bela Bela Limpopo, in South Africa on July 26 – 30, 2021. The main conference theme will be “Public Administration in the fourth industrial revolution.”

Technological developments associated to the fourth industrial revolution effects all spheres of life including the role, responsibility and work associated to governments around the world. The fourth industrial revolution represent a new era of technology that focus on the development of disruptive technologies and trends such as the Internet of Things (IoT), robotics, virtual reality (VR) and artificial intelligence (AI). Regardless of the technological benefits of increased efficiency and effectiveness, the fourth industrial revolution also provides numerous challenges to governments, public servants and citizens. Some of these changelings include a lack knowledge, skills, human and material resources to meet the challenges posed by these new technological advancements. The fourth industrial revolution requires of governments to embrace new technology while cautiously and carefully planning for the future.

The IASIA Conference 2021 will gather academics and practitioners to discuss Public Administration in the fourth industrial revolution since this topic is very relevant and applicable to all governments, public servants and citizens around the world. Despite the opportunities offered by the fourth industrial revulsion there are numerous challenges that could disrupt and transform the way governments and public servants work. It is important that governments and public servants are aware of these challenges and actively plan for the future. In addition to the fourteen IASIA Working groups, including the working group on the conference theme, the PhD seminar and traditional IASIA panels such as the Forum of Heads of Schools or the Host country Panel, our association is keen to organize panels on specific topics that are of great interest for public administration and for education and training.

## 2. Call-for-Panels

The organizers invite their institutional members and partners and interested affiliated individuals to contribute to the IASIA Conference 2021 by submitting proposals for Panels.

### a) Panel format and topics

Panels are an interactive, discussion-oriented forum in which panelists present and debate a chosen topic, and audience members are participants in the discussion. Panels are held in their own 90-minute session at the conference. There is no need to submit papers for

Submitters are strongly encouraged to propose topics likely to be of broad interest in the PA education and training community and interactive sessions that will engage both the panelists and the audience in creative ways. Of special interest are topics focusing on curricula, joint-degrees and vocational education and training.

### b) Important deadlines

- Submission deadline: 15 March 2021
- Notification deadline: 15 April 2021
- Registration of panelists deadline: 1 June 2021
- IASIA Conference 2021: July 26 – 30, 2021

### c) Submission details

Submitters should use the panel format proposed in the next page.

Proposals should be submitted via Conftool <https://www.conftool.org/iasia-conference2020>. Each submitter should create a Conftool account and submit their Panel proposal under the track [Panel submissions](#) (see details in template to be found on next page of this document)

Proposals will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee, which may ask submitters to make reasonable adjustments. Accepted panels will be published on the Conference website, program and booklet and diffused to a global audience by the organizers.

### **Important:**

The Chairperson(s) will be responsible of the scientific organization of the panel. Panel Chairpersons and speakers will need to cover their transportation, accommodation and registration costs.

Questions and requests should be addressed to [info@iasia-conference2020.org](mailto:info@iasia-conference2020.org) (Cc. [c.alfonzo@iias-iisa.org](mailto:c.alfonzo@iias-iisa.org))



Panel format to be submitted through Conftool (400 words)

Title of the panel (corresponds to Title of contribution in Conftool):

Chairperson(s) of the panel (name, institution, country, contact details) (Corresponds to first Author in Conftool):

Speakers (name, institution, country, contact details) (Corresponds to 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Authors in Conftool):

Description of the panel and Questions to be discussed (Corresponds to Abstract in Conftool):