African Interdisciplinary Studies Association (AISA)

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Multimedia University of Kenya

Call for Abstracts and Proposals for the 17th International Interdisciplinary Conference, to be held in Nairobi, Kenya on June 17-19 2026 at Multimedia University of Kenya (online and in-person options - Hybrid Platform)

General conference theme: "The Past, Present and Future of Development in Africa"
Venue: Multimedia University of Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya and face to face and online

Sponsors: Multimedia University of Kenya, Kenya Scholars and Studies Association (KESSA), Centre for Democracy, Research and Development (CEDRED) and African Interdisciplinary Studies Association (AISA)

The past, present and future of development in Africa is of concern to many disciplines because of numerous changes taking place in the world today. Climate change, cosmopolitanism, new identities, hybridization, hybridity, gender, race, ethnicity and space are affecting development. Some of the changes and what causes them are being disputed. For example, many conservatives in the world do not believe that climate change is taking place with harmful effects on the universe, and their denial is creating disagreements and disputes. Similarly, rapid urbanization, migration, radicalization, terrorism, new genocides, wars and economic competition are creating tensions in the world space, affecting how people relate to each other. We invite critical and research papers for the 2026 conference, hoping that the conference will provide an opportunity for scholars from Africa and outside to share their research on Africa's past, present and future. We encourage senior scholars, junior scholars and students to submit abstracts for the conference which we anticipate will surpass the 1,000 record we established in the pre-Covid-19 era, with the support of everyone.

Organized and hosted by **Multimedia University of Kenya, African Interdisciplinary Studies Association (AISA) and the Centre for Democracy, Research and Development (CEDRED)**, this 17th International Interdisciplinary Conference will be held on **June 17 to 19, 2026** at Nairobi, Kenya. The conference will bring together scholars from all over the world to make presentations on matters that touch on research and development in Africa. **Submission of abstracts**: Send abstracts of between 250 and 300 words, including full contact details (title, name, address, email-address, and telephone) as well as institutional affiliation by **March 30 2026** to Prof. Maurice N. Amutabi and Prof. (Eng) Abel Mayaka at mauriceamutabi@gmail.com or neddylinnet@gmail.com or Amutabi@yahoo.com or Amutabi@gmail.com or centrefordrd@gmail.com or amayaka@mmu.ac.ke
The deadline for submission of full papers or PowerPoint presentation (one of them is adequate) is May 25, 2026. Most papers presented at the conference will be selected and published in peer-reviewed edited volumes and journals – Journal of African Interdisciplinary Studies (JAIS) and Journal of Popular Education in Africa (JOPEA), - affiliated to African Interdisciplinary Studies Association (AISA) and the Centre for Democracy, Research and Development (CEDRED), based in Nairobi, Kenya. Each person is allowed to submit a maximum of 3 papers. We encourage authors of papers not to have too many authors. The official language of the conference is English. The conference will consist of twenty colloquia organized along relevant themes.

Important Dates
Deadline for submission of abstracts – **March 30, 2026**
Deadline for submission of PowerPoint presentation or full papers **May 25, 2026**
The first book will come out starting **April 30, 2026** for early papers submitted.
Conference dates – **June 17 - 19, 2026**

Registration Fees:
1. Staff from East African Universities and Organizations (face to face presentation: US$ 50 (KES 5,000); Online Presentation: US$40 (KES. 4,000)
2. Rest of Africa (face to face, US$ 60, Online Presentation US$50)
3. Rest of the World – Europe, North America, Asia, etc face to face US$ 100, Online Presentation US$80)
4. Exhibition and advertising stand for books (bookshops), clothes and other items - US$ 50

