

INVITATION AND CALL FOR RESEARCH PAPERS: W&RSETA RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2024



THEME: “Embracing Digital Disruption and Future of Work: Charting a Course for Success in the Wholesale and Retail Sector”

Sub-themes:

- Future of Work in the Digital Age
- Strategic Interventions for Digital Transformation
- Supply and Demand Dynamics in the Digital Age

Background

As part of its mandate, the W&RSETA has the responsibility of conducting research that should inform the strategic direction of the organisation in terms of skills planning, sector priorities, learning interventions, and management thereof, and to continuously improve skills development interventions across the wholesale and retail sector. In light of the above, the W&RSETA has been tasked with the responsibility of conducting research for the sector and provide and disseminate key outcomes, findings, and recommendations of research studies conducted within the sector, whilst gaining further insight for the SETA, to be better positioned to address labour market intelligence.

Objective

The WRSETA invites all stakeholders, from **trade unions, employers, academics from Universities, W&RSETA bursary beneficiaries, TVET colleges lecturers, RMDP/ILDP Beneficiaries, and professional and associations** bodies to submit research papers for presentation and discussion at the Wholesale and Retail SETA Research Conference, in October 2024.

SUBMISSION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

- The research paper must be aligned with the conference theme: **“Embracing Digital Disruption and Future of Work: Charting a Course for Success in the Wholesale and Retail Sector”**.
- Submission of an abstract.
- Concepts and underlying principles should be clearly outlined.
- Emphasise concepts and underlying principles – with background information to orient any reader who is not a specialist in the subject area.
- The research paper must not be older than 3 years.
- Once the papers are received and evaluated, the authors will be required to do a summative presentation for discussion at the Research Conference 2024.
- During the Conference, the selected author (s) must be available to present the paper.
- The closing date for submission of research papers is **31 July 2024**, no papers will be accepted after the closing date. The submission must be made to **Ms. Pearl Makhudu** at pmakhudu@wrseta.org.za
- The selection panel / committee will consider the research papers that are relevant to the Conference Theme received by the closing date.

NB: W&RSETA funded Masters and PhD beneficiaries are encouraged to make submissions.

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