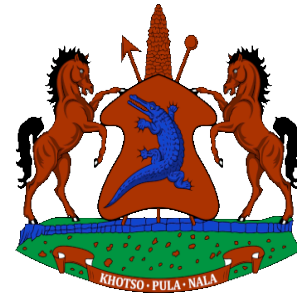


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Kingdom of Lesotho

Call for Papers

AAPAM 45th Roundtable Conference

Theme: From Ambition to Impact: Reimagining Public Administration for the Realization of Agenda 2063 and the SDGs towards the Africa We Want

Venue: Maseru, Kingdom of Lesotho

Date: 8th – 11th December 2026

The 45th AAPAM Roundtable Conference, under the theme: **From Ambition to Impact: Reimagining Public Administration for the Realization of Agenda 2063 and the SDGs towards the Africa We Want** is a direct and purposeful response to the single most pressing challenge confronting African governance today: the chronic and widening gap between continental aspirations and measurable outcomes. The conference is designed as a practical, action-oriented, and solution-focused convening where the strategic ambition of the 44th conference is translated into actionable frameworks, institutional designs, partnership models, and accountability mechanisms. The 45th Roundtable Conference is convened not to refine the diagnosis, but to define the remedy; from analysis to architecture, from principles to practice, from ambition to impact.

Three pillars underpin the 45th Roundtable conference: fiscal resilience, innovation, and youth digital agency, not as discrete tracks but mutually reinforcing dimensions necessary for systemic transformation. The sub-themes of the conference are deliberately designed to break down the holistic vision into actionable operational components, providing concrete pathways for delegates to move from diagnosis to design.

AAPAM invites paper submissions from all stakeholders including practitioners, scholars, and researchers. Papers should explore the six sub-themes, which collectively constitute the intellectual architecture of the 45th Roundtable Conference.

Roundtable Sub-themes:

1. Modernizing African Public Service for Improved Service Delivery
2. Strengthening Institutional Integrity and Accountability
3. Re-imagining Africa's Education System for Youth Inclusivity and Participation in the Economy and Youth-Led Innovation
4. Localizing the SDGs: From Continental Policy to Community Impact:
5. Financing for Development: Innovative Resource Mobilization
6. Restoring the Social Contract: The Role of Government in Restoring Citizen Trust and Confidence

Please review the guide to contributors for more details on the paper submission.

Submission of Abstracts: 15th June 2026

Submission of draft papers - 15th August 2026

Submission of completed papers after peer review - 15th October 2026

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Working Languages

The working language shall be English, French, and Arabic.

NB:

AAPAM may extend support to accepted papers in accordance with budget allocation and availability of funds. This support will be issued based on need, regional representation and gender balance.