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Colloquium 1: Development, Climate Change, Climate Resilience and Blue Economy in the World
Sub Themes:
a. The past, present and future of development, Sovereignty, Destabilization, Climate change, Alliances, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Blue Economy and Development
b. Contestation, Resistance, accelerating climate action, building resilience, or fostering collaboration for a sustainable development
c. Climate Action and Emerging Challenges**,** Global Environmental Change and New World Order
d. Gender, Race and Hegemony in Climate change debates, framework for the Advancement of Inclusion, Equity, and Justice in the Weather, Water, and Climate Enterprise for Vulnerable and Special Populations
e. Blue Economy, Coastal Communities, Coastal Information Needs through Tailored Scientific Assessment and Sustainable Development
f. Future of AI, Weather-Water-Climate Value Chain(s): Giving VOICE to the Characterization of the Economic Benefits of Hydro-Met Services, Products and Services
g. The Intersection of Socioeconomic Status & Climate Change Risks & Hazards in the World Waters, Oceans, Seas, Lakes, Rivers and Streams
h. Government, Communities, Societal Benefits in Weather, Water, and Climate, Transport, Communication and Security of Marine and Other Resources
i. Addressing Global Climate Change for a Sustainable Future
j. Cardon Credits, Cardon Sinks, Water Towers, Degradation, Major Forests and Major Basins and Harnessing Science and Technology for National Benefit
k. Global Warming, Managing Climate Disasters, Floods, Drought, Hurricane, Monsoon, Preparation & Response at National, Regional and Other Levels
l. Responding to Climate Predictions, Space Weather and Aviation, Satellite Navigation, Space Weather, Policing and Militarization

m. Scramble for Water Landscape of the World and New Water Conflicts and Global Peace and Security
n. Desertification, Rangelands, Pastoralists, Nomads and Climate Change
m. AI, Indigenous Knowledge and Climate Change Mitigation
n. Climate Change Industry, Myths, Realities and Challenges
o. AI, Climate Change, Movements, Migration, Refugees, World Climate and Implications on Development
p. Scarcities, Organic Farming, Water Conflicts and Strategic Management of Fresh Water Resources, GMOs and
q. Governments, Regional Bodies, UN, NGOs and Faith-Based Organizations on Climate Change and Climate Mitigation
r. The West and East and Africa's Development choices, assessing good development and bad development choices in Africa
r. Any other relevant topic will be accepted

Colloquium 2: Business, Economics and Strategic Resource Utilization

Sub-Themes:

a. The past, present and future of Development Opportunities, Great Business, Small and Medium Enterprises, Global Finance, Commerce, e-Commerce and e-Banking, Sectors of Development
b. Business Branding, Rebranding, Sustainability and Shaping the Future of Development; Africa's development priorities
c. Trade Marks, Patents, Innovation, Technology and Embracing the Digital Age, Wellness and Work-Life Balance, Prioritizing Employee Health and Productivity
d. Diversity, Inclusion & Building Stronger, More Dynamic Teams and Economies; Green energy and environmentally friendly choices in development
e. Leadership, Governance, Management, Strategies for Success in a Rapidly Changing World, Global Trends in Customer Experience, Enhancing Engagement, Satisfaction, After Sale Service and Follow Up and Customer Retention
f. Global Economic Trends, Cultivating Loyalty, Navigating Uncertainty and Opportunities, Industry-Specific Insights: Tailoring Conferences to Unique Business Sectors
g. Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, Business Automation, Cybersecurity, Data Rights and Protecting Data in a Digital World
h. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Creating an Inclusive Workplace
i. Health Tourism, Wellness, Insurance, Gyms, Fitness Clubs, Workplace Welfare, Promoting a Healthy Working Environment, Business Start Ups, Small and Medium Enterprises, Entrepreneurial Mindset, Cultivating Innovation, Business Growth and Incubation Hubs
j. Business Expansion, Networking, Collaboration and Creating Business Connections and Networks, Banking, Financial Management, Savings, Shareholders, Strategies for Sustaining Growth and Stability
k. E-Marketing, Advertising, Labeling, Brand Recognition and Presence, Business Innovation, Discovery, Creativity and Next and Future Great Ideas
l. Effects and Impact of Race, Class, Gender and Ethnicity in Human Resources Evolution, Merit and Talent Management, Rights, Remuneration, Labour Movement, Crisis Management and Business Arbitration
m. Business Innovation, Leadership Resilience, Challenges, Adversity, Tariffs and Unfair Competition, Procurement, Supply Chain Optimization, Efficiency and Flexibility
n. The Age of Malls, Super Markets, Resort Cities, Mega Cities, Sports Cities and Spas, E-commerce and Retail Innovation, and Social Media and Digital Consumer, E-currency,

