



THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

THE MWALIMU NYERERE MEMORIAL ACADEMY



CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy (MNMA) will hold the **Third International Conference on "Celebrating the Legacy of Mwalimu Nyerere on Leadership and Sustainable Development"** dated **10th October 2024**. The Organising Committee of the Conference is glad to invite you to participate in the Conference. Please submit a paper abstract (maximum 300 words) in English alongside your contact details (names, institutional affiliation, phone, postal and e-mail address) **by 30th August 2024** to the Organising Committee at **conference@mnma.ac.tz** or **mnmaconference@gmail.com**.

Conference Theme

The Legacy of Mwalimu Nyerere in Leadership and Sustainable Development

Sub-themes

1) Mwalimu Nyerere's philosophy of self-reliance and its relevance to modern sustainable development

This sub-theme delves into Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere's vision of self-reliance, as articulated in the Arusha Declaration of 1967, and explores its application to contemporary sustainable development practices. Paper presentations could focus on the following areas:

- **Historical context:** analysis of the origins and implementation of Nyerere's self-reliance philosophy in Tanzania, highlighting its historical significance and impact.
- **Agricultural development:** examination of Nyerere's emphasis on agriculture as a foundation for economic independence, and discussion on how similar strategies can enhance food security and sustainable agricultural practices today.
- **Economic policies:** critical analysis of Ujamaa (family-hood) and its cooperative economics model, assessing its strengths and weaknesses in promoting sustainable development.
- **Education and human capital:** exploration of Nyerere's focus on education for empowerment and its implications for current educational reforms aimed at sustainable development.
- **Case studies:** presentation of modern applications of self-reliance principles in developing economies, comparing Nyerere's strategies with current sustainable development goals (SDGs).

2) Leadership and governance: Nyerere's ethical framework for sustainable development

This subtheme investigates how Nyerere's leadership, characterized by high ethical standards and a commitment to social justice, can drive sustainable development. Papers could address the following topics:

- **Ethical leadership:** analysis of Nyerere's principles of integrity, accountability, and transparency in governance, and their impact on sustainable development.
- **Social justice:** exploration of Nyerere's policies aimed at reducing inequality and promoting social equity, linking these to modern efforts to achieve inclusive growth.
- **Democratic governance:** evaluation of Nyerere's vision of participatory democracy and its role in fostering sustainable development through community involvement and empowerment.
- **Policy formulation:** discussion on how ethical considerations can be integrated into policy-making processes to ensure long-term sustainability.
- **Contemporary challenges:** addressing current governance challenges in Africa and globally, and proposing solutions inspired by Nyerere's ethical framework.

3) Educational reforms and sustainable development: The Nyerere's legacy

This sub-theme explores the transformative power of education in achieving sustainable development, drawing inspiration from Nyerere's advocacy for education as a tool for liberation and development. Papers could cover:

- **Educational philosophy:** analysis of Nyerere's educational philosophy, emphasizing critical thinking, problem-solving, and community service.
- **Curriculum development:** discussion on designing curricula to incorporate sustainability principles, inspired by Nyerere's holistic approach to education.
- **Vocational training:** examination of the importance of vocational and technical training in building a skilled workforce capable of supporting sustainable industries.
- **Lifelong learning:** promotion of continuous education and professional development to adapt to changing environmental and economic landscapes.
- **Success stories;** highlighting successful educational reforms inspired by Nyerere's principles and their contributions to sustainable development.

4) Environmental stewardship and community development: Lessons from Nyerere's leadership

This sub-theme examines how Nyerere's respect for the environment and community-centred development can guide sustainable development initiatives. Papers could address:

- **Environmental conservation:** analysis of Nyerere's approaches to conservation and how they can inform current strategies to combat climate change and environmental degradation.
- **Community-based resource management:** discussion on the role of communities in managing natural resources sustainably, inspired by Nyerere's Ujamaa villages.
- **Sustainable rural development:** examination of Nyerere's efforts in promoting rural development and how similar approaches can address today's rural-urban disparities.
- **Cultural heritage:** exploration of preserving cultural heritage while promoting sustainable development, drawing lessons from Nyerere's integration of cultural values into development policies.

- **Global perspectives:** comparison of Nyerere's environmental and community development policies with global best practices, identifying synergies and opportunities for collaboration.

Conference Venue: The conference is planned as a face-to-face event to be held at the Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy – Kivukoni Campus, Dar es Salaam.

Modes of presentation: Both oral and poster presentations will be accepted. During submission of your abstract please specify the preferred mode of your presentation.

Conference Fee: There will be no participation fee for this Conference.

Conference Sponsorship: The Organizing Committee cannot assist financially, therefore every participant shall seek his/her sponsorship to the conference and make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

Other logistics: For those with accepted papers for presentations, an official invitation letter will be provided.

Conference Output: Papers presented at the conference will be published in a book of proceedings. The papers will be peer-reviewed before publication.

Conference timelines

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| - Conference Date: | 10 th October 2024 |
| - Submission of full papers: | 30 th September 2024 |
| - Acceptance of Abstracts: | 10 th September 2024 |
| - Deadline for submission of abstract: | 30 th August 2024 |
| - Call of abstracts (max: 300 words): | 18 th July 2024 |