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Knowledge, evidence and how to "leave no one behind"

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CALL FOR PAPERS

The United Nations General Assembly has a proclaimed goal "to end poverty and hunger, in all their forms and dimensions, and to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment" (UN 2015, Preamble). 193 countries support this initiative and have made a commitment to "leave no one behind". The workshop *'Knowledge, evidence and how to "leave no one behind"* seeks to contribute to the achievement of the integrated set of goals and targets included in the 2030 Agenda. It responds to the call for **better evidence-based policymaking** made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations when presenting the 2018 SDGs Report. In concrete terms, this workshop aims to address the following questions:

- What are the main policies and interventions that exist in the world for reducing, eradicating and preventing poverty? What lessons can we learn from these experiences? In what ways are those lessons transferrable and scalable? What empirical evidence supports the answers to these questions in different geographical, political and cultural settings?
- What empirical evidence/data is missing to describe the persistence of social exclusion? What innovative solutions exist to capture data pertaining to the socially excluded?
- What is our understanding of an inclusive policy agenda? What makes policies inclusive and what do they have in common. How sustainable are these successful policies and how useful are they in other contexts?
- What fundamental issues lead to the poor state of service delivery in rural areas? What are the reasons for persistent social exclusion of the rural populace?
- Which are the most successful policies and interventions which aim to achieve SDG#11 and how do these policies and interventions have the potential to achieve SDG#1?
- How are pro-poor and rural friendly policy goals understood, interpreted and delivered by officials and their partners in local contexts?
- In the context of the 4th Industrial Revolution, how best can policy makers prepare to counter the effects of the rural-urban digital divide?

The workshop will be conducted in English, and selected participants will engage actively in presentations and discussions of all the papers. After the workshop, participants will be asked to work on their papers and submit them for possible publication in an edited book. Participants will be responsible for their own travel expenses and insurance. There will be support to cover room and board during the event. A limited number of travel subsidies will be made available.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS: 20 May 2019

The abstract must not exceed 500 words (one page) and must include: the title of the proposed paper, a presentation of the subject, the central argument, the main research questions and/or hypotheses, the methodology, and key references. A CV no longer than one page must also be submitted, clearly indicating the applicant's name, title, nationality and contact information, as well as a list of recent publications. The **abstract** and **CV** must be submitted electronically to UKZN at the following addresses: Workshop@ukzn.ac.za and agenda2030.workshop@gmail.com

The Academic Selection Committee will notify accepted participants of their selection by 10 June 2019 with guidelines for the format of the final paper to be submitted by 16 September 2019.