Call for Papers

In September 2015, 193 countries adopted the UN sustainable developmental goals (SDGs); however, many countries, especially those with developing economies, are challenged in achieving these goals. One potential means of addressing some of these challenges is the strategic and effective use of digital technologies. The access to and appropriate application of technology can promote empowerment, freedom, collaboration, creativity, integration, and growth. Nonetheless, it is also important to understand and minimize the potential risks and threats to existing socio-economic and cultural structures.

To fully realize the gains for developing economies, while mitigating the potential threats, there has to be effective leadership to create frameworks and regulations to manage inevitable changes within digital economies. It will also mean strengthening and repositioning educational institutions for fostering digital literacy, accessibility, and innovation. With this in mind, the conference provides a platform for open dialogue on current digital age realities and how these can move developing economies forward.

Conference Goals

The conference aims to bring together researchers, practitioners, educators, and students from diverse disciplines to share their research, ideas, and practical experiences on the emerging challenges and opportunities of digital technologies. The specific objectives of the conference are to:

1. provide opportunities for building research networks and promote multi-disciplinary research,
2. highlight the socio-economic and cultural implications associated with emerging digital technologies, and
3. inform policy and decision-making.

We invite submissions from various disciplines that explore the conference sub-themes. Topics that embody the main conference theme but which may not be captured under the sub-themes will also be considered.

Conference Sub-themes

- Preparing digital citizens
- Social Media Impact
- Promoting and Protecting Human Rights in Digital Societies
- Promoting Language Literacy using Digital Technologies
- Public and Mental Health in a Digital Age
- Contemporary Challenges for National Security in a Changing Digital World

Please see conference website for detailed information regarding sub-themes.

Guidelines for Submission

Abstracts are required for all formats. Paper, poster, and Panel submissions must include:

- the sub-theme
- a title (10-20 words)
- an abstract (200 to 250 words) with keywords
- author’s(s) names and email addresses
- institutional affiliation
- panel submissions must have separate entries for each presentation

All submissions should be saved as MS Word and submitted by email to: felsconference@utech.edu.jm

Deadlines

Notification of Acceptance: March 9, 2018.
Deadline for full conference papers: April 6, 2018.

Registration

Early Bird Registration: begins March 5, 2018
Late Registration: begins April 9, 2018

Conference enquiries may be directed to:

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Conference website:
www.utech.edu.jm/felsconference/contact.html

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