



**5th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
AFRICAN ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION**

**2ND TO 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2015
LE MERIDIEN HOTEL, BALACLAVA, MAURITIUS**

The African Accounting and Finance Association (AAFA) Conference brings together established scholars, early career researchers, graduate students, policy makers, professional bodies and practitioners to debate on contemporary issues in accounting and finance. This is the AAFA's flagship event and our 2015 conference, co-organised with the University of Mauritius, builds on previous successful conferences in Ghana (Accra, 2011), Abuja (Nigeria, 2012), Kampala (Uganda, 2013) and Cape Town (South Africa, 2014).

The conference invites conceptual, empirical research, and country case study presentations in all areas of accounting and finance. Paper submissions and presentations must address both the theoretical and practical implications of the findings. Parallel tracks of refereed presentations will enable authors to obtain constructive feedback on their study and selected papers will be invited for consideration to special issue in affiliated journals. Finally, in addition to a high quality and enriching research experience, we will also provide delegates with the opportunity to explore the idyllic island of Mauritius.

CONFERENCE TOPICS

The international scientific committee welcomes papers on the following (but not limited to) topics:

Financial accounting and reporting	Auditing and internal audit
Financial management	Management accounting and control
Taxation	Information systems and computer auditing
Accounting education and training	Ethics
Corporate governance	Accounting history
Public sector and non-profit accounting	Sustainability accounting and/or reporting
Social and environmental accounting	Corporate finance
International finance and financial markets	Corporate social responsibility
Regulation of accounting and financial services	SME accounting and finance

SUBMISSION OF MANUSCRIPTS:

The conference invites abstract submission (Max 500 words)/full papers from researchers and practitioners in the field of accounting and finance on. All abstracts should be formatted to facilitate the review process. Author's names and details, including names of all co-authors plus affiliations and addresses for general correspondence (including email address) of each author, and a brief personal profile (maximum 100 words) of the presenter, should appear on a separate cover page. In submitting an abstract, at least one author undertakes to attend the conference if the final paper is accepted. In addition, one author should not have more than two submissions, either a single or a co-author. All submissions should be forwarded via email (as a word.doc attachment) at aafaconference@uom.ac.mu and copied to conference@aafassociation.com with subject line as 'AAFA 2015 Paper Submission'. Researchers are encouraged to register upon acceptance of their abstract.

Authors of accepted abstracts will need to submit the completed paper by 15th June 2015 for peer review and if accepted, inclusion in the Conference proceedings. Papers should be prepared on the basis of the formatting guidelines of the *Journal of Accounting in Emerging Economies (JAE)* which can be found at: <http://www.emeraldgroupublishing.com/products/journals/journals.htm?id=jaee>

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Deadline for submission of abstracts (500 words): 20th April 2015*

Notification of acceptance of abstract: by 30th April 2015

Deadline for submission of full papers: 15th June 2015

Notification of acceptance of paper: by 30th June 2015

Final formatting and revised (based on referee comments) paper due: 20th July 2015

Deadline for early bird registration and payment: 31st July 2015

Deadline for final online registration and payment: 19th August 2015

* Full papers can also be submitted at this stage.

EMERGING SCHOLARS COLLOQUIUM

The AAFA 2015 Annual Emerging Scholars Colloquium will take place on the 1st of September, 2015 at the University of Mauritius. The purpose of the colloquium is to bring young researchers (Doctoral and MPhil Students) together to present their work-in-progress and receive feedback from leading researchers in the field and to network with their peers. The deadline for submission of manuscripts or abstracts (subject to the current stage of the PhD/M.Phil) for this session is 15th June, 2015, with a subject line stating 'AAFA 2015 Emerging Scholar Submission'

ACCOUNTING IN FRANCOPHONE AFRICA / COMPTABILITE EN AFRIQUE FRANCOPHONE

There will be a special track of Accounting in Francophone Africa. Papers for this track should be submitted in English or French electronically to conference@aafassociation.com and copied to **Philippe Lassou** at: laph2@yahoo.fr, with subject line as 'AAFA 2015 Francophone Submission' Please note the 20th April 2015 & 15th June, 2015 deadlines apply for the submission of abstract and papers respectively.

