

TOURISM ECONOMICS

CALL FOR PAPERS FOR A SPECIAL ISSUE ON

“AFRICA RISING – TOURISM ECONOMICS RESEARCH IN AFRICA”

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Purpose

While the tourism industry has already reached maturity in many developed countries, Africa's tourism potential has only recently been recognized and the industry is experiencing increasing growth. The continent only held a market share of 5% in tourism arrivals during 2017; yet it is the fastest growing continent with a growth rates of 9% and 6% in tourism arrivals during 2017 and 2018 respectively.

The growth in tourism to Africa brings with it numerous benefits, but also challenges. Many African governments are well aware of the benefits that tourism holds for their economies and are actively pursuing strategies to grow and nurture this industry. But can Africa ensure that tourism development is to the benefit of the economy, society and environment? Has the continent learned from mistakes made in other parts of the world and is it building its own success story? Is there a clear understanding of what the tourist to Africa require?

While the increasing interest in Africa as a tourism destination also led to more papers on the African tourism industry being published, the continent still remains under-represented in the academic literature. In many instances, one only finds individual country case studies of tourism in Africa, with very little attention on aspects addressing a more regional perspective, integration, sustainability and policies for development.

This special issue aims to open the debate on new perspectives on the economic analysis of tourism developments in Africa. We invite all researchers passionate about the economics of tourism in Africa to submit theoretical and quantitative empirical papers covering emerging and underexplored themes in this field.

Suggested topics include:

- Regional tourism development in Africa
- Tourism-led growth in Africa
- Sustainable tourism development in Africa
- A regional analysis of tourism on the African continent
- Economic integration and tourism in Africa
- Natural resource exploitation and tourism in Africa
- Policies for sustainable tourism in Africa
- Empirical analyses of impacts of tourism in Africa
- Economic analysis of crowding in or out effects of public policy in tourism in Africa
- Spatial interdependence of tourism policies in Africa
- Influence of macroeconomic factors and exogenous shocks on tourism demand in Africa
- Tourism expenditure in Africa and the economic cycle
- Supply constraints in the African tourism industry
- New perspectives on tourism development in Africa

Submission and Review Process

The special issue is subject to the following submission and review procedures:

- Authors should submit an abstract (up to 700 words excluding the reference list) directly to the guest editors via email (Andrea Saayman, andrea.saayman@nwu.ac.za; Boopen Seetanah, b.seetanah@uom.ac.mu).
- Abstracts must contain: aim, data and methods used, actual or foreseen outcomes, contribution to the field, reference list.
- Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to submit full papers.
- Full papers must be submitted online through the SAGE Publication system at <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/teu>. Please select “Special Issue: Africa Rising” for your submission. Full author publication guidelines may be found at: <https://us.sagepub.com/en-us/nam/tourism-economics/journal202562#submission-guidelines>.
- All full papers submitted will be referred through a double-blind review process.
- Based on the reviewers’ recommendation, the guest editors and the Editor-in-Chief will decide whether a particular submission should be accepted as it is, revised and re-submitted, or rejected.

Submission of the abstract implies: that the work described has not been published before; that it is not under consideration for publication anywhere else; that its publication has been approved by all co-authors, if any, as well as by the responsible authorities – tacitly or explicitly – at the institute where the work has been carried out. The corresponding author will be asked to sign a contributor agreement to this effect prior to publication.

DEADLINES

- Abstracts Submissions: no later than 1 December 2019
- Abstract Decisions will be provided by 1 February 2020
- Full Paper Submissions: no later than 31 July 2020
- Reviews and Decisions: October-November 2020