



AFRICA FORUM OF TEACHING REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

Forum Africain des Autorités de Contrôle de l'Enseignement

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ANNOUCEMENT OF THE 5TH AFTRA TEACHING AND LEARNING IN AFRICA CONFERENCE AND 7TH ROUNDTABLE, MAY 23-28, 2016 (ZAMBIA 2016)

What is AFTRA?

The Africa Forum of Teaching Regulatory Authorities (AFTRA) is an association of statutory agencies regulating teaching in African countries. Other members of the association are teacher education institutions, teachers unions, international development partners and civil society organisations. AFTRA is also the Africa Regional Branch of the International (World) Forum of Teaching Regulatory Authorities, IFTRA (www.iftra.org), with Headquarters at the Ontario College of Teachers, Canada.

The International Conference and Roundtable

AFTRA hereby announces its *5th Teaching and Learning in Africa Conference* and *7th Roundtable* scheduled to hold at the Mulungushi International Conference Centre, Lusaka, Republic of Zambia. The Conference provides opportunities for exchange of best practices between AFTRA (the regulators of the teaching profession in Africa) and members of the global community particularly the academia, Information and Communication Technology experts, employers of teachers, teachers unions, governments, international development partners, non-governmental organisations, and the general public. The Roundtable serves as the AFTRA's Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Timelines

- Monday, May 23: **Arrival of AFTRA members and conference participants**
- Tuesday-Wednesday, May 24-25: **5th AFTRA Teaching and Learning in Africa Conference**
- Thursday, May 26: **Tour/Cultural Nite (for AFTRA members & Conference participants)**
- Friday, May 27: **Departure of Conference participants & 7th AFTRA Roundtable**
- Saturday, May 28: **Departure of AFTRA members**

Venue of Conference and Roundtable

AVANI Hotel, Livingstone, Republic of Zambia

Patron, Host and Partners

The Patrons of the Conference and Roundtable are the Minister of General Education and Minister of Higher Education of the Republic of Zambia. The host is the Teaching Council of Zambia. The co-hosts are the Zambia National Union of Teachers (ZNUT), Basic Education Teachers Union of Zambia (BETUZ), and Secondary School Teachers Union of Zambia (SESTUZ).

Theme of the Conference

Professionalising Teaching for a Better World

Sub-themes:

1. Internationalisation of the teaching profession in Africa
2. The Millennium Development Goals, Education for All (EFA) Goals, the Education 2030 Goals

3. Post-2015 teacher policies
4. Cases and updates of interventions by international bodies on teacher issues: UNESCO, World Bank, African Union Education Division, International Task Force on Teachers for EFA, IICBA-UNESCO, Education International, International Labour Organisation, Teacher Education in Sub-Saharan Africa, Centre for Mathematics, Science and Technology Education in Africa (CEMASTEA), ADEA, etc.
5. Efforts on teacher professionalism by Africa sub-regional blocs/organisations (ECOWAS, SADC, etc).
6. Initial teacher education: Quantity and quality issues
7. Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and teacher education
8. Induction and mentoring of beginning teachers
9. On-going teacher professional learning: Best practices
10. Research findings on teacher status, competences, professional ethics, and related factors across Africa
11. Teacher migration: Facts and figures.
12. The Commonwealth Teacher Recruitment Protocol: Progress reports
13. Teacher qualification frameworks, policies and practices
14. Research findings on the experiences of teachers in foreign countries
15. Development of teaching councils in Africa: Prospects and constraints
16. Critique and enhancement of the place of faculties, institutes, schools and colleges of education in teacher professional leadership.
17. The role of teachers' unions in the professionalization of teaching
18. Unity and diversity among teachers and implications for professional advancement.
19. Harnessing teacher networks and linkages for the growth and development of the teaching profession
20. Managing teaching and learning in areas affected by conflict/Teaching and learning of internally displaced persons (IDPs)
21. Emerging instructional technologies
22. Strengthening the teaching of science, technology and mathematics (STM)
23. Educational research and development
24. Private educational institutions: Cost versus quality of education
25. Other relevant topics

Conference Papers

Research and theoretical papers written in English or French languages are invited from interested participants for presentation at the Conference. The *full paper* to be presented must be sent to the AFTRA **Executive Director** by **March 30, 2016 at the latest** via the email: drsteve44@yahoo.com and copy theminkosindhlovu@gmail.com and mubangaebby@yahoo.co.uk. Authors shall receive feedback regarding their papers by April 30, 2016. Authors whose papers are accepted shall attend the conference with a **Power Point** version for presentation.

Conference and Roundtable Registration

All participants/delegates should send their names, designation, organisation, physical address, email address and phone numbers to Ebby Mubanga, AFTRA Secretary General & Registrar, Teaching Council of Zambia (via the email mubangaebby@yahoo.co.uk, and copy drsteve44@yahoo.com and theminkosindhlovu@gmail.com). The AFTRA Secretary General and Registrar Teaching Council of Zambia shall forward invitation letter to participants/delegates once their details are received.

Conference and Publication Fees

The conference registration fee is **300 US Dollars** payable at the conference venue. The fee covers conference bag, conference proceedings, certificate of participation, lunch, and cultural nite entertainment. In addition to the conference registration fee, author(s) shall pay a publication fee of **50 USD** at the conference venue in respect of their papers published in the edited conference proceedings. After the

conference, very excellent papers shall further be accessed for publication in the *Teaching and Learning in Africa Journal*. The AFTRA Roundtable is free of charge for all delegates.

Hotel Booking and Logistics

For hotel booking and other travel logistics, participants may contact Mr Ebby Mubanga, AFTRA Secretary General & Registrar, Teaching Council of Zambia, Lusaka, Republic of Zambia; Email: mubangaebby@yahoo.co.uk, Mobile: +260 977 466 784, +260 965 682 680; Office: +260 211 240 334, +260 211 240 360. Further enquiries may also be sent to the AFTRA Executive Director (Administration), Mr. Themba Ndhlovu, South African Council for Educators, Centurion, South Africa, email: thembinkosindhlovu@gmail.com, phone: +27716063311.

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