

CALL FOR PAPERS



[Global Communication Association](http://www.globalcommunicationassociation.org)

Sixth Global Communication Association Conference Lusaka, Zambia July 9-12, 2012

THEME:

Environment, Science Journalism, Media, and Politics: The African Perspectives

The Kasoma Media Foundation, the Media Institute of Southern Africa, and the Global Communication Association are pleased to announce the Sixth GCA Conference, to be held in Zambia from July 9-12, 2012, focusing on the environment, science journalism, media and politics. This esteemed conference will bring together diverse scholars, researchers, experts, policymakers and journalists in the aforementioned areas to not only address the challenges facing the continent and its people, but also provide a platform for global interaction and discourse on these issues. We are inviting submissions of abstracts for papers on a broad range of topics including, but not limited to:

Environment and Science Journalism

- Climate change and other natural calamities
- Carbon gas emissions and carbon footprint
- Water policy, supply, sanitation, and resource management
- Recycling, waste disposal and thinking green
- Agriculture and rural development
- Food security
- Biodiversity and biotechnology research
- Forest and wildlife management
- Innovation and sustainability
- Health communication
- Energy and conservation
- Public and environmental affairs
- Eugenics and GMOs
- Interactive environmental journalism

Media and Politics

- Media education and pedagogy
- Media framing of critical issues: Corruption, poverty, HIV/AIDS, conflict, etc.
- Information and communication technologies for development
- Access to information: Rural/urban and other divides
- Science news as Mobilizing Information
- Access and utilization of social media in reporting science
- Science reporting and ethical dilemmas
- Journalistic professionalism in science reporting
- Democracy and media reforms in Africa
- Gender, media and governance
- Culture, indigenous communication systems, and science
- Media and political economy
- Globalization and the media: The African experiences

Deadline for abstract submissions: February 29, 2012

Acceptance note: March 28, 2012

Papers due: June 8, 2012

Abstract Guidelines

Abstracts should be between 200 and 400 words in length and include a title, author's name, affiliation, and contact information.

Submit abstracts in Microsoft Word or PDF format to Twange Kasoma

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