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FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS – Closing date 31 January 2019

The Regional Local Economic Development Initiative (RLEDI) of the Graduate School of Business and Leadership (GSB&L) at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, in collaboration with the Education KwaZulu-Natal Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (KZN EDTEA), invites you to submit an article for Volume 9 of Skills@Work: Theory and Practice.

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The theme selected for Volume 9 is ‘Job Creation and the Stimulation of Business’. Contributions are invited on the following subthemes:

- Clusters
- Business incubators/ Incubation processes
- Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs)
- Stimulating private sector-based LED research
- Innovative ways of providing incentives to local companies
- Targeted skills development in the private sector
- Facilitating trade for economic growth
- Business in the informal economy
- Social entrepreneurship

Volume 9 will include a specific focus on KwaZulu-Natal. Submissions relating to the above subthemes at a provincial level are therefore encouraged, as well as research relating to the following sectors in KZN: agro-processing; maritime; liquor; poultry; halaal.

Authors may also propose other topics that are relevant to the overall theme of Volume 9.

An honorarium of ZAR 7000 is offered for articles accepted for publication (to be split in the case of co-authors). We look forward to your submissions and to your support of Volume 9. Please forward your manuscripts for consideration to the Managing Editors, c/o Fiona Farquharson at: fionaf@vitalitybroadband.co.za.

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