

CAPA CONFERENCE IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA

We are pleased to inform you that the next CAPA international conference will take place in Arusha, Tanzania on November 24 – 30, 2013. The general theme for the conference is “Aligning Skills to meet the Labour market needs in Africa – Role of TVET.”

The choice of this theme is based on the recurring issue across many African countries that the skills posed by the graduates of educational institutions, including TVET institutions, do not match the demands of the labour market. There are common complaints from employers that graduates of these institutions nearly always needed extensive re-training before they could become functional in employment. Moreover, the high rates of graduate unemployment require innovative approaches to self-employment and job creation. Therefore, the Arusha conference will examine the following perspectives under the general theme:

- Research and Innovation for TVET Institutions Sustainability
- Competence Based Education Training: Creating opportunities for employment enhancement
- Emerging careers and their implications for TVET
- Bridging Mismatch between TVET training and Labour market skills demand
- Entrepreneurship Promotion for Sustainable Development

On behalf of the Executive Board of CAPA, I write to invite your distinguished participation at the conference, which promises to be a unique and memorable experience.

Call for Papers

Papers on the conference themes are invited and the abstracts, maximum 300 words, should be submitted to the CAPA Secretariat (capa@kenpoly.ac.ke) not later than September 23rd, 2013. Authors of accepted papers will be informed by October 7th, 2013 and completed power-point and full-length papers, written in accordance with CAPA’s Instructions to Authors, will be due by October 31st, 2013.

Who may attend:

The following are particularly encouraged to participate at the workshop:

- Heads and Deputy Heads of Institutions
- Registrars, Deans, Heads of Departments
- Government Officials and Policy Makers
- Directors of Vocational and Technical Education
- Curriculum Developers
- Staff of TVET Institutions and Regulatory Bodies
- Board of Governing Councils
- Employers and Industry Practitioners
- Private Training Providers and NGOs, etc.

Conference Dates:

The conference will run from November 24th to November 30th, 2013 as follows:

Arrival and Registration : Sunday, November 24th, 2013

Research Methodology Workshop : Monday, November 25th, 2013

Conference sessions : Tuesday, Nov. 26th – Thursday, Nov. 28th, 2013

Organised visits and tours : Friday, November 29th, 2013

Departure date : Saturday, November 30th, 2013

Please note that as resolved at the last CAPA conference held in Banjul, presenters of papers at technical sessions are required to participate at the research methodology workshop scheduled for November 25th, 2013.

Conference Venue:

The conference will take place at the Simba Hall, Arusha International Conference Centre.

Hotel Accommodation:

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) had earlier circulated a brochure on “Accommodation Information” that provided comprehensive details of recommended hotels whose room rates are above US\$ 40 per night. The LOC has further identified the following hotels whose room rates range from \$20 to \$40 per night: (i) Davos Hotel (ii) Jevaa Hotel (iii) Hotel Manor (iv) Rich Hotel (v) Hotel Aquiline (vi) Hotel Arusha (vii) Midway Hotel and (viii) Stereo Hotel. All the hotels are within a close proximity to the conference venue. However, we advise early booking either through the LOC or directly with the respective hotels, because most of them have limited number of rooms.

Registration Fee:

The conference registration fee is US\$ 450. This amount will cover conference materials, snacks and lunches for the meeting days. Other costs, including hotel accommodation, will be borne by participants themselves. Participants at the research methodology workshop are required to pay an additional \$25, to cover the provision of materials, lunch and refreshments.

Payment Mode:

The preferred method of payment is cash on arrival at the conference venue in Arusha.

Travel and Immigration Arrangements:

Participants are encouraged to make their own travel arrangements and early enough to arrive in Arusha by November 23rd/24th, 2013. Arrangements would be made for participants to be met on arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport. Kindly send your flight details to the LOC Chairman at the address given below, well in advance for the necessary transport arrangements to be made on time.

Delegates whose nationalities are from countries that are required to secure entry visas before travelling to Tanzania are kindly advised to submit their applications in good time. Those who are in doubt about visa related issues should please contact the Tanzanian diplomatic mission in their countries of residence or forward their names and passport details not later than October 16th, 2013 to the LOC Chairman, whose contact is given below. Assistance with visa arrangements cannot be guaranteed for any participant who fails to contact the LOC by this date.

Furthermore, all visitors from the following CAPA member countries are required to have Yellow Fever vaccination before travelling to Tanzania:- Gambia, Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Kenya and Uganda. Other prospective delegates are advised to confirm the immunization requirements for their countries of residence.

Pre-Registration:

In order to conclude the necessary logistics / arrangements in time, please confirm your participation at the conference to the CAPA Secretariat (capa@kenpoly.ac.ke) before October 16th, 2013; and to the Chairman, Local Organising Committee, Eng. Dr. Richard J. Masika, Rector, Arusha Technical College Arusha, Tanzania (e-mail: principal@atc.ac.tz; Tel: +255-27 2503040/2075/2076; Fax no. +225-27 254 8337)

We eagerly look forward to welcoming you to Tanzania, home of THREE of the world's seven natural wonders in Africa.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General