

2027 Biennial Conference

Call for Papers

The Economic Society of South Africa (ESSA) is excited to announce that its Biennial Conference will be held on **28th to 30th September 2027** at the Nelson Mandela University's Business School in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth).

Papers are invited across all fields of economics, including, but not limited to: macroeconomics, microeconomics, growth, development, poverty and inequality, monetary economics and policy, fiscal policy, public economics, industrial organisation, competition policy, international trade and finance, labour, transport, health, behavioural economics, environmental, ecological economics, energy and resource economics, agricultural economics, financial economics, political economy, economic history and methodology.

Abstract Submissions

Abstracts should be limited to **300 words** and should include a clear indication of the paper's contribution to the field, the research question/s and the methods used. Abstracts should be submitted via the link below by the **12th February 2027**.

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The conference organising committee will evaluate the submissions through a peer review process and feedback will be provided by mid-April 2027. A **maximum of two submissions per presenter** will be accepted (either as a single author or as a co-author). Please note that communication regarding invited special sessions will follow separately.

Key Dates

Date	Description
12 February 2027	Abstract submissions close
16 April 2027	Feedback on abstract submissions
28 May 2027	Registration closes for presenters
30 June 2027	End of early registration
30 July 2027	Late registrations close
28-30 September 2027	Conference

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