Soft Currency, Blockchain and Cryptocurrency, Innovations in Digital and Soft Economy, Business Betting, Gambling, Reward Points, Customer Loyalty and Retention Programs, and Strategies for Long-Term Engagement

o. Business Education and Business Schools and Workforce of Tomorrow, Global Business and Commerce, Global Workforce and Cross-Cultural Challenges, Corporate Social Responsibility, Giving Back to Society and Balancing Profit with Purpose
p. Virtual Shopping, Personalized Consumer Experiences and Knowing and Catering to Individual Preferences and Choices, Mega Cities and Smart Cities, Future Livability and Online Business Regimes, Virtual Commerce, Data Analytics, AI and Business Intelligence and Remote Trading
q. Virtual Shops, Remote Team Management, and Blended Business Modes, E-commerce and Ethical Leadership, Decision-Making in Complex Times and AI, Global Conglomerates, MNCs, TMCs, Business Consortiums, Big Capital and Politics and Economics of Patents, Trademarks, Factories, Industries and Manufacturing & Sustainable Development
r. Business and Geopolitics, Globalism, Resource Tensions, BRICS and New Proposed Currency, European Union, NATO, NAFTA, ECOWAS, EAC and IGAD and World Security
s. Devolution, Decentralization and Resource Mobilization, Organizational Behavior, Leadership and Human Resources Management, Innovation, IT, Operations and Supply Chain Management, Planning and Management of Natural Resources in West, East, South and North Africa
t. LGBTQ and Business, Business Choices and Management, Human Resource and Entrepreneurship, Cooperative Movement, Women Groups and Savings Societies
u. Green Business, Green Economy, Business Technologies and Sustainable Entrepreneurship, Regional Blocs, Integration and Regional Trade and Sustainable Development
v. Sports Tourism, Eco-Tourism, Health-Tourism, mega sports, Sports, Cable TV, English Premier League, American NBA, Cricket, Rugby and Other Sports & Sustainable Development
w. New Perspectives on Management and Resilience of Business Organizations, Finance and Investment, New Challenges and Opportunities, Legal Business Environment, Money transfer, Western Union, Mpesa and other mobile banking services, Covid-19 and Business, pharmaceutical politics and business
x. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome.

Colloquium 3: Education, other Social and Cultural Movements in Africa

Sub-Themes:

a. The past, present and future of education, New Education modes and modes, Conservative and Progressive Voices in Education, Education, hybridization, hybridity and cosmopolitanism in developing countries, binaries in achievement between urban and rural schools, rich and poor neighbourhoods and hierarchies in schools, displaced and refugee populations and education
b. The Right and Left in Policy in education, Higher Education and Policymaking in the World, Leadership of quality in education, Higher education in developing countries, Enhancing Labour market relevance and outcomes through education, counseling in schools, career advising, World Bank and IMF on shunning higher education for mass education and lower levels, and TVETS

