

3rd Corporate Governance Conference

FIRST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Submissions open:
12 May 2025

Navigating the Future Through Good Governance

Dear Academic Changemaker,

We invite you to submit an abstract for the much-awaited 3rd Corporate Governance Conference, taking place in person from 7 to 9 December 2025, with an optional networking event on 10 December, at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS) in Stellenbosch, South Africa.

Hosted by the [Centre for Corporate Governance in Africa](#) at Stellenbosch Business School and the School of Accountancy at Stellenbosch University, this conference brings together researchers, academics, practitioners, and postgraduate students to explore critical issues shaping the future of governance.

3rd Corporate Governance Conference 2025
Navigating the Future Through Good Governance

Technical Committee: Prof Nicolene Wesson, Prof George Nel,
Prof Riaan Rudman, Prof Lee-Ann Steenkamp

Submissions open: 12 May 2025
Submission deadline: 1 August 2025
Conference dates: 7-10 December 2025

STIAS, Stellenbosch, Cape Town, South Africa

This year's theme, 'Navigating the Future Through Good Governance' calls for leadership rooted not in compliance, but in conviction. We are shifting the conversation from box-ticking to outcomes: how organisations cultivate ethical culture, drive performance, ensure conformance, and build legitimacy. These principles provide the lens through which we explore what good governance really means.

Important dates:

12 May 2025:

Submissions and registration open*

1 August 2025:

Abstract submission deadline

1 September 2025:

Final reviewer feedback**

17 October 2025:

Registration closes

7 December 2025:

Welcoming function (16:00–18:00)

8–9 December 2025:

Conference sessions

10 December 2025:

Optional networking event (subject to demand)

* Details about the registration and submission process will be communicated, at the latest, by 12 May 2025

** Feedback will be provided throughout the submission period

We welcome abstract submissions that engage with (but are not limited to) the following areas:

- Ethical Culture: Shared values and practices that promote ethical behaviour
- Performance: Sustainable value creation in an economic, social and environmental context
- Conformance: Regulatory discipline and internal control systems
- Legitimacy: Trust, reputation and responsible citizenship

Abstracts should be 750–1 000 words and follow this structure:

- Purpose
- Design/methodology/approach
- Findings/results
- Originality/contribution

Note that although abstracts will not be published, a conference booklet with presentation titles, author details, and a 100-word summary will be shared.

All submissions should include a title, 5–8 keywords, in-text references, and a reference list (the reference list is *excluded* from the word count). Additionally, submit a 75–100-word summary (no headings) for inclusion in the conference booklet. All submissions will undergo a blind peer review process.

The conference is supported by several South African and international journals. Details will follow soon.

Conference fee

R4 000 per delegate (excludes optional event on 10 December)

We look forward to receiving your contribution and welcoming you to STIAS, Stellenbosch.

Sincerely

The 3rd Corporate Governance Conference Team

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