



UNIVERSITY OF ZIMBABWE

THIRD AND FINAL CALL FOR PAPERS **13th AFRICAN ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE CONFERENCE**

Theme: Building a Sustainable Africa: Role of Accounting, Finance, and Governance

Main Conference: 4th-6th September 2024

(Cresta Lodge, Sango Conference Centre, Harare, Zimbabwe)

Emerging Scholars Colloquium: 3rd September 2024

(University of Zimbabwe)

University of Zimbabwe

Cresta Lodge - Sango Conference Centre



The African Accounting and Finance Association (AAFA), established in 2011, is Africa's leading accounting and finance association. One of the distinguishing features of AAFA is to embrace all African regions to participate and engage with scholars from across the continent and diaspora to debate issues and challenges that are faced by the continent. The theme of this year's conference provides a unique opportunity for academics, practitioners, and policymakers to debate the role of accounting, finance, and good governance in promoting sustainable development in Africa. Given the several challenges confronting the continent, deliberations by delegates at the conference will aim at seeking plausible solutions to some of these issues.

2024 Conference Key dates:

- Deadline for paper submission: **Monday, ~~29th April 2024~~ 20th May 2024**
- Notification of acceptance for Conference and Colloquium paper submissions: **~~Friday 31st May 2024~~ Monday, 3rd June 2024**
- Early bird registration close on: **Monday, 1st July 2024**
- Final date for registration: **Friday, 2nd August 2024**
- Emerging Scholar's Colloquium: **Tuesday, 3rd September 2024**
- Main Conference: **4th-6th September 2024**

Research areas of interest to the Conference/Colloquium

The conference welcomes full paper submissions in any area(s) of accounting and finance including, but not limited to:

- Financial Accounting and Reporting
- Auditing and Internal Audit
- Financial Management
- Management Accounting and Control
- Taxation
- Accounting Information Systems
- Integrated Reporting
- International Financial Reporting Standards
- Accounting History and Developments
- Public Sector Accounting and Finance
- Accounting Education and Training
- Professional Ethics and Standards
- Sustainability Accounting and/or Reporting
- Data analytics
- Artificial intelligence and accounting
- Sustainable corporate governance
- Social and Environmental Accounting
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- IFRS for Small and Medium Entities (SMEs)
- International Finance and Financial Markets
- SME Accounting and Finance
- Regulation of Accounting and Financial Services
- Accountability and Governance
- International Public Sector Accounting Standards
- Accounting and Finance in Oil and Gas
- Non-profit Accounting
- Islamic accounting, banking, and finance

We invite submissions focusing on Africa as well as other contexts/countries/continents.

Submission of Manuscripts

Main conference

Only **full** papers, including an abstract of no more than 500 words, will be considered for the conference. Please visit the AAFA website, register and submit the full paper and details as required on the online paper submission page – [2024 Conference Paper submission](#) and click on the 2024 AAFA Conference Paper Submission button to register your account and upload your paper. If you experience any challenges, please do not hesitate to contact us on info@aafassociation.com for assistance.

Emerging Scholars Colloquium

The 2024 AAFA Annual Emerging Scholars Colloquium will take place on **Tuesday, 3 September 2024 at the University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe**. The colloquium aims to bring together emerging researchers (e.g., doctoral and MPhil Students) to present their work-in-progress and receive feedback from established scholars in the field and to network with their peers and other delegates. Doctoral submissions can be in the form of a full/draft paper (including an abstract of no more than 500 words and a cover page with details of the author(s)) or in the form of a 500-word abstract with a cover page. Please visit the AAFA website, register and submit the full paper and details as required on the online paper submission page – [2024 Conference Paper submission](#) and click on the 2024 AAFA Conference Paper Submission button to register your account and upload your paper. If you experience any challenges, please do not hesitate to contact us on info@aafassociation.com for assistance.

Conference Guest Speakers

We have a line-up of high profile and esteemed academics and practitioners as guest speakers and panelists, including Professor Mathew Tsamenyi (CEIBS, Ghana), Professor Marc Goergen (IE University, Spain), Mrs Chiri (former Auditor-General of Zimbabwe), and Dr Ndidi Nnoli-Edozien (ISSB, London) among others.

