

## 2<sup>nd</sup> CALL FOR PAPERS

### THE INTERIM CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN LANGUGES ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (ALASA)

UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA

21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2010

#### **Conference Theme: Documenting, safeguarding and empowering African languages and cultures**

Africa harbours over 2,000 languages and cultures, most of which are poorly documented in terms of orthography, descriptive grammar, dictionary, literary material or folkloric records. Moreover, most of these languages and cultures are threatened by extinction. Losing such a valuable cultural heritage threatens the whole humanity as well as world diversity. Hence the Conference will deliberate on ways and means of preserving and empowering them for future generations.

#### **Conference Sub-Themes**

The Conference welcomes papers on the following sub-themes or any other relevant topics in the areas of language and literature:

- Inter-cultural communication, discourse and integration
- Multilingualism, multiculturalism and globalization
- Language policy and planning in Africa
- Language development and use in national and international spheres
- Language standardization and harmonization nationally and across borders
- Language endangerment, preservation and documentation
- Language proficiency in indigenous languages
- Language description and codification (phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics)
- Translation, terminology and lexicography
- Literary production from imagination through to distribution (oral – composition, performance, participation and consumption; Written – writing process, publishing and readership)
- Literary research, education and preservation
- Oral literature, poetics and inter-textuality
- Literature and socio-political and economic changes
- African literature and Intellectual Property Rights
- And any other topic of interest which is related to the objectives and/or theme of the Conference

#### **Submission of Abstracts:**

Abstracts, of between 150 and 300 words, should be emailed, not later than 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010, to [batibohm@mopipi.ub.bw](mailto:batibohm@mopipi.ub.bw) (Language); [kezilaha@mopipi.ub.bw](mailto:kezilaha@mopipi.ub.bw) (literature); or [nhlekisana@mopipi.ub.bw](mailto:nhlekisana@mopipi.ub.bw) (Overall). Notices of acceptance will be sent out before 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.

#### **Registration**

Participants will be required to pay a registration fee of P800 or US\$120. Students will pay P300 or \$50.

#### **Other Details**

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