




Social Work and Development Student Conference (SWDSC)

Monday, 16 June | 08AM-12PM WAT | 09AM-1PM CAT/SAT | 10AM-2PM EAT. || 16 June is [Day of the African Child](#) (DAC).

Get more info and register to get Zoom details at <https://africasocialwork.net/DACC25> Theme: A 14-Year Legacy of policy and practice: Investing in Child Rights through responsive budgeting. #DACC25 #DayOfTheAfricanChild #InternationalDayOfTheAfricanChild  [dayoftheafricanchildconference](#)

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The SWDSC was started in 2023. Its main aim is to mould our future leaders, and mentor them to be able to organise events to promote social work and development on our continent. The conference is organised by students, and most presenters and chairs are students. It is a relaxed environment to present and mentor both undergraduate and postgraduate students. Presentations are short, about 10-15 minutes, and any topic is suitable. For you to get a chance to present, you will need to submit an abstract. An abstract is a statement that introduces a report, article or research in a summarised way. Submit your abstract via this [Google form](#) or email to asw@africasocialwork.net before 30 May 2025. Please follow the guidelines below. All abstracts and presentations will be published in globally indexed peer reviewed journals so that you can be cited and contribute to research, education and learning.

GUIDELINES

- Your abstract should have a title, your full name, email and institution and college level (if available).
- The abstract paragraph should have an opening sentence introducing the topic, clarification of the research gap/questions/needs/purpose, methods used to collect data (e.g. personal experience, stories, photo taking, family interviews, *baliano*, literature review, documents, social media), summary of the data or findings, conclusions reached and recommendations or implications.
- Abstract should be between 100 and 200 words long – single paragraph and no sub-headings.
- Abstract should report research that has already been done or that will be completed before the conference or could be based on your experience or reflections at home, in the community, at university, during placement.
- There should be no references in the abstract.
- It is ok to write in your language, to use words from any African language, including the title or key words.
- Add 5-8 key words – all key words must be appearing in the abstract paragraph.
- Prioritise African philosophy, theories, sources of knowledge and research methods. See resources in the box.

RESOURCES

- African philosophy (Ubuntu) - <https://africasocialwork.net/glossary/philosophy/>
- Africa research methods can be read here – <https://africasocialwork.net/research/>
- African theories are here – <https://africasocialwork.net/african-theories-of-social-work/>
- African philosophy can be read here – <https://africasocialwork.net/african-philosophy/>
- Ubuntu – <https://africasocialwork.net/ubuntu-database/> and <https://africasocialwork.net/ubuntu/>
- Examples of abstracts – [click here](#) And presentation – [click here](#).
- Africa Union DAC [click here](#) or [ACERWC](#)

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