

## Call for Papers for a Special Issue on **Innovation for Inclusive Development in Southern Africa**

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### **Introduction**

The pitfalls of unfettered capitalism are well documented and trends such as the concentration of capital within economic systems and the resulting perpetuation of inequalities have been widely acknowledged. Concerns about socio-economic inequality have triggered an interest in alternative models of innovation, aimed at inclusive growth and development. In models of Innovation for Inclusive Development (I4ID), the socioeconomically marginalised are not only seen as potential customers, but also as co-creators, business partners and knowledge producers. Growing recognition exists that I4ID is central to development strategies, but much work remains to be done to understand how these innovations are developed, diffused and adopted. A robust new innovation paradigm requires contributions from multiple disciplines and multiple levels of analysis.

The purpose of this special issue is to advance the discussion around a new paradigm with a focus on the Southern African context. We welcome conceptual and empirical submissions that address aspects of I4ID in this context. Topics that would be relevant to this special issue include, but are not restricted to, the following:

- Innovation systems: What are critical features of inclusive innovation systems in Southern Africa and how do these systems differ from traditional innovation systems? What do those systems look like at various levels (local, regional, national)? How can the performance of these systems be assessed?
- Higher education: should the teaching and training curricula include a wider range and more extensive courses on (social) entrepreneurship? Are the knowledge and technology transfer policies and strategies of universities sufficiently focused on users in local resource-poor communities?

- Science, technology & innovation policy: How do current policies enable or restrict the development, diffusion and adoption of I4ID? How can policy support inclusive innovation systems in the Southern African context?
- Bottom-up I4ID: How do individuals, organisations and communities contribute to I4ID in Southern Africa? What are their main challenges around I4ID? How can their impact be measured? What can we learn from success stories about sustainability and scalability?

**Submissions:** You can submit your manuscript through the journal submission site: <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/dsa>

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- Submission deadline for full papers: **10 October 2018**
- Review & resubmit process: **10 October to 20 December 2018**
- Final re-submission date: **20 January 2019**
- Envisaged publication date: **July 2019**

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