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CALL FOR PAPERS

Eduvos Law Conference.

Legal Horizons:

Sustainability, Innovation, and Social Justice for Africa's Prosperity

The year 2026 marks three decades since the adoption of the 1996 Constitution of the Republic of South Africa: a milestone that invites reflection on the profound legal, political, and socio-economic transformations that have shaped the nation and the broader African continent. Over these 30 years, law has had to respond to accelerating global change: climate instability, shifting geopolitical landscapes, widening inequality, evolving labour markets, and rapid technological innovation, most notably in artificial intelligence (AI).

As Africa confronts these intertwined challenges and opportunities, the law is once again called upon to adapt, innovate, and lead. The central question before contemporary legal scholarship is not merely whether the law can evolve, but how it must do so to meet the demands of a just, sustainable, and technologically advanced future.

The Eduvos Faculty of Law invites academics, researchers, legal practitioners, and interdisciplinary scholars to contribute to this dialogue. This conference seeks to explore how legal systems can transcend traditional boundaries to shape a prosperous African future, aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the African Union's Agenda 2063, and South Africa's National Development Plan (NDP).

We welcome contributions from established scholars, practitioners, early-career academics, and students, that engage critically, creatively, and rigorously with the conference theme through any of the following sub-themes:

The Justice Horizon: Social Justice and Equality 30 Years into Constitutional Democracy

- The evolving role of courts in addressing poverty, inequality, and systemic injustice.
- Restorative and transitional justice pathways in the African context.
- Contemporary challenges to achieving social, political, and economic justice across Africa.

Conference Date: 22 – 23 September 2026
Conference Venue: Eduvos Bedfordview Campus

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The Digital Horizon: Regulating AI and Protecting Data in Africa

- Data protection as a foundation for social empowerment and digital citizenship.
- Legal remedies for algorithmic discrimination in employment, finance, or service delivery.
- Assessing South Africa's preparedness for virtual courts, AI-driven legal research, and digital governance.

The Greener Horizon: Environmental Law and Ethics

- Legal responses to water scarcity, climate adaptation, and sustainable agriculture.
- Ethical and regulatory considerations in biotechnology and public health.
- Protecting indigenous knowledge systems, traditional practices, and biodiversity in Africa.

The Human Horizon: Diversity and Wellness in Labour and Education

- Advancing workplace rights with an emphasis on mental health and equity.
- Reimagining legal education through inclusivity, innovation, and digital transformation.
- Addressing the educational and technological divides shaping African labour markets.

The Commercial Horizon: Legal Frameworks for Sustainable Business and Entrepreneurship

- Law as an enabler of inclusive economic growth in Africa.
- Corporate governance, ethics, and sustainability within the NDP.
- Evolving legal frameworks for African entrepreneurs and start-ups.

Abstract Submission

The Eduvos Faculty of Law invites papers that examine the ways in which law can expand its conceptual and practical boundaries to shape Africa's future.

Please submit an abstract of no more than 250 words, clearly indicating:

- the topic of the proposed paper;
- the central research problem or question;
- the methodology to be employed; and
- the conference sub-theme that the proposed paper aligns with.

Abstracts must be accompanied by the author's name, title, affiliation and a short biography.

Abstracts can be submitted via email, to lawconference@eduvos.com by 29 May 2026.

Kindly note that there are no fees attached to the registration and/or attendance of this conference. Online presentations and attendance will be allowed upon request.

Important Dates

29 May 2026: Abstract submission deadline
1 July 2026: Notification of acceptance
1 September 2026: Final paper/presentation submissions
22-23 September 2026: Conference