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INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL WORK



**THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON PEOPLE'S
EMPOWERMENT AND
WELLBEING**

**VENUE: JULIUS NYERERE INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION CENTRE (JNICC) – DAR ES SALAAM**

DATE: 5TH JUNE 2026

**GUEST OF HONOUR: MINISTER OF COMMUNITY
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A: BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

Across the world, societies are undergoing rapid social, economic, technological, and psychological changes that significantly affect human wellbeing and sustainable development. Persistent challenges such as gender inequality, child vulnerability, mental health concerns, unemployment, limited economic opportunities, and widening digital divides continue to undermine social inclusion and resilience. These challenges are further intensified by global crises, including economic instability, public health emergencies, climate change, and social exclusion, highlighting the urgent need for innovative, inclusive, and evidence-based responses.

The First International Conference on **People's Empowerment and Wellbeing** is organized by the Institute of Social Work to respond to these interconnected issues by providing a platform for critical dialogue, knowledge exchange, and collaborative learning. The conference brings together scholars, researchers, practitioners, policymakers, development partners, and civil society actors to share research findings, experiences, and best practices across disciplines and sectors.

The rationale for the conference is grounded in the recognition that sustainable wellbeing requires integrated, people-centered approaches that link research, policy, and practice. By promoting interdisciplinary perspectives and cross-sectoral collaboration, the conference aims to generate policy-relevant insights, strengthen academic and professional networks, and contribute to transformative actions that advance people's empowerment and sustainable wellbeing at local, national, and global levels.



CONFERENCE THEME
“EMPOWERING PEOPLE AND TRANSFORMING
COMMUNITIES: PATHWAYS TO
SUSTAINABLE WELLBEING”

B: CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS

Details of the call for conference abstracts/papers are presented hereunder:

MAIN THEME	Empowering People and Transforming Communities: Pathways to Sustainable Wellbeing
SUB-THEMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gender inclusion and women empowerment• Child development, protection and rights (with emphasis on holistic wellbeing of a child - cognitively, emotionally, and physically).• Entrepreneurship, innovation and digital transformation• Workplace empowerment and diversity• Mental health and wellbeing• Financial literacy and business development.

Important dates:

Submission of Abstracts	28 th February, 2026
Notification of acceptance of Abstracts	15 th March, 2026
Submission of complete papers	15 th April 2026



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C: PARTICIPATION FEE

Local participants	TZS 100,000/=
Foreign participants	USD 100
Local students	TZS 50,000/=
Foreign students	USD 50
Online participants	USD 50 (foreign participants) TZS 50,000/= (local participants)
Payment Mode:	
Local Participants make your payments through	Bank name: CRDB AC/NO: 01J1013365500 SWIFT Code: CORUTZTZ Control Number: 994980164675
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Participation Mode: Both online and physical (in-person) participation	
Guidelines for Submission of Abstracts and Complete/full papers:	
All authors must prepare abstracts of not more than 300 words. Complete papers should not exceed 6000 words bearing introduction, literature, methodology, results and discussion, conclusions and recommendations. Submission of abstracts/complete papers should be done electronically through this email: conferenceregistration@isw.ac.tz	
For accepted papers, authors will be required to register for the conference to have their papers presented during the conference. All best papers will be peer reviewed and published in a special issue of the Institute of Social Work Journal .	

Conference Registration:

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