



# 7<sup>th</sup> Global Research Network— Belt and Road Initiative Conference 2023

## Connecting the African Continent through BRI: Status Quo Opportunities and Way Forward

**Blended International Conference (Physical and Virtual) February, 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday to Thursday), 2023 at University of Nairobi, Kenya**

### CALL FOR PAPERS

We are pleased to announce the 7th Global Research Network – Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Conference 2023 organized by the Department of Management Science and Project Planning, University of Nairobi (UoN) in conjunction with Department of Transport and Supply Chain Management, University of Johannesburg, Zhejiang University, Ocean College and the Global Transport and Logistics Research Group, RMIT University. The conference will be held in hybrid mode (physically and online) at the University of Nairobi, Kenya from February 7-9, 2023. The main objective of the conference is to bring researchers and practitioners from academics, government and industry practitioners along the Belt and Road to exchange insights on Belt and Road Initiative past, present and future challenges and opportunities. The targets delegates for the conference are: academics, researchers, industry participants, policy-makers, development partners, civil society actors, practitioners, public and private sector officials, postgraduate students and sponsors of BRI. Academic and practitioner papers that address the conference theme as well as other areas of Operations and Supply Chain Management are welcome. Authors may consider any of the themes listed below, but need not limit their options to these themes.

Participants are invited to submit your theoretical and empirical full papers in any of the following or related areas:

1. The BRI and the development of digital and logistics infrastructure
2. Port development, operations, and management
3. Global supply chain and international trade
4. New technologies and work in transport and logistics
5. Urban transportation and regional connectivity
6. Logistics infrastructure and regional economic development
7. Global trade, transport, and the environment
8. Geopolitics, trade and development
9. Human resource management and digital skills development
10. The blue economy and maritime logistics
11. Green logistics and circular economy
12. Supply chain sustainability and resilience
13. Global logistics distribution center development along the belt and road
14. Economic impact studies of the BRI
15. The Maritime Silk Road and its impacts on the African Continent

#### Important Dates

Submission Start Date of Full Papers	Sept. 30, 2022
Deadline for full paper	Dec. 30, 2022
Feedback to authors	Jan. 15, 2023

#### Submission of Full Papers

Full papers/extended abstracts should be at least 4,500 words and not more than 9,000 words and should be prepared in accordance with the generally accepted manuscript standard. Authors should submit their full papers via e-mail: [briconference@uonbi.ac.ke](mailto:briconference@uonbi.ac.ke). For further information, please visit our conference page: <https://bri.uonbi.ac.ke/>

#### Conference Registration Fees

Delegates Categories	KSH.	USD
International Physical Participants	20,000	200
East Africa Physical Participants	10,000	100
East Africa Online Participants	5,000	50
Students	1,000	10
International Online (Outside Kenya)	10,000	100
Local Industry Workshop Sponsorship	100,000	1,000
Int. Industry Workshop Sponsorship	150,000	1,500

#### Publication of the Conference Papers

Authors who wish their papers to be published in the conference proceedings should submit full papers within the timelines. All papers to be considered for publication in the selected discipline journals will undergo a rigorous double blind peer review process.

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