

Editor's Desk

The five papers in this special edition are the top five papers that won the award of the call for research initiatives in Africa. The call for papers opened on the 1st of December 2016 through to the 31st of January, 2017. A total of 97 submissions were received by the African Accounting and Finance Association secretariat.

An Implementation Review Committee (IRC) was set up made up of senior academics and professionals in Africa and Africans in diaspora to assess the 97 submission of abstracts. The top ten abstracts were identified and full papers were later submitted and handled by the same IRC. The top five papers which was the target of the advert were selected out of the ten papers. Out of the five papers, the authors of the top three papers were sponsored to present their papers at the African Congress of Accountants (ACOA) in Uganda May 2-5, 2017.

The paper selection process was in line with the agreement in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between African Accounting and Finance Association (AAFA) and Pan African Federation of Accountants (PAFA).

The process was sponsored by World Bank Group and the challenge now is to work on a similar research project for ACOA to be held May 2019 in Morocco. The research theme is: 'Sustainability and Relevance of Accounting and Finance Research in Africa'. Watch out for details on our AAFA website: <https://www.aafassociation.com>

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