



2021 Annual (Virtual) Seminar of the Southern African Chapter of the Association for Information Systems (AISSAC)

Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through Information Systems in Africa

Monday 13th September 2021

The Registration is free. However, registrants are welcome to pay a voluntary registration fee of R750

To Register, Please Click [Here](#)

(Presentations and Panel Discussion will take place Virtually)

THEME OF THE SEMINAR

2021 marks the 6th anniversary of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by the United Nations. The 2030 Agenda is anchored by 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), 169 targets and a global indicator framework.

The SDGs are a call for action to end poverty, ensure peace and prosperity for all, and protect the planet by 2030. Africa has also committed to the SDGs and has made significant progress to date. African countries are taking steps to translate the goals into tangible outcomes to improve the lives of our people on our continent. This is achieved by integrating SDGs into national visions and plans.

The Information Systems (IS) Discipline has a significant role to play to support the SDGs on the African continent. We need to develop a common vision of how this can be achieved.

We need to work collectively and develop synergies between projects in order to promote the dissemination of knowledge to policymakers on the continent.

During the 2021 AISSAC seminar, we will provide a platform for scholars, educators, industry partners and students, to share their views, experiences and initiatives on how IS can support the SDGs in Africa.

Together, let's find ways of helping Africa achieve the SDGs by 2030.

Please join us and Contribute!

Key topics to be addressed include:

- **Keynote Address** - A Research Agenda for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through Information Systems in Africa By **Prof Manju Ahuja**
- IS for Good – 10 years to SDG: Where we have been and where we need to go? – By **Dr Carmen Leong** and **Dr Felix Tan**
- Legitimising Trust through Civic Tech in Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health Service Delivery' By **Dr Caroline Khene**
- **Panel Discussion** – “Meet the Editors”
 - Prof Sajda Qureshi - Information Technology for Development
 - Prof Robert Davison – The Electronic Journal of Information Systems in Developing Countries
 - Prof Irwin Brown – The African Journal of Information Systems

SPEAKERS

Prof Manju Ahuja
University of Louisville



Keynote Speaker

*A Research Agenda for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals
through Information Systems in Africa*

Prof Manju Ahuja is the Frazier Family Professor of Information Systems at the College of Business, University of Louisville, Kentucky. Manju has been ranked among the top 50 researchers in the field of Information Systems worldwide by a variety of sources (e.g., 27th among the researchers publishing in top three journals for the period 2017-2019). She appears on the Stanford University's list of top 2% scientists in the world. Manju serves as Senior Editor at Information Systems Research (a Financial Times 50 journal). Manju is the recipient of a Lifelong Service Award from Academy of Management's OCIS division for 2020. She is actively involved in research on issues related to impacts and use of IT, innovation and entrepreneurship related to IT, digital transformation, and Future of Work. Her research has been cited by publications such as Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Forbes, Times of India, LSE (London School of Economics) Business Review, Strategy+Business, Computerworld, and others.

Dr Carmen Leong
University of New South Wales



*IS for Good – 10 years to SDG: Where we have been and where we need
to go?*

Dr Carmen Leong's research interests include digitally enabled strategic transformation in organisations and digital empowerment in social studies. In the past few years, she has conducted case study research in China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and Germany. She has

published in premier IS journals including MIS Quarterly, Journal of Association Information Systems, European Journal of Information Systems and in premier IS conference papers (ICIS, ECIS). She received her PhD degree from The National University of Singapore. Prior to entering academia, she worked in the private and public sectors in Singapore and Malaysia. Carmen Leong was also the recipient of NUS President's Graduate Fellowship and was listed in the Top 200 Scholars 2015-2017 AIS Research Ranking.

Dr Felix Tan
University of New South Wales



IS for Good – 10 years to SDG: Where we have been and where we need to go?

