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EDU WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2027

The Future Belongs to Bold Leaders: Women Reimagining Education for a Changing World



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EduPulse Africa is pleased to invite education professionals, researchers, academics, school leaders, teachers, policymakers, education specialists, innovators and women leaders to submit papers, research, case studies and practical insights for the Edu Women in Leadership Conference 2027.
Under the theme:
"The Future Belongs to Bold Leaders: Women Reimagining Education for a Changing World"

the conference will explore how women in education are responding to a rapidly changing world, challenging conventional approaches, strengthening schools and communities, and shaping the future of education.
We are looking for **thought-provoking, practical and relevant contributions** that can inspire dialogue, share knowledge and provide actionable strategies for educators and education leaders.

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We welcome submissions that explore the opportunities, challenges and innovations shaping education across Africa and beyond.

1. Bold Leadership & School Transformation

- Women leading change in schools and education systems
- Transformational and courageous leadership
- Leading through uncertainty, disruption and change
- Building resilient and high-performing schools
- Distributed and collaborative leadership
- Developing the next generation of women education leaders
- Leadership pipelines, mentorship and succession planning
- Women breaking barriers in education leadership

2. Teaching, Learning & the Future of Education

- Reimagining teaching and learning
- Innovative pedagogies and classroom practice
- Learner-centred education
- Future-ready skills
- Curriculum innovation
- Inclusive and differentiated learning
- Teacher development and professional learning
- Preparing learners for a changing world

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3. Technology, AI & Digital Transformation

- Artificial Intelligence in education
- Responsible and ethical use of AI
- Digital transformation in schools
- Technology-enabled teaching and learning
- Digital literacy for educators and learners
- Creativity and innovation through technology
- Addressing the digital divide
- Preparing schools for the future of work

4. Wellbeing, Inclusion & Resilient Communities

- Educator wellbeing and resilience
- Mental health and emotional wellbeing in schools
- Creating inclusive school environments
- Gender equity and empowerment
- Supporting vulnerable learners and communities
- Building safe and supportive schools
- Leadership wellbeing
- Strengthening school-community relationships

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5. Innovation, Entrepreneurship & New Models for Education

- Education innovation and entrepreneurship
- New approaches to professional development
- Social innovation in education
- Alternative models for learning
- Scaling successful education initiatives
- Creativity and problem-solving
- Education technology and emerging solutions
- Women as innovators and changemakers
- Building partnerships for greater impact

6. Women, Influence & Impact

- Women shaping education policy and practice
- Women as agents of change
- Stories of leadership, courage and impact
- Overcoming barriers to leadership
- Mentorship and sponsorship for women
- Women building communities and networks
- Leadership beyond the school
- Creating pathways for future women leaders

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WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR



We particularly welcome submissions that:

- Present **original research or evidence-based** insights
- Share **practical experiences, case studies or successful interventions**
- Offer innovative approaches to challenges facing education
- Highlight lessons that can be applied in different school or education contexts
- Generate meaningful discussion and debate
- Showcase the experiences and perspectives of women in education
- Provide practical strategies that educators and leaders can take back to their schools and organisations
- Offer perspectives relevant to **South Africa, Africa and the global education community**

POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION FORMATS

We welcome proposals for:

Research Papers
Original research, emerging findings or completed studies relevant to education and leadership.

Practice & Case Studies
Real-world examples of programmes, initiatives or approaches that have produced meaningful results.

Thought Leadership Papers
Critical perspectives, emerging trends or new ideas that challenge conventional thinking in education.

Innovation Showcases
Practical presentations demonstrating new tools, models, technologies, programmes or approaches.

Leadership Stories & Practitioner Perspectives
First-hand experiences of leadership, transformation, resilience, innovation or change.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please submit a proposal/abstract of approximately 300–500 words outlining:

1. Title of proposed presentation/paper
2. Name and surname of author(s)
3. Organisation/institution
4. Position/title
5. Email address and contact details
6. Relevant conference theme/track
7. Abstract/proposal
8. Three to five keywords
9. Brief speaker biography (approximately 100–150 words)

For research submissions, please also indicate:

- Research methodology
- Key findings or expected findings
- Relevance to education leadership and practice

For practice-based submissions, please highlight:

- The challenge or opportunity addressed
- The approach or intervention implemented
- Key outcomes or lessons learned
- Relevance to other educators, schools or education leaders

WHO SHOULD SUBMIT?

We welcome submissions from:

- Teachers and educators
- School principals and senior management teams
- Heads of Department
- Education researchers
- University academics and lecturers
- Education consultants and specialists
- Policymakers
- NGOs and education organisations
- Education technology specialists
- Social entrepreneurs and innovators
- Women leaders and changemakers
- Corporate and private-sector education partners
- Education students and emerging researchers

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WHY CONTRIBUTE?

Presenting at the Edu Women in Leadership Conference provides an opportunity to:

- Share your expertise with an engaged education audience
- Showcase your research, work or innovation
- Contribute to important conversations about the future of education
- Connect with educators and leaders from across South Africa and beyond
- Build professional networks and collaborations
- Amplify women's voices and leadership in education
- Inspire practical change in schools and communities
- Position yourself as a contributor to the future of education

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Step 1: Submit your proposal/abstract.

Step 2: Proposals will be reviewed by the conference programme team.

Step 3: Selected contributors will be contacted regarding the presentation format, session requirements and next steps.

Step 4: Final presenters will be required to submit their presentation materials in accordance with the conference programme timeline.

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CALL FOR PAPERS NOW OPEN

Submission deadline: **31 January 2027**

Conference: **27–28 August 2027**

Venue: **Coastlands Musgrave Hotel, Durban**

For submissions and enquiries:
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BE BOLD. SHARE YOUR VOICE. SHAPE THE FUTURE.

The future of education will not be shaped by one voice, one institution or one approach.

It will be shaped by bold leaders who are willing to question, innovate, collaborate and reimagine what is possible.

We invite you to bring your research, your experience, your ideas and your voice to the conversation.

Submit your paper. Share your story. Help us reimagine education.

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