



First editions

Designers, design researchers and design educators interrogating the state of design in Afrika now

Call for Articles for first edition of the **Design Afrika: Journal of Design, Design Research and Design Education**

The journal aims to facilitate interdisciplinary research and discourse around contemporary design practice, philosophy, research and education that centers perspectives from Afrika and the Global South while situating such dialogue within an international arena. Our journal is relevant to design practitioners, researchers, educators, theorists and historians invested in critical engagement with issues pertaining to the broader field of design and with furthering design and design education as a catalyst for positive social change.

Our ethos is rooted in the belief that design education and research should be a catalyst for positive change, fostering innovation while preserving and promoting the unique narratives and perspectives of Afrika. We aim to curate insightful and creative interdisciplinary discourse towards the continual evolution of a vibrant design ecosystem across the Afrikan landscape.

In the first of three special editions required to launch the journal, we invite articles in the focus area of design, design research and design education that map and interrogate design in Afrika now.

Criteria for submission

Full edited articles of original work that do not exceed 8000 words should be submitted on the website www.defsa.co.za by the **31 July 2024**.

Articles will be double blind peer reviewed by the editorial board of the journal and selected academics.

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19 April: 1st call

17 May: 2nd call

18 June: 3rd call

31st July: Submission of full edited articles

30 August: Feedback from Peer Review process

30 September: Final submission deadline of corrected articles.

1 December: Publication of 1st edition.

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- The submission has not been previously published, nor is it before another journal for consideration.
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- The submission file must be in Microsoft Word, using the template from the DEFSA Member Zone (www.defsa.co.za). The template provides guidance on the sections required, references etc.
- Before submitting, please separate the Cover sheet with author names, and save this as a PDF. It is uploaded separately.
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- Formatting requirements: Single line spacing, 12pt font. Use italics and NOT underlined (except with URL addresses); ALL illustrations, figures, and tables are within the text at the appropriate place, not at the end.
- The text must adhere to the stylistic and bibliographic requirements outlined below

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