



**First Annual AMDIN Conference, April 28-30, 2025  
GIMPA EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CENTRE  
ACHIMOTA, ACCRA**

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**THEME:**

**ENHANCING GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN TIMES OF  
POLYCRISES THROUGH COLLABORATION, POLICY, EVIDENCE,  
TECHNOLOGY (AI) AND INNOVATION FOR SERVICE DELIVERY**

Public administration is the cornerstone of societal functionality, responsible for overseeing critical aspects such as economic management and socio-economic transformation. The safety, welfare, and prosperity of citizens and private enterprises depend on agile, resilient, responsive, effective, and efficient public administration. It is the key driver for national prosperity. The role of public administration has become even more important in the context of achieving the sustainable development goals. The mandates of the SDGs highlight the need to revamp the capacity of the public service in scope, importance and urgency. Also, in the face of transnational challenges, the role of public administration in ensuring national resilience and sustained well-being becomes even more critical. These challenges necessitate concerted efforts to foster dialogue, collaboration, and knowledge exchange among stakeholders in public affairs.

National schools of government and management development institutes are pivotal in developing public servants, creating effective administrations, and building strong, capable institutions. The African Management Development Institutes' Network (AMDIN) is a leading professional Association dedicated to public sector capacity building in Africa. Established to optimise the functioning of capacity development organisations in the African public sector, AMDIN facilitates resource sharing and collaboration across institutions. AMDIN is committed to promoting continental and global knowledge exchanges to build capable administrations and strong institutions vital for national development. To further these objectives, AMDIN proposed establishing and hosting an annual African Conference of Public Affairs and Development (ACPAD). This conference aims to facilitate engagement within the global knowledge exchange network through mutually beneficial partnerships with institutions across Africa and worldwide.

GIMPA, as a key member of the AMDIN, has the privilege to host the first annual AMDIN conference in April 28 – 30, 2025. The three-day International Conference will bring together African national schools of government and management development institutes, public policymakers, practitioners, scholars from the academia/ researchers to discuss and share

research findings and exchange ideas to promote innovation, technology and efficient leadership in the African region in the context of achieving the SDGs and the Agenda 2030 in the context of political neutrality.

### **Aims and Objectives**

The conference aims to:

- Facilitate dialogue, knowledge exchange on critical public administration and development reforms particularly between academics and practitioners.
- Showcase innovative approaches, lessons, best practices, and case studies from different regions of the continent and globally.
- Foster networking, collaboration, and partnerships among national schools of government and management development institutes.
- Empower public administration officials and professionals to drive change and innovation across the continent through political neutrality in the public service.
- Provide the space to stimulate discussions around mechanisms and strategies for achieving the SDGs within the African Region Enhance excellence and sustained quality leadership in the public sector, and enhance localization of the SDGs.
- Provide the forum to interact with policy makers and Heads of services.
- Debate challenges and opportunities of the sustainable development goals.
- Enhance research, curriculum development, and teaching in national schools of government and management development institutes.
- Professionalize the African public sector.

### **Call for Papers**

The Conference invites researchers, academics, practitioners, policymakers, governmental and Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs/NPOs) and other stakeholders to submit research contributions describing original and unpublished results of conceptual, empirical, experimental, and theoretical works on Governance, Technology, Management Innovations in public and local government services. Working Papers, Policy Briefs, Poster Presentations etc. are equally accepted.

Presenters can also submit abstracts, papers and e-posters that address themes and topics of the conference, including figures, tables and references of novel research materials. All submitted conference abstracts and papers will be blind peer reviewed. Accepted abstracts and papers will be published in conference proceedings in the AMDIN Journal. Submitted papers must not be under consideration by any other journal or publication. The final decision for paper selection will be made based on peer review reports by the Guest Editors and the Editor-in-Chief jointly.

### **Sub-themes of the Conference**

The themes of the conference include:

#### ***Leadership***

- Ethical Leadership and Accountability, Social Responsibility, Integrity and Trust
- Transformational Leadership from Change Management, Culture and Digital Transformations; Strategic leadership skills for planning and innovations management
- Gender and leadership including Redemptive leadership, Inclusiveness and the pursuit of Justice and Equality

- Collaborative leadership for Partnerships Development, Stakeholder Engagement and Cross-Functional Collaborations

### ***Governance***

- Governance and Institutional Reform
- Citizen Engagement and Participatory Governance
- Decentralization and Citizen participation for Good Governance
- Regulatory Governance including Compliance and Risk Management, Audit and Assurance for effective public management
- Public Governance in Transparency, Accountability, Participation, Anti-Corruption

### ***Policy***

- Political neutrality in the public service
- Social policy including Educational, Health and Welfare policies
- Gender, Human Rights and Social Justice
- Public Sector Reforms and public service effectiveness
- Foreign policy, international development, National Security and Diplomacy

### ***Security***

- Cybersecurity public affairs effectiveness
- Human security in terms of personal, identity theft and workplace violence prevention
- Information security relating to confidentiality, integrity and availability or access
- Environmental security including disaster mitigation, climate change mitigation and environmental sustainability

### ***Climate change***

- Sustainable Development and Environmental Stewardship
- Climate change, innovation and technology
- Environmental Technology and Innovation Management

### ***Management***

- Public Management including Strategic and Performance Management
- Human Resource Management including Talent, Diversity and Workforce Development
- Crisis Management and Resilience in the Public Sector
- International Public Management and Global Governance
- Public Affairs, Advocacy and Intergovernmental Relations
- Nonprofit and Public-Private Partnerships including Social Entrepreneurships

### ***Innovation and Technology***

- Technology and Artificial Intelligence for Public Management Effectiveness
- Digital Transformation and Innovation in Public Service Delivery
- Gender and Technology
- Emerging Technologies including Innovation Financing and Green Technologies
- Innovation in the Management of Renewable Resources and Sustainable Development, Organizational Innovation

### ***Collaboration***

- Collaboration and partnership
- Public Private Partnerships
- Interorganizational Collaborations, Strategic Alliance, Networks and Coalitions
- Global Partnerships and International Development Cooperations

### **Important Dates**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1.	Paper and Abstract Submission	25 <sup>th</sup> March, 2025
2.	Acceptance Notification (2 weeks after submission)	5 <sup>th</sup> April, 2025
3.	Registration Deadline	15 <sup>th</sup> April, 2025
4.	Dates for Conference	28 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 2025

### **Publication**

The conference will culminate in the publication of papers through the AJPSGD Journal after a thorough peer review and editorial process.

### **REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION FEES**

The link and medium of payment will be provided before registration begins

<b>No.</b>	<b>Participant Category</b>	<b>Rates</b>
1.	GIMPA Staff only	GHC 500.00
2.	Local Participants	GHC 700.00
3.	Student (Local)	GHC 300.00
4.	International Participants	US\$ 200.00
5.	Students (International)	US\$ 100.00

Note: Registration fee covers snacks and lunches, & Conferences pack

All enquiries should be directed to: [amdinconference@gimpa.edu.gh](mailto:amdinconference@gimpa.edu.gh) or call

All participants are encouraged to register online on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

Participation fees could also be paid at the time of registration at the venue of the conference.

Delegates are encouraged to pay earlier at least 3 weeks to the conference date.

### ***Conference Secretariat***

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