**Call for Speakers/Presenters**

for the *2nd International Journey to Excellence (J2Ex) Conference:*

Creating a Mindset for Growth and Development

*- Ideas, Implementation, Skills -*

*27 September, 2017*

Mbabane, Swaziland

Many countries, and many people, are challenged to create “their” place in our globalizing world. Today’s prevailing mindsets, approaches, and skill sets are increasingly failing to meet current needs. They will surely not meet those of the future.

*How should we proceed?*

Do you have a forward-looking idea?

Do you have experience, observations, research – in entrepreneurship or education –                             worth sharing with a wider audience?

Do you challenge existing ways of thinking through your art, music, theater or other creative activities?

*Would you like your voice to be heard?*

*If so, apply to present at the 2nd International*

*Journey to Excellence “Creating a Mindset for Growth and Development” conference!*

In the spirit of “think global, act local”, the conference will provide multiple platforms for sharing, learning, personal and professional growth.

We begin with an “Ideas Session” for  the first 3 hours of the conference. Short, concise, well-prepared (3, 6, 12, 15, or 18 minute) presentations will be made by both local and international speakers, artists and musicians. Ideas will be presented, mindsets challenged, alternative viewpoints explored. These presentations will be professionally recorded on video and made available to a global audience. Conference participants will be leaders and implementers – *present and future* - from many sectors of society.

Next, the “Implementation and Skills Sessions”, will, on the one hand, explore the implications and implementation of ideas presented in the morning.. Presenters and participants will have the opportunity to spend some intense time together in workshops, creative labs, and/or discussion groups.. What works, what doesn’t? How could old problems be approached in new ways? What das “Mindset” have to do with it?

On the other hand, there will be sessions focusing on developing the individual through mindset change, skills and competencies that will support the implementation of those big ideas.

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*The 2nd International Journey to Excellence (J2Ex) Conference*

is a corporate social investment project presented by Mapili GmbH and REDI.

Apply using the following pages. Applications must be received by Friday, 10 August, 2017.

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Speaker/Presenter application form

Please submit applications to two of the following e-mail addresses:

info@redi.co.sz, sikhomba@gmail.com, nina@mapili.com, or nemapili@gmail.com,

Presenters will be selected to represent a broad spectrum of ideas, experience, original thinking, and creative expression that could contribute to creating mindsets supportive of positive development.

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Company / organization / other relevant affiliations:

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YouTube or other videos in which you and / or your work are featured:

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Other relevant on line references:

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Proposed presentation topic:

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Abstract (or *description*, in case of artist or musician) of proposed presentation. Please limit to no more than 250 words.

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Guidelines

* All presentations must be in compliance with copyright law.
* All presenters must sign a permission release form giving the organisers the right to edit and distribute the video of their presentation.
* Presenters may not promote commercial products, unless they have been specifically invited to demonstrate them. Even in such cases, the focus must be on ideas and concepts, not the product.
* This is not an academic conference, but it is very important that we retain our credibility as a serious conference. No pseudoscientific presentations will be selected; scientific claims must be backed up by serious research (please include references in your abstract.)
* The conference is strictly apolitical and non-religious. We will not accept any inflammatory political or religious presentations.
* All presenters agree to work with conference organisers in person or via video or Skype to polish their presentation ahead of the event. For benchmarks and examples of the type of presentations we expect, see presentations on TED.com.

Short biography. Please limit to no more than 250 words, and include a photo.

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Please list three people who are familiar with your work relevant to the topic you propose to present, and their contact details:

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I hereby apply to be a presenter at the 2nd International J2Ex “Creating a Mindset for Growth and Development” Conference 2017.

Full name of applicant: ……………………………………………………………….……………………………

Applicant’s signature: ……………………………………………... Date………………………………………..

Applications must be submitted in English. The application deadline is 10 August  2017.

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In the subject line of your e-mail please put: “J2Ex Conference Swaziland”.

Applicants will be contacted shortly after their documents have been received.

*As our target audience is global – via video - the professional quality of presentations is of paramount importance. In addition to other pre conference exchanges, coaching and practice sessions will be held 2 days in advance of the conference.*

For more information on our conference partners:

J2Ex and Mapili

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