Professor Mathew Tsamenyi, China Europe International Business School (CEIBS) Africa, Ghana



Mathew Tsamenyi is Professor of Management Practice in Accounting at CEIBS and the Executive Director, CEIBS Africa. Before joining CEIBS Mathew was Professor of Accounting at the Birmingham Business School, UK. Mathew has also taught at various institutions including the University of Sheffield, UK, and the City University of Hong Kong. He was the former and founder President of the African Accounting and Finance Association and former Chair of the British Accounting and Finance Association, Special Interest Group on Emerging Economies. He was the co-founding editor of the Journal of Accounting in Emerging Economies and currently serves as a consulting editor for the journal. Mathew is the co-author of “Handbook of

Accounting and Development” published by Edward Elgar Publishers, UK.

Mathew has extensive research and consulting experience in financial analysis and performance management. These experiences have been homed in related work in different socio-economic environments e.g. Ghana, Rwanda, Nigeria, Indonesia, Brazil, Mauritius, Kenya, and United Kingdom. He has consulted widely for various organizations including the African Development Bank looking at governance in Africa, Ashanti Goldfields Corporation in Ghana, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Netherlands Organization for International Cooperation in Higher Education (Nuffic), and the Central Bank of Rwanda.

Mathew serves on the editorial board of Accounting, Auditing and Accountability Journal and the Journal of Accounting and Organizational Change.

Professor Marc Goergen, Professor of Finance, IE Business School, IE University, Spain



Marc Goergen holds a DPhil in Economics from Oxford University, a master's degree from Solvay Business School and a bachelor's degree in economics from the Université Libre de Bruxelles. He has been a full professor of finance at IE Business School, IE University, in Madrid since September 2018. Previous appointments include UMIST and the Universities of Cardiff, Manchester, Reading and Sheffield. Marc is an Honorary Professor at Cardiff Business School, a Research Member of the European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI) and a board member of the International Corporate Governance Society (ICGS). He is an associate editor of British Accounting Review, British Journal of Management, European Financial Management, and European Journal of Finance. He is past joint editor-in-chief of Annals of Corporate Governance and past associate editor of Journal of Banking & Finance and Journal of Corporate Finance. He is also a former member of the Corporate Governance Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

Marc's research interests are corporate finance and corporate governance. His research papers have appeared in top academic journals, such as Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice, the Journal of Finance, the Journal of Financial Intermediation, and the Journal of Corporate Finance. The quality of his research is further evidenced by several awards, including best paper awards from the European Corporate Governance Institute and the European Financial Management Association. Marc has also authored or co-authored three monographs on corporate governance and contributed chapters to numerous edited books. The second version of his successful textbook on corporate governance, entitled "Corporate Governance: A Global Perspective", was published by Cengage in 2018.

Mrs Mildred Chiri, Former Auditor-General of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe.



Mrs Mildred Chiri is a former Auditor-General of Zimbabwe, a position she held from 2004 until 2023. In this role, she had oversight responsibilities for the audits of ministries, fund accounts, parastatals, and local authorities in Zimbabwe. Mrs Chiri spent 40 years in the Office of the Auditor-General starting as Audit Assistant in 1983 and rising through the ranks to the position of Auditor-General. Prior to taking up this role, she was the Deputy Auditor-General in charge of the Parastatals Section for which her responsibilities included monitoring the quality of audits conducted by private auditing firms on parastatals and local authorities in Zimbabwe to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Mrs Chiri currently sits on the boards of the Insurance and Pensions Commission, First Transfer Secretaries (Pvt) Ltd and the United Methodist Healthcare Trust. She also served as board member of other organisations, including the INTOSAI Development Initiative (a body that assists Supreme Audit Institutions across the world), the African Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (AFROSAI) (and as the vice president of AFROSAI for English Speaking countries), the Interim Oversight Board on the professionalization of Public Sector Accounting and Auditing in Africa, and the Public Accountants and Auditors Board (PAAB). She served as the patron for the Institute of Internal Auditors in Zimbabwe and a member of the board that developed the National Code on Corporate Governance in Zimbabwe. Mrs Chiri is a recipient of the Chartered Secretary award 2010 and the Women's Top Leaders Excellence Award 2016.

Mrs Chiri holds a Bachelor of Accountancy degree from the University of Zimbabwe and MBA from National University of Science and Technology, Zimbabwe. She is a qualified Public Sector Professional Accountant, fellow of the ACCA, and fellow of the Chartered Governance and Accountancy Institute in Zimbabwe.

Dr Ndidi Nnoli-Edozien Member of the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB), London.



Dr Ndidi Nnoli-Edozien is a full-time member of the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) since July 2022. She has a PhD in social ethics, cultural adaptation, sustainability and governance from the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Germany and a Bachelor's degree from the London School of Economics and Political Science, UK.

