AFRICAN TRANSPORT RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2027

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
2nd AFRICAN TRANSPORT RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2027

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Transport research in Africa is shaped by the continent's diverse geography, socio-economic conditions, and rapid urbanization. Its context provides unique and ample opportunities for transport professionals to advance knowledge and research and inform practical solutions that can transform mobility in Africa.

Following the highly successful inaugural African Transport Research Conference in March 2024, the second edition will be held from 2 to 4 March 2027, once more in Cape Town, with pre-events on 1 March.

Organised by the Centre for Transport Studies of the University of Cape Town, in partnership with the Volvo Research and Educational Foundations' (VREF) Mobility and Access in African Cities programme (MAC), the conference seeks to attract scholars who present empirical research findings and critical reflections on current transport practices and policies throughout the African continent.

Submissions to the conference are peer-reviewed and considered for publication in Elsevier's African Transport Studies (AFTRAN) and Transportation Research Procedia (TRP).

ATRC-2027 will be open to researchers worldwide who engage with African transport in their scholarly work.

The conference welcomes contributions to transport and mobility studies (and related fields) in Africa, encompassing work on all land-based transport modes (including passenger and freight) in both urban and rural contexts and across the following thematic areas:

1. Inclusive and Equitable Mobility
2. Road Safety, Health and the Environment
3. Public and Paratransit Systems
4. User Practices and Travel Choices
5. Transport System Design and Modal Integration
6. Policy, Planning and Governance
7. Walking as a Mode of Transport
8. Data, Analytical tools and Emerging Technologies
9. Climate Change and Transport
10. Innovative (Smart) Technologies in Transport

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- **Abstract length**: Maximum **500 words** (not including title, author(s) and theme)
- **Format**: MS Word in English
- **Details required**:
  - o Title of the paper
  - o Author(s) name(s), affiliation(s), and contact details
  - o Selected theme/sub-theme
  - o 3–5 keywords
  - o A concise summary of research motivation, aims, method, preliminary findings, and anticipated conclusions
  - o Declaration on current stage of research (concept stage, data collection, results, full draft, etc.) and plans to completion before the full paper submission deadline

- **The submission portal for abstracts will open: 1 March 2026**
- **Deadline for abstract submission: 30 June 2026**
- **Notification of abstract acceptance: 30 August 2026**
- **Full paper submission (upon abstract acceptance): 30 November 2026**

All submitted abstracts will undergo peer review by the International Scientific Committee of ATRC - 2027.

Limited financial support will be made available for high-quality full paper submissions from Next Generation and Mid-Career academics in Africa.

VENUE

Graduate School of Business Conference Centre,
University of Cape Town, V&A Waterfront, Cape Town,
South Africa.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ENQUIRIES

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