



## CALL FOR PAPERS

The University of Vocational Technology (UNIVOTEC) is established by the Parliamentary Act No. 31 of 2008, and functions under the purview of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Skills Development. The International Research Symposium and TecEx 2019 organized by the UNIVOTEC has been scheduled on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at the main Auditorium, UNIVOTEC, Ratmalana. The aim of the International Research Symposium and TecEx 2019 is to bring together scholars, researchers, academics, practitioners and students from different universities, R & D institutes and private sector institutions, and to discuss theoretical and practical issues in all fields of technology. Prospective authors are invited to submit their papers written in English on subject matter related to any of the sub themes of the Sessions. The prospective, valuable contributions on the fields referred to the above will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee and the ones approved to be presented will also be published in the Proceedings.

### **Theme of the Symposium 2019; Challenges, Trends and Opportunities of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)**

Delivering 'right' technology in its best form is imperative as technology may drive scientific investigation by incrementally warranting improvements that can only be produced through research. Target market should be the emerging technologies, which is indeed fundamental to the demands of a modern technology based economy. It has been found, however, that industrial approaches and trade barriers have hindered the local growth, to a considerable extent. Current development models have brought us to the brink of planetary boundaries. Further, continuing industrial risks not only cause irreversible damage to ecosystems, but also arrest human development. Therefore, it is imperative to move from prescriptive to reflective, actually realizing the economic value of the emerging technologies. A renewed local agenda needs to be premised on a strong vision for sustainable development. Following is an indicative, hence a non-exhaustive, list of anticipated themes:

- Technological advances for education
- ICT advancements in technology
- Emerging technologies in manufacturing
- Industrial management through innovative technology
- Enhancing building services for better livability
- Advance mechatronics applications for humanity
- Innovative construction technologies
- Managing construction projects for better value for money

- Sustainability and regeneration in built environment
- Optimizing the Future Excellence in Food Sciences and Food Technologies
- Potentiality in Film, Television and Media for Social Advancements
- Harnessing the opportunities in hospitality industry through advance technologies
- Fostering Skills for Innovations
- Technologies for social welfare

Note: Authors are permissible to present only three (03) papers in maximum.

**Information and Instructions for submissions:**

<b>Extended Date for Submission of full paper</b>	<b>– 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019</b>
Notification of reviewers comments	– 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
Revised paper submission	– 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Camera ready paper	– 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Symposium date	– 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
Registration date	– On or before 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
Early bird registration date	– On or before 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Registration fees*	– Rs. 6,000.00
Early bird registration fees	– Rs. 4,000.00
Foreign participants	- USD 100
Foreign students	- USD 50
Participants from SAARC countries	- USD 70

***\*Authors from University of Vocational Technology and attached University Colleges are excluded from paying the registration fees.***

The full papers which should include an introduction and a list of references as per Harvard referencing system shall be of no more than eight (08) A4 size pages excluding the cover sheet. The details of the author shall not be included within the paper and a separate cover sheet with author details and sub theme shall be submitted. Final papers will be double-blind reviewed by two members of the review panel. The papers which should be submitted via email to [univotecsymposium2019@gmail.com](mailto:univotecsymposium2019@gmail.com) will be acknowledged. The author/s of the papers that have been selected will be informed of the comments made by the reviewers. Guidelines for the preparation of the full papers are annexed.

Submitted articles must not have been previously published, nor should they be submitted for consideration for publication elsewhere, while under review for this symposium.

The Editorial Board will conduct an initial review of submitted papers. Those judged suitable for publication will be sent to at least two independent referees for double blind peer review, after which submissions may be recommended for revisions and further review, acceptance or rejection.