



Call For Abstracts

30TH INTERNATIONAL

AFRILEX CONFERENCE

THEME: 30 Years of African lexicography:
perspectives and engagement

UNIVERSITY OF VENDA,
THOHOYANDOU, SOUTH AFRICA

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AFRILEX is celebrating its **30th year of existence**. To commemorate this special occasion, the AFRILEX Board decided on a theme that engages with the role the association's members and affiliates played in **Africa's lexicographic landscape over the last 30 years**.

INVITED

Abstracts dealing with all aspects of lexicography and terminology, or the demonstrable implications or ramifications that research in related disciplines such as linguistics, computer and information science, etc. has for lexicography or terminology will be considered.

IMPORTANT

All submissions will be adjudicated. The conference language is English.

Format of the conference: The conference is expected to be held live (in-person).

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT AND PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Prospective presenters are to submit abstracts or session proposals to reach AFRILEX before **30 APRIL 2026**

ABSTRACT FORMAT

Abstracts should be formatted according to the template provided below. Abstracts must be between 600 and 800 words long (including references) for adjudicators to make informed judgements on the central argument of the paper, especially given that conference proceedings are not published.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts should be sent by e-mail to **afrilexabstracts@gmail.com**

PROCESS AND PROCEDURES

Receipt of abstracts will be acknowledged, and feedback will be given to authors as soon as the abstracts are received back from the adjudicators. Abstracts of accepted papers will be distributed during the conference. MS PowerPoint Presentation facilities will be available. As a backup, presenters are invited to e-mail their presentation to the organiser ahead of the conference.

PLEASE NOTE:

Presenters of papers and special sessions must register before **6 May 2026**.

ABSTRACT PROCESSING COMMITTEE:

André H. du Plessis, Lorna Morris & Blanche Nyingone Assam

ABSTRACT TEMPLATE

Please format your abstract according to the following template. Abstracts that are incomplete or incorrectly formatted will be returned to the corresponding author. Please pay special attention to the format of citations and reference lists. Please only include sources cited in the abstract.

Abstracts should contain the following elements: a central argument, methodology, and some (preliminary) conclusions. All citations should be accounted for in a list of references. Submissions that do not comply with these requirements will unfortunately be rejected.

FULL TITLE OF THE PAPER

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In your Afrilex abstract, the first line of every paragraph after the first paragraph should be written with a left indent of 0,5 cm. Tables and figures should be centred. Enumerated lists do not need to be indented. If you list linguistic examples of languages other than English, please provide English translations.

Paragraphs after figures or tables should not be indented. Please limit screenshots (for space reasons) and keep the number of figures to a minimum. However, do not minimize figures too much: Remember that while you write this on A4-pages, the book of abstracts will be printed on A5. If you are unsure about the instructions, you may consult the AFRILEX 2025's abstract booklet as an example or contact afrilexabstracts@gmail.com.

Lastly, your abstract should be between 600 – 800 words (MS word count), everything included – also the “References” section, see an example below. Please do not use footnotes, if unavoidable, you may use endnotes instead. Endnotes should be font size 9.

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