

UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Competences

Conference 2026

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Deadline: 1 April 2026

The UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Competences hosted by Stellenbosch University will organize its 3rd Annual Conference in Dakar, Senegal. The conference will be held at Cheikh Anta Diop University (UCAD) from **12 – 16 October 2026**. Many thanks to partners Cheikh Anta Diop University (UCAD), and the World Council on Intercultural and Global Competence.

The theme of the Conference is:

Exploring Intercultural Competences in African Contexts

The Chair invites contributions from academics, researchers, professionals, practitioners, educators, students, innovators, leaders, artists, and organisations with an interest in this theme. We encourage you to consider the following sub-themes:

- How do aspects of Intercultural Competence intersect with and influence **climate action, gender equality, or peacebuilding?**
- The existence and use of intercultural practices in pre-colonial times.
- Intercultural tools available to the practitioner (for example; Cultural diversity and ethics; Ethical encounters and interactions; Culturally responsive teaching; Collaborative Online International (intercultural) Learning (COIL); tools for understanding values across multi-cultural and multi-religious societies)
- African Youth Perspectives on Intercultural Competence

We welcome research, reflections, lived experiences and examples from practice that respond to the theme and sub-themes. While the conference focuses on African contexts, we also welcome perspectives and contributions from other regions of the world in relation to African contexts.

Contribution Formats:

- Workshops,
- Arts,
- Parallel sessions and,
- Poster sessions.

Submission Details and Timelines:

Please submit your proposal online by 1 April 2026 at:

<https://forms.gle/4NTynRUUwflZ2WudA>

- Proposals need to be Max 500 Words giving an outline of the content of the session or the poster.
- Please include a short bio of the speakers.

Submission of proposals	Opens on Tuesday 17 Feb 2026 Closes on Wednesday, 1 April 2026
Notification of selection results Deadline for speaker confirmations	Wednesday, 6 May 2026 Friday, 22 May 2026
Conference registration	Opens on Monday, 4 May 2026 Closes on Monday 31 August 2026 (Early Bird Closes 26 June 2026)
Deadline for speaker registrations	1 July 2026

Contact Details

Please address all conference-related queries to the Conference Committee at:

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