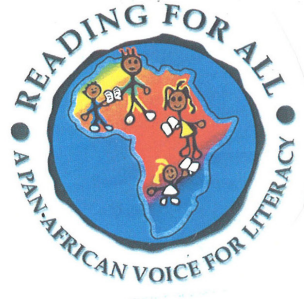


A Reader, the Empowered Leader

THE 7TH PAN-AFRICAN READING FOR ALL CONFERENCE



Gaborone, Botswana

11th – 14th July 2011

SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS

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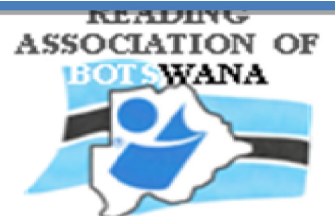
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Promoting Reading & Literacy

THE 7TH PAN-AFRICAN READING FOR ALL CONFERENCE

The purpose of the *Pan-African Reading for All Conference(s)* is to develop ways of translating “Education for All” into “Reading for All”. *The 7th Pan-African Reading for All Conference* will be hosted by the Reading Association of Botswana and will be an opportunity for teachers, writers, librarians, publishers, and development workers from Botswana and other nations to continue developing a coordinated approach to literacy in Africa. In addition, the network of educators and other professionals across Africa for sharing best practices and research will be strengthened. A greater responsiveness among authors and publishers to the needs of the newly emerging literate populations of Africa anticipated as a result of *Education for All* will be provoked. Overall, the conference will highlight support structures needed, to be established or strengthened, for the promotion of reading as a cornerstone for the *Education for All process*, nationally and internationally.

The *Pan-African Reading for All Conference* has become an important literacy event on the African continent. It provides a platform for policy makers in government and the donor community to interface with literacy professionals, and researchers at all levels to share vital knowledge and information on appropriate ways and strategies of delivering literacy and reading skills to all communities. In the six countries where the conference has been held, the positive developments registered have included growth and development of community libraries, adult literacy classes and children’s reading tents; the emergence of reading and writing clubs in schools and communities; and, positive policy pronouncements in favour of the book sector and publishing industry.

The first conference, which was held in Pretoria in 1999, focused on reading among children. The second, held in Abuja in 2001, considered the role of communities in building a reading culture. The emphasis of the third, which was in Kampala in 2003, was on analyzing and ultimately surmounting the factors that impede the transmission and use of literacy skills. In 2005, the fourth conference was taken to Swaziland where the emphasis was on exploring the connection between literacy and sustainable development. The fifth conference, held in August 2007, took place in Ghana where Literacy for Human Liberation was the main theme. The most recent was *The 6th Pan-African Reading for All Conference*, which took place in Tanzania from August 10th -14th, 2009. There the focus was on *Literacy for Community Based Socio-economic Transformation and Development*. The determination of the conference theme draws from the local scene of the hosting country, but extends to matters of regional and global interest.

Objectives of *The 7th Pan-African Reading for All Conference*

The objectives of the conference are to:

- Strengthen capacity within Africa in collecting and analysing data to support formulation of policy and interventions that address the barriers that make it difficult to achieve the vision of literacy for all;
- Generate frameworks for the development and implementation of new initiatives that address specific literacy problems;
- Consider how reading and writing can be harnessed effectively for opening up social futures across Africa and the world at large;
- Interrogate a range of approaches to literacy that promote reading in families, facilitate the setting up of rural libraries and encourage the development of reading materials.