Felix Tan is a Researcher and Senior Lecturer of Information Systems at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) Business School. His research interests include Digital Platforms, Information Systems for Good, Sports Digitalization, E-Commerce and Enterprise Systems. He actively examines these interests in the context of Digital Transformation for business and social change. His research work has been published in various academic and practitioner journals such as Information Systems Journal, Information and Management, MISQ Executive, Communications of the AIS, International Journal of Information Management and Australasian Journal of Information Systems (Google Scholar). Dr Tan is presently serving as Associate Editor of Information Systems Journal (ABDC A*, Basket of 8) and Information and Management (ABDC A*). Dr Tan is presently serving as the Association of Information Systems Region 3 (Asia-Pacific) Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce representative. Dr Tan is presently serving on the SAP Academic Alliance Board (Asia-Pacific and Japan). Dr Tan is the founder of UNOVA, a transdisciplinary research and development lab at UNSW.

Dr Caroline Khene
De Montfort University



Legitimising Trust through Civic Tech in Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health Service Delivery

Dr Caroline Khene is a Senior Lecturer in Information Systems in the School of Computer Science and Informatics, and Researcher in the Centre for Computing and Social Responsibility at De Montfort University, Leicester, United Kingdom. She is also Visiting Professor at Rhodes University, Grahamstown (Makhanda), South Africa. Dr Khene is currently Director of the MobiSAM project, focusing on digital citizen engagement and social accountability monitoring in basic service delivery and sexual reproductive health service delivery. Dr Khene's research interests are in the areas of ICT4D (Information and Communication Technology for Development), evaluation, project management, strategy formulation, digital citizen engagement, and open data governance. Her main approach to research is pragmatist and qualitative in nature, as she values direct engagement with government, the private sector, local communities, and Non-Governmental Organisations in addressing complex social issues using information and communication technology. Her experiences and that of her postgraduate students are reflected on in many of her publications.

Panel Discussion: “Meet the Editors”

AISSAC has the pleasure of hosting the editors-in-chiefs of the *Information Technology for Development (ITD)* journal, *The Electronic Journal of Information Systems in Developing Countries (EJISDC)*, and *The African Journal of Information Systems (AJIS)* for a panel discussion.

The following editors-in-chiefs will be joining us for the discussion:

- Prof Sajda Qureshi - Information Technology for Development
- Prof Robert Davison – The Electronic Journal of Information Systems in Developing Countries
- Prof Irwin Brown – The African Journal of Information Systems

Questions to be addressed by the panel include:

- Where do the editors see the IS scholarship heading in developing country contexts?
- What is the role of ITD/EJISDC/AJIS in promoting developing country scholarship?
- What type of papers do ITD/EJISDC/AJIS publish, topics and methods of interest, upcoming special issues?
- What makes for a good quality submission to ITD/EJISDC/AJIS and how can authors make a convincing contribution?
- What top reasons for rejection and how to avoid a desk reject?

2021 AISSAC SEMINAR PROGRAMME

Time	Event	Speaker
09:00 – 10:00	AISSAC AGM	Prof Maureen Tanner
10:00 – 10:15	<i>BREAK</i>	
10:15 – 10:30	Opening & Welcome	Prof Maureen Tanner & Grant Oosterwyk
10:30 – 11:00	IS for Good – 10 years to SDG: Where we have been and where we need to go?	Dr Carmen Leong Dr Felix Tan
11:00 – 11:15	Q&A	<i>Facilitated by Grant Oosterwyk</i>
11:15 – 12:15	<i>LUNCH</i>	
12:15 – 12:45	Legitimising Trust through Civic Tech in Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health Service Delivery	Dr Caroline Khene
12:45 – 13:00	Q&A	<i>Facilitated by Grant Oosterwyk</i>
13:00 – 13:15	<i>BREAK</i>	
13:15 – 14:30	'Meet the Editors' panel discussion	Prof Sajda Qureshi - Information Technology for Development Prof Robert Davison – The Electronic Journal of Information Systems in Developing Countries Prof Irwin Brown – The African Journal of Information Systems
14:30 – 14:45	<i>BREAK</i>	
14:45 – 15:45	Keynote Address A Research Agenda for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through Information Systems in Africa	Prof Manju Ahuja
15:45 – 16:00	Life-Achievement Award Workshop Closing	Prof Maureen Tanner & Grant Oosterwyk