

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

POTRAZ-NUST 2026 ICT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Theme

“Harnessing Emerging Digital Technologies for Industrial Transformation and Socioeconomic Advancement in Zimbabwe”

**1-4 September 2026
Bulawayo | Zimbabwe**

Research Areas

Submissions are invited in, but not limited to, the following thematic areas:

1. Data, Automation and Intelligent Systems in the 4IR Era
2. AI and 4IR for Education, Equity and Digital Trust
3. Human-Centered AI and Ethical Transformation
4. Smart Societies and the Future of Work
5. Generative and Agentic AI: Creativity and Intelligent Collaboration
6. Frontier Technologies and Intelligent Infrastructure
7. Policy, Governance and Sustainable AI
8. Empowering SMEs with 4IR and AI for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth

Submission Categories

- **Paper Sessions:** Researchers present their studies and receive constructive feedback from participants.
- **Case Study Sessions:** Business leaders, Entrepreneurs, NGOs and policymakers share practical experiences and lessons learned.
- **Panel Discussions:** Leading scholars share their research and provide thought-provoking insights and directions for future ICT research.
- **Prototype Demonstrations:** Showcasing AI-driven solutions, IoT applications, cyber-physical systems and digital platforms.
- **Networking Sessions:** Opportunities for participants to interact, exchange ideas and build professional collaborations.

Submission Process

Abstract (Mandatory Pre-Qualification)

- Submit an abstract (maximum 250 words) clearly indicating the theme and category.
- Abstracts must demonstrate originality, methodological rigor and relevance to Zimbabwe's industrial and digital transformation agenda.
- Those shortlisted will be contacted to submit full proposals.

NB: All submissions will undergo a peer review process managed by the Programme Committee

Submission Email: research.development@potraz.zw

Important Dates: Abstract Submission Deadline: 30 April 2026. Notification for short-listed abstracts: 30 May 2026. Full Proposal Submission Deadline: 30 June 2026. Final Notification: 30 July 2026



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