




ACDE
CONFERENCE

CONCEPT NOTE

THEME:

“Open and Distance Learning,
The Continental Education Strategy for
Africa and the United Nations Sustainable
Development Goal 4 (SDG4) Engagement”

INTRODUCTION



The 6th Triennial General ADCE conference will be held virtually from 28-29 September, 2021 under the theme: **“Open and Distance Learning amidst COVID-19: The Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA) and the Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4)”**.

The African Council for Distance Education (ACDE) is a Continental Educational Organization comprising of African Universities and other Higher Educational Institutions, which are committed to promoting quality education and training through Open and Distance Learning. Every four years, the ACDE organizes its General Assembly and Conference to take stock of its activities in the last four years and to plan for the next four years (<http://acde-afri.org/>).

The host Institutions for the 6th Triennial Conference include the Association of African Universities (AAU), All-Africa Students Union (AASU), Laweh Open University College, Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC), Ministry of Education, Ghana and the International Council for Open & Distance Education (ICDE)

The 2021 conference is expected to be addressed by the honor of His Excellency Chief Olusegun Matthew Okikiola Aremu Obasanjo, former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, under whose leadership the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), among the largest in Africa, was established. The conference will also bring together Vice-Chancellors, Rectors, Presidents and other leaders of higher education institutions, policymakers, scholars, students, educational professionals, development agencies, educational technology investors, and private sector committed to sustainable open and distance learning on the continent and in the diaspora to review and share experiences on the progresses made in the field towards the fulfilment of the goals of the CESA and SDG4.

PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH PAPERS

Scholars, practitioners and upcoming scholars with conceptual and empirical papers will present original research abstracts, case studies and proposals under the following conference themes:

1. Infrastructure, ODL Resources and Adoption Techniques for Open and Distance Education
2. Quality Assurance in Open and Distance Learning
3. Teaching and Learning Methodologies in Open and Distance Learning
4. Academic Misconduct and Open and Distance Education
5. Students' and other Stakeholders Perceptions of Open and Distant Learning

CONFERENCE AWARDS

As part of the highlights of this year's conference, distinguished sons and daughters of the continent who have made an outstanding contribution to the development of Open and Distance Learning in Africa will be presented with special awards. The awards include:



ACDE Strategic Leadership Award



ACDE Legacy Service Award



ACDE Distinguished Service Award



ACDE Outstanding Institution Award

You are invited to register for the General Conference with the link: bit.ly/ACDE2021