SUPPORTING JOURNALS

We have a number of high profile supporting journals including:

- *Journal Of Accounting In Emerging Economies (JAEE)*
- *Research In Accounting In Emerging Economies (RAEE)*
- *Accounting, Auditing And Accountability Journal (AAAJ)*
- *Managerial Finance Journal*
- *Journal Of Financial Regulation And Compliance*
- *Journal Of Money Laundering Control*
- *International Journal On Governmental Financial Management*

SPECIAL ISSUE OF JOURNAL OF ACCOUNTING IN EMERGING ECONOMIES (JAEE)

Authors of selected papers will be invited to submit their work for consideration in 'The *Journal of Accounting in Emerging Economies (JAEE)*'. All invited manuscripts for the special issue will be peer-reviewed through the normal 'blind' review process of the journal.

BEST PAPER AWARDS

Emerald Publishing will be sponsoring the two best paper awards in accounting and finance.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS ANNOUNCES A COMPETITIVE ACADEMIC CONFERENCE AWARD

We are delighted to announce a new initiative by the University of Mauritius to build access to accounting and finance research networks in Africa. The value of the award is up to a maximum of

US\$2,000 to cover the flight(s), local transport, accommodation, and conference-related expenses. We are now inviting full paper submissions for this competitive award.

Eligibility: The main author and presenter of any submission must be based in an African higher education institution, whose country is classified as a “low-income” economy as per the World Bank (<http://data.worldbank.org/income-level/LIC>). .

Output: Award recipient(s) will be required to present their paper during the 2015 AAFA annual conference. Where necessary, mentors will be appointed to guide authors in developing the research to a standard publishable in a high quality international journal.

Submission guidelines: Papers should follow the JAEE format. . The s author(s) should enclose their CVs (not exceeding two pages), a budget and a covering letter to support their application. Papers should demonstrate originality and potential for publication. Please email your paper aafaconference@uom.ac.mu and copied to conference@aafassociation.com. The deadline for the submission of **a full paper** is 20th April, 2015, with subject line as ‘AAFA 2015 Conference Award Competition’.

MAKERERE UNIVERSITY BUSINESS SCHOOL (MUBS) COMPETITIVE RESEARCH GRANT AWARD

Makerere University Business School (MUBS) is delighted to continue its partnership to build accounting and finance research capacity and capability in Africa. The value of the award is US\$5,000. We are now inviting proposals for this award.

Eligibility: Though the award is open to all members of AAFA, the principal investigator of any proposal submitted must be based in an African institution.

Output: Award recipients will be expected to present their results during the 2016 AAFA annual conference. Where necessary, mentors will be appointed to guide authors in developing the research to a standard publishable in a high quality international journal.

Submission guidelines: Proposals, to be limited to five pages single-spaced (including references and appendices), should identify the research problems, questions, brief review of the literature, data and methods, timetable and budget. The author(s) should also enclose their CVs which should not exceed two pages. Proposals should demonstrate (i) clarity and originality (ii) sufficient information on data and methods to assess the potential for execution and potential for a contribution to the literature. Please email your proposals to hodaccounting@mubs.ac.ug. The deadline for submission of proposals is 31st May, 2015.

CIMA SUPPORTS THE AAFA CONFERENCE

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND FEE

The registration and payment system for the conference will be communicated in due course.

The conference fee is:

	Early bird (early bird by July 31 st , 2015)	Normal (after July 31st 2015)	On-site registration
Academics and Professionals outside Africa	US\$400	US\$450	US\$500
Academics and Professionals based in Africa	US\$300	US\$350	US\$400
Students	US\$200	US\$250	US\$300

NOTE:

The conference fee will include annual membership dues, conference materials, lunches, coffee breaks, a welcome cocktail and the conference gala dinner. Delegates should make their own accommodation arrangements at Le Meridien Hotel where we have negotiated a special discount. There are also a number of cheaper hotels around the conference venue. For information about some of these hotels, please visit our website at www.aafassociation.com. Other practical information (such as visa arrangements) will be provided on the website.

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