



# International Rural Crime Conference

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### FIRST EVER INTERNATIONAL RURAL CRIME CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN SOUTH AFRICA

#### CALL FOR PAPERS

The first ever **International Rural Crime Conference** will be hosted in South Africa as a joint enterprise by **UNISA** (School for Criminal Justice) and organised agriculture (Agri SA, RPO and AFASA) on 27 September 2017 at the Royal Elephant Lodge and Conference Centre in Centurion.

The Conference aims to provide a research forum for the rural criminological sciences and applied criminal justice studies. International keynote speakers already committed to deliver papers are:-

- Dr Joseph Donnemeyer : Professor Emeritus, Ohio State University, America
- Dr Elaine Barclay : University of New England, Sydney, Australia
- Mr Emmanuel Bunei : Mount Kenya University, Kenya

The theme of the Conference is :

*"The Challenges of Rural Crimes Affecting Agriculture"*

Papers on the general theme of *"The Challenges of Rural Crimes Affecting Agriculture"* are encouraged, but submissions need to blend in with the following sub themes :-

- *Crimes in Rural Areas*
- *Theft of agricultural commodities (animal husbandry, agronomy, horticulture)*
- *Challenges and shortcomings of the Criminal Justice System in rural areas*
- *Effect and influence of cross border crime to the South African agricultural sector*



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The aim is to allow scholars in rural criminology and practitioners such as policy makers, police officials, private security officers, lawyers, prosecutors and trauma counselors to interact in an interdisciplinary manner. Everyone who does research, investigate or scientifically engages in any area of the rural crime phenomenon is therefore invited to present, discuss and share knowledge, research findings, works-in-progress, practical work experiences and hypothesis' about issues concerning rural crime and all other related aspects (a multi-disciplinary approach is therefore welcomed).

Come and share your knowledge and experiences with a wider audience and use this opportunity to meet and network with people from other specialist criminal justice and rural criminology fields and research focus areas. This communication is an invitation to submit your envisaged contribution to us by means of an abstract.

### **ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS**

You are invited to submit an abstract of your intended paper presentation. After you have submitted your abstract for review, you will be notified of its acceptance/non-acceptance into the conference programme within 3 weeks of submission. Note that only 20 papers will be accepted for the one day conference.

The deadline for submissions of abstracts are **strictly THURSDAY, 6 JULY 2017.**

We however encourage you to submit your abstract as soon as possible before the deadline.

Your abstract of at least 300 words (text body - in MSWord) must be e-mailed to Mr Willie Clack at **WClack@unisa.ac.za** whom will present the abstracts to the Steering Committee for consideration.

**PLEASE CIRCULATE THIS CALL FOR PAPERS TO COLLEAGUES AND STUDENTS AS FAR AND WIDE AS POSSIBLE.**

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