CONFERENCE THEME, SUB-THEMES AND TOPICS

A. **Conference Theme:** *A Reader, the Empowered Leader*

B. **Sub-themes**

- i) Literacy and empowerment
- ii) Literacy, leadership and marginalized groups
- iii) Innovation and literacy instruction

- iv) Literate citizenry and a participatory society
- v) Literacy and Human Rights
- vi) Broadening literacy

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

Presentations will be of the following types:

- **Individual papers:** These will be presented by one, or more, individual(s) and will be allotted 30 minutes each (20 minutes for the presenter(s) and 10 for discussion).
- **Colloquia:** These will be presented by four or five people working together and will be allotted 2 hours. The presenters may divide the time amongst themselves as they like but should allow at least 40 minutes (not necessarily all together) for audience reactions.
- **Workshops:** These will be interactive sessions, in which the presenter is expected to act as a facilitator rather than as a speaker. Each will be allotted one hour. A workshop should have a practical purpose and involve the participants in some activity.
- **Poster sessions:** These will be graphic displays of information, which will be posted on the walls of the session rooms and/or in the corridors. Each display will stay up for several hours, and a period of 20-30 minutes will be allotted for conference participants to come and discuss it with its presenter.
- **Films:** These should be presented on video tape and will be allotted 30 minutes each. Tapes should be no more than 20 minutes long to allow time for viewers' questions and comments.

Presentations should fall under one of the sub-themes listed and may address literacy issues at any level of learning.

To propose a presentation, please fill out the **proposal form** provided here.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

All those who intend to take part in the conference, whether presenting papers or not, will be required to pay conference registration fees and a different form will be provided for this purpose. The registration fee per person for participants from Africa including Seychelles, Mauritius and Madagascar is US\$150. The registration fee per person for participants from other continents is US\$250.

OTHER

Information on travel and accommodation will be provided in due course.

Visit the Botswana Tourism Board website for interesting tourist destinations in Botswana:

www.botswanatourism.co.bw/

PROPOSAL FORM

Please write in block letters

1) NAME: PROF/DR/MR/MRS/MS/MISS:.....

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SURNAME OTHER NAMES

2) ADDRESS:

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3) E-MAIL ADDRESS:

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4) TELEPHONE (BEGIN WITH COUNTRY CODE)..... FAX:.....

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5) TITLE OF PRESENTATION.....

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6) **INDIVIDUAL { } GROUP { } (If presenting as a group write the names and surnames of the other presenter(s) below.)**

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b)

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d)

7) CHOOSE (TICK \surd) SUB-THEME AND TOPIC YOUR PRESENTATION FALLS INTO:

i) *Literacy and empowerment*

- Developing local orthographies
- Developing the reading teacher
- Succeeding in a knowledge-based society
- Sustaining life-long reading
- Empowering women through literacy

ii) *Literacy, leadership and marginalized groups*

- Linguistic minorities
- Reading and effective leadership
- Children's literature
- Literacy amongst the most vulnerable and at risk populations

iii) *Innovation and literacy instruction*

- Practices in indigenous knowledge systems
- Theatre for development
- Multimedia applications
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iv) *Literate citizenry and a participatory society*

- Community learning resource centres
- Developing literate citizens
- Mother tongue literacy and official languages
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- Curriculum design and assessment
- Professional development
- Teaching reading across the curriculum

- Reading multiple texts/intertextuality
- The role of publishers in literacy initiatives
- Literacy, multi-lingualism and the practice of translation

v) **Literacy and Human Rights**

- Access to reading for disadvantaged groups
- Literacy as a gender issue
- Ageism
- Ethnicity
- The role of the media in literacy campaigns
- Literacy for human rights promotion
- Working with out-of-school readers
- Adult literacy programmes
- Literacy for inclusive national development policies and strategies

vi) **Broadening literacy**

- Information literacy
- Financial and numerate literacy
- Literacy for healthy living
- Agro-literacy
- Digital literacy
- Literacies in the workplace
- Emerging literacies

8) **TYPE OF PRESENTATION TICK (√)**

PAPER { } WORKSHOP { } FILM { } COLLOQUIUM { } POSTER SESSION { }

9) **ASPECT OF LITERACY TO BE COVERED**

RESEARCH { } POLICY { } TEACHING { }
 MATERIALS PRODUCTION { } INFORMATION DISSEMINATION { }

10) **ABSTRACT SHOULD NOT BE MORE THAN 150 WORDS**

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11) **AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT NEEDED**

