

**Africa in the G20: Advancing Solidarity, Equality, and Sustainability**



**Call for Abstract Submissions**

Are you an emerging scholar looking for an opportunity to share your ideas in an international conference and interact with fellow early career researchers as well as seasoned scholars? The Amplifying African Voices for Strategic Action (AFSA) Conference scheduled for 25-27 November 2025 at the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, might be an ideal opportunity.

This year's theme is *"Africa in the G20: Advancing Solidarity, Equality, and Sustainability"*. It presents a timely opportunity for emerging thinkers to contribute fresh perspectives on African agency in a shifting global order. Emerging scholars include postgraduate students, postdoctoral fellows, early-career researchers, and recent graduates from all universities.

**Goal**

The overall conference goal is to analyse and elucidate the intricate relations between African nations and external powers, providing alternatives for balanced relationships forged in African interests.

**Objectives**

- Discuss multi-disciplinary knowledge production on Africa's engagement in the G20.
- Interpret scholarly and practical pathways on the 2025 G20 Summit theme.
- Discuss strategies for effective African agency in the G20 across socio-political sectors.
- Amplify African voices to influence African priorities in the G20 agendas.
- Build the capacity of scholars and practitioners on Africa in the G20.
- Advance African agency through media and communications avenues and platforms.

We are accepting abstracts aligned with the conference's sub-themes as follows:

- Conceptualising African agency.
- Geopolitics and global affairs.
- Communicating African agency.
- Agency through arts and culture.

We encourage, but we are not limited to submissions from the following disciplines:

- Humanities (Arts and Culture, Education, Human and Community Development Literature & Language, Media & Journalism, Social Sciences such as politics, international Relations, Politics, Demography, History, etc).
- Commerce, Law and Management (Accountancy, Business Sciences, Economics and Finance, Law, Business and Corporate Studies, Governance, etc).
- Science (Animal, Plant and Environmental Sciences; Chemistry; Computer Science and Applied Mathematics; Geography, Archaeology & Environmental Studies; Geosciences; Mathematics; Molecular and Cell Biology; Physics; Statistics and Actuarial Science, etc).
- Engineering and the Built Environment (Architecture and Planning, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Chemical & Metallurgical Engineering, Construction Economics & Management, Electrical & Information Engineering; Mechanical, Industrial & Aeronautical Engineering, Mining Engineering, etc).
- Health Sciences (Biomedical Sciences, Clinical Medicine, Oral Health Sciences, Pathology, Public Health, Therapeutic Sciences, etc).

Contributions may explore diplomacy, media, art and cultural practice and policy, regional integration, climate resilience, digital innovation, or equality in global governance, with a focus on practical solutions rooted in African contexts. The Emerging Scholar Track provides a platform for intellectual exchange, feedback from established academics, and engagement with policymakers and practitioners.

### Submission Guidelines

Interested participants are invited to submit an abstract of **300 words** clearly outlining the research question, methodology, the anticipated findings and relevance to the AFSA 2025 theme. The participants also need to include their brief biography of **100 words**.

Deadline for Abstract Submission: **August 30 2025**.

Notification of Acceptance: **September 15 2025**.

Kindly submit your abstract to [acsus.research@wits.ac.za](mailto:acsus.research@wits.ac.za). Include the words "AFSA Emerging Scholars" in the subject section of the email when submitting.