CALL FOR PAPERS

A 2-DAY VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE CONFERENCE ON

"EFFECTIVE BLENDED AND ONLINE TEACHING: USING THE BEST PRACTICES"

📅 27th - 28th November, 2020

THEMES INCLUDE

- Online and blended Teaching 1: Design, pedagogy, and practices
- Online and blended Teaching 2: Resources, assessments, and evaluations
- Students' Perspectives on Online and Blended Learning
- Using the existing or emerging technology for online and blended teaching

Abstracts should be 250 words.
Word documents, PDF files or self-explanatory power point slides are accepted.
Authors should submit their papers to email: tlc@bluecrest.edu.gh

Please note that all submissions will be reviewed by a panel of reviewers and only three submissions will be selected from each theme for the presentations.

Please note that this is not only a research conference, but more a practitioner’s conference with the aim to learn from the best practices and experiences being shared in the conference. Therefore, you can submit the following for presentations:

- Case studies
- Research papers
- Professional articles and whitepapers
- Best practices presentations

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**SESSION CHAIRS**

**SESSION TITLE:**
Online and blended Teaching 1: Design, pedagogy, and practices

Ms Nodumo Dhlamini
Director - ICT Services, Comms & KM
Association of African Universities

**SESSION TITLE:**
Online and blended Teaching 2: Resources, assessments, and evaluations

Dr. Kamilla
Associate Professor,
Hamad Bin Khalifa University

**SESSION TITLE:**
Students’ Perspectives on Online and Blended Learning

Dr. Prachi Gharpure
Director,
Indore Campus SVKM’s NMIMS

**SESSION TITLE:**
Using the existing or emerging technology for online and blended teaching

Professor Omar H. Karam
Dean of the Faculty of Informatics and Computer Science,
The British University in Egypt (BUE)
### PROGRAMME OUTLINE

**DAY 1: Nov 27, 2020. All times mentioned are as per GMT**

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| B. Theme 1 Presentations: Online and blended Teaching 1: Design, pedagogy, and practices: Session Chair: Ms Nodumo Dhlamini | 11:15 AM | Session Opening, introductions, and housekeeping by session chair | Ms Nodumo Dhlamini, Director, ICT Services, Comms & KM - Association of African Universities |
| | 11:20 AM | Presentation 1: Blended Teaching Pedagogies and Facilitating Online Interaction | Nagwa A. Soliman PhD, Senior Lecturer of English Language and Literature, Advanced Writing Module Leader, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, The British University in Egypt. |
| | 11:45 AM | Presentation 2: Micro-learning: Strengthening Blended Learning Courses | Nesma Hesham Mansour, Assistant Lecturer, Teaching and Learning Coordinator, English Division, Faculty of BAEPS, The British University in Egypt. |
| | 12:10 PM | Session Closing note by session chair | Ms. Nodumo Dhlamini, Director - ICT Services, Comms & KM, Association of African Universities |

| C. Theme 2 Presentations: Online and blended Teaching 2: Resources, assessments, and evaluations: Session Chair: Dr Kamilla Swart | 1:00 PM | Session Opening, introductions, and housekeeping by session chair | Dr. Kamilla Swart, Associate Professor, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar |
| | 1:15 PM | Presentation 1: Interactive Online Assessment Tools | Mostafa Youssef Mahmoud, English Language Instructor & Module Leader, Faculty of Nursing, The British University in Egypt (BUE) |
| | 1:35 PM | Presentation 2: A Blended Learning Approach Responsive to Pandemic Related Uncertainties and Change | Dr. Praveen Balakrishnan Nair, Associate Professor, Edinburgh Business School, School of Social Sciences, Heriot-Watt University Malaysia |
| | 2:00 PM | Presentation 3: Blended and Online Constructive Feedback | Samir Omar, English Language Teacher, Teacher Trainer & NileTESOL President-Elect |
| | 2:25 PM | Closing note by session chair | Dr Kamilla Swart, Associate Professor, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar |

<p>| D. Sponsors Demos and Panels: Coursera and RAKLET | 3:00 PM | Sponsor Session: Panel by Coursera | Adam Lewis Head of Skills Transformation, EMEA, Coursera Kerry Houchen Partnerships Director, EMEA Coursera, With Professor Anand Agrawal, President, BlueCrest College, Accra, Ghana |
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