Her career has been focused on building connections between business and sustainable development, working across multinational and indigenous companies, public institutions, and civil society organisations—in Africa and Europe—to initiate sustainable development initiatives. She served as the inaugural Group Chief Sustainability and Governance Officer of Dangote Industries Limited—one of Africa's largest manufacturing businesses—from 2017 to 2020. In this role, she was responsible for developing the company's sustainability culture, strategy, and reporting across 14 countries. Dr Nnoli-Edozien has also served on several

boards, committees and initiatives focused on corporate culture, impact investing, sustainability reporting and governance.

Prizes and awards

Thanks to our generous sponsors, prizes and access to resources will be awarded to several delegates and students. These include:



The EAA will offer 25 doctoral students a free membership of the EAA for two years, providing access to EAA journals and EAA-ARC website and related resources.



The best female AAFA Researcher is sponsored by The *British Accounting Review*. This will cover free BAFA membership. Also, up to 10 doctoral students will be offered free one year membership of BAFA with access to BAFA journals and related resources.



Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies (JCEBS) Best Paper Awards 2024. Will also offer up to 10 doctoral students with one years free subscription to JCEBS, giving free access to JCEBS journals and to the entire JCEBS website and related resources.



International Society of Pitching Research for Responsible Science (InSPiR2eS)

One English Emerging Scholars InSPiR2eS Pitching Award (IPA), One French Emerging Scholars IPA, and One English ‘Runner-up’ Emerging Scholars IPA. This will cover a mentorship programme to develop research capacity.



Sponsorship for flight and hotel accommodation costs of one selected AAFA doctoral student to attend and present their work at the 2024 Emerging Scholar Colloquium and the 2024 QARS (November) to be held at University of Guelph (Canada).



African Accounting and Finance Journal (AAFJ) Best Paper Prizes 2024

Supporting Journals

The 2024 AAFA Conference is supported by a number of high-profile journals including, *Accounting History*, *Journal of Accounting in Emerging Economies (JAE)*, *The Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies (JCEBS)*, *Journal of International Accounting, Auditing and Taxation (JIAAT)*, *Cogent Business & Management (Accounting, Corporate Governance & Business Ethics)*, *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting and Financial Management*, *Audit Comptabilité Contrôle: Recherches Appliquées* (Association Francophone de Comptabilité), *International Journal of Excellence in Islamic Banking and Finance (IJEIBF)* and the *African Journal of Accounting, Economics, Finance and Banking Research (AJAFBR)*. Furthermore, AAFA has its own peer-refereed journal - *African Accounting and Finance Journal (AAFJ)*.

Registration and Fees

The conference registration fee is as follows:

Conference Participants	Early Bird rate (before 1 July 2024)	Regular rate (after 1 July 2024 up to 2 August 2024)
Academics and Professionals outside Africa	US\$ 400	US\$ 450
Academics and Professionals within Africa	US\$ 300	US\$ 350
Emerging Scholars (Research Students)	US\$ 200	US\$ 250

A special bulk discounted rate can be negotiated with universities and institutions that register for 10 or more paid delegates.

Accommodation and other practical information

The following special rates have been negotiated with the Cresta Lodge - Harare.

Description	Price
Single Deluxe – Bed and Breakfast	\$100.00
Double Deluxe – Bed and Breakfast	\$130.00
Twin Deluxe – Bed and Breakfast	\$130.00

Delegates that would like to make a reservation at the hotel should use the following email address: reservations@lodge.cresta.co.zw (cc: Tsho-thandeka Tshatedi at tsho@lodge.cresta.co.zw) and use the reference **CL-UZ-AAFA0924 Rooms** to qualify for the discounted rates.

Visa Application

Zimbabwe issues a Conference Visa for foreigners travelling for purposes of attending a conference, seminar, or workshop. The visa may be issued for a period of 30 days and is non-renewable. The application requirements are:

- Passport photo
- Passport scan of biodata page
- Proof of residence of Host country (where applicable)
- Previous Zimbabwean Visa (if you have travelled to Zimbabwe before)
- Letter of Invitation

The application process for a Zimbabwean visa may vary depending on your country of citizenship. However, in general, most visitors to Zimbabwe will receive a visa at the point of entry into the country (please see <https://www.evisa.gov.zw/home> for information). It is important to check the specific visa requirements for your country before you travel to Zimbabwe.

If you need any further assistance do not hesitate to contact us on info@aafassociation.com or the Conference Organising Committee team at warindat67@gmail.com or wmatamande@yahoo.co.uk

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