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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

UKZN INTERNATIONALISATION SUMMIT 2026

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INTERNATIONALISATION FOR IMPACT



WEDNESDAY; 28TH
OCTOBER 2026.

The University of KwaZulu-Natal invites expressions of interest from scholars, practitioners, partners, funders, students, and industry leaders to contribute as speakers, panellists, facilitators, and session chairs to its 5th Internationalisation Summit

INSPIRING GREATNESS

THEMATIC FOCUS

SUBMISSIONS ARE WELCOMED IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING STREAMS:

Leadership Dialogue – Geopolitics of Knowledge

- ⊙ Equitable global partnerships
- ⊙ Funding for African-centred research
- ⊙ South–South collaboration and policy renewal

Partnership Lab – From MoUs to Outcomes

- ⊙ Joint degrees and co-supervision models
- ⊙ Mobility schemes with reciprocal benefit
- ⊙ Multidisciplinary consortium building

Student Voice Forum – Lived Internationalisation

- ⊙ Equity, access, and belonging
- ⊙ Decolonial and context-responsive practice
- ⊙ Graduate futures and employability

Innovation & Industry Roundtable

- ⊙ University–industry collaboration
 - ⊙ Entrepreneurship and skills development
 - ⊙ Community-engaged research impact
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CONTRIBUTION FORMATS

- ⊙ Keynote or Featured Address – 30–45 minutes
- ⊙ Panel Participation – 45– 60-minute moderated dialogue
- ⊙ Practice Showcase – 10-minute case presentation
- ⊙ Workshop Facilitation – 90-minute interactive session
- ⊙ Session Chair / Discussant

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

PLEASE SUBMIT:

- ⦿ Title of proposed contribution
- ⦿ 200–word abstract outlining focus and relevance
- ⦿ Short biography (120 words)
- ⦿ Preferred format (speaker, panel, chair, workshop)
- ⦿ Institutional affiliation and contact details

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 15th June 2026

- ⦿ Notification of Acceptance: 30th July 2026
- ⦿ Summit Dates: 28th October 2026

SUBMIT TO: PARTNERSHIPS@UKZN.AC.ZA

SELECTION PRINCIPLES

CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE EVALUATED ON:

- ⦿ Alignment with the summit theme
 - ⦿ Demonstrated commitment to equitable and sustainable internationalisation
 - ⦿ Practical value for partnerships and policy
 - ⦿ Inclusion of Global South perspectives
 - ⦿ Potential for collaborative outcomes
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ALL SUMMIT RELATED QUERIES MAY BE ADDRESSED TO : PARTNERSHIPS@UKZN.AC.ZA