FLIPCHART { }
 OVERHEAD PROJECTOR { }
 VIDEO PLAYER { }
 POWER POINT { }

12) **SPONSOR(S) TO THE CONFERENCE:**

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SIGNATURE DATE

Electronically submit abstracts not exceeding 150 words to: readbotswana@gmail.com and copy to Dr. Maude Dikobe dikobem@mopipi.ub.bw and Dr. Dan Kasule kasuled@mopipi.ub.bw

Or mail to : Conference Editorial sub- committee, Reading Association of Botswana, P. O. Box 202410, Gaborone, Botswana. (NB: Electronic submission is preferred)

Abstracts to be received not later than 31st March 2011

Additional information

(a) Visa information

Citizens of the following countries DO NOT need visas to enter Botswana: all commonwealth countries (except Bangladesh, Cameroon, Ghana, India, Nigeria, Fiji, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka), Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Federal Republic of Germany, Finland, France, Greece, Holy See, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway and Colonies, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zimbabwe, Hong Kong.

Delegates are encouraged to submit their applications in time because processing visas takes 2 weeks. Delegates may also require to apply for a South African transit visa if they are travelling through that country.

(b) Conference Accommodation Information

Some Hotels and Lodges near to the conference venue and their respective rates as at of 1st January, 2010.

Hotel/Lodge (approx. dist. from conf. venue)	Telephone	Single	Double
Lolwapa Lodge (Opp. the gate to conf. venue)	+267 3184865	P190.00 shared bathroom P210.00 En-suite P220.00 Executive	P230.00 Shared bathroom P245.00 En-suite P255.00 Executive No meals
Gaborone Sun Hotel (approx. 7 min. walk)	+267 3951111	P1 220.00 with b/fast	P1 330.00 with b/fast
Planet Lodge (10 min. walk)	+267 3910116/7 +267 3910118fax	P508.00 with b/fast P574.00 with b/fast	P554.00 with b/fast P598.00 with b/fast
Southing Lodge (10 min. walk)	+267 3185550	P202.00 w/out b/fast	P242.00 w/out b/fast
Budget Lodge (15 min. walk)	+267 3959501	P200.00 w/out b/fast	P220.00; P240.00
Brackendane Lodge (30 min. walk)	+267 3912886	P280.00 with b/fast	P350.00 with b/fast

Other

Place	Telephone	Single	Double
UB Graduate Halls (within conf. venue)		P88.00	
UB Undergraduate Halls (within conf. venue)		P33.00	
Mondor Summit Hotel (5 min. walk)	+267 3190600	P1 145.00 w/out b/fast	P1 440.00 w/out b/fast
President Hotel (15 min. walk)	+267 3953631	P955.00; P115.00 b/f	P1125.00
Cresta Lodge (10 min. drive)	+267 3975375	P1005.00; P117.00 b/f	P1140.00
Walton Ambassador (20 min. drive)	+267 3637777	P1390.00; P135.00 b/f	P1390.00

Meal prices may have changed

Hotel	Lunch	Dinner
Cresta Lodge	P146.00	P156.00 excluding drinks
Mondor Summit Hotel	From P50.00 upwards, for both lunch and dinner	
Gaborone Sun Hotel	P120.00	P135.00
Planet Lodge	From P38.00 up to P175.00 both lunch and dinner	
Brackendane Lodge	P57.00	P57.00
President Hotel	P145.00	P152.00
Walton Ambassador	P155.00	P155.00

1 US dollar is about 6.30 Pula. Many hotels in town accept credit cards. Delegates will be collected from the airport and back.

Registration Fees may be paid into the following Bank

Bank Name: Barclays

Account Name: Reading Association of Botswana:

Branch Name: Mall Branch

Branch Number: 290167
Account Number: 1158315
Swift code: BARCBWGX

(c) Weather information

July is often a cold month in Botswana with chilly mornings and nights. Warm clothing is advised.