c. New Technologies, Originality, Learning for Sustainable Futures, Global Challenges for Education, Education and Language, Education and race, education and gender, in education
d. Competition in education, Assessment and evaluation in education, Assessing the qualities of schools, colleges and universities, approaches to evaluation in higher education (program evaluation, case studies, responsive evaluation etc., measurement, assessment and evaluation in higher education
e. Pedagogical skills in new normal, Teaching Strategies For Quality Learning, Improving the quality of teaching, Students' experiences, perceptions and expectations, Problem based learning in primary, secondary and higher education, Team-Based Collaboration in Higher Education Learning and Teaching, Arts based methods, Learning and Teaching for Sustainable Development – Curriculum, Cognition Context
f. Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Online Learning and Teaching, technological advancements in ICT in education, student-centered learning based on ICT, educational tools for technology enhanced learning and distance education and learning
g. Professional Development, Education and Professional Development, Academic development and quality in higher education, qualifying and enrolment exams, mentoring, quality assurance and peer review process in teaching and professional growth, training and gate keeping in education, licensing of teachers and renewal of teaching permits
h. New education systems and development driven initiatives, tensions and graduate employability and skills mismatch, Education-industry relationship, Bridges between practice and theory, Role of local bodies (NGO, community, municipalities…), Recognition of non-formal and informal experiences (volunteering) and prior learning
i. Creativity in education, conceptualizing, Reimagining, Reorienting and Redistributing training needs, Inclusive Education Systems, futures, fallacies and finance, education Quantity, quality and Outcomes, Development through Education, Globalization and learning, The Changing Role of the State in Educational Development
j. Blended education models, home schooling, Education for empowerment, minorities, poor neighborhoods, religious schools and secular education, class and education, race and education, ethnicity and education
k. New Frontiers of Development Opportunities in Education, Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Education, New Learning Approaches and Analytics, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Future of Education, AI & STEM Education
l. AI and New Opportunities in Education - Personalized Learning Experiences; Artificial Intelligence for Teachers; Evaluation and Feedback; Accessibility and Inclusion
m. Advantages and disadvantages of AI in the Education Sector, The role of AI in predicting the learning status of students; Design of training processes with AI tools and processes
n. Gender, Age, Region, Race and Culture differences in the use of techno-pedagogical resources in Africa
o. Open and Distance Learning, Intelligent Virtual Reality-based learning systems, innovation in education and e-learning with digital transformation, Learning and Complex Systems, Mode Recognition and Logic Program, Information Retrieval and Web Search
p. Distance Education, Distance Learning, Lifelong Learning, Future Education, Information Education, New Generations of Educational Technologies, Mobile Learning, Formal and Informal Learning, Nomadic People and mobile education
q. TVETS, New Education Opportunities through E-learning, Smart Learning Environment, Distributed learning environment, Instructional Design, Digital Evaluation, Educational Multimedia, Blended Learning, Competency Based Curriculum (CBC)
r. Global ethics, Education and Data mining, text mining and web mining in education, Simulation in learning, Intelligent Mentor System, Affective Computing in Education,

Adaptive learning environment; Global Trends and Curriculum Development and New Pedagogies in Higher Education, Global Networks, Higher Education, Linkages, Research, Partnerships and Publishing

s. Education and Development sectors, Industry, Linkages, Exchange Programmes and Collaborations, Special Education, Education, ICT, teleconferencing, webinars, networking and e-Learning, Adult Education and Cooperative Education, Technical and Vocational Education, indigenous education and knowledge systems
t. Higher Education, Universities, African Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS), Graduate Training, University Repositories and anti-Plagiarism, University Ranking and Funding in Higher Education
u. Appraising the work of African Scholars: Ngugi wa Thiong'o, Ali Mazrui, , Bethuel . A Ogot, Daniel Sifuna, Toyin Falola, Paul Tiyambe Zeleza, Kwame Anthony AppiahV. Y.Mudimbe, Achille Mbemcbe, Ifi Amadiume, Maria Nzomo, Catherine Odora Hoppers, Shirley Walters, Archie Mafeje, etc
v. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 4: Law, Courts, Constitutions, Human Rights & Development

Sub-Themes:

a. The Past, Present and future of Law, Judicial Systems, Constitution, customary law, and national development in Africa, Men and Women of Law, Reconciling Tradition, Modernity and Justice
b. AI, Digitization, Electronic Transactions in Law Courts, Constitution and international Development Goals, Constitutional safeguards for economic freedom and social justice
c. Cyber-crime, online and e-judicial engagements since Covid-19, AI, the UN and International Court System, Independence of Courts in Africa, Women, youth, minorities and Human Rights and Development, Global Trends and Indigenous, Local, National and Global Legal Systems
d. Good and Bad Laws, Poor and Inadequate Constitutions, Decentralization, and National Development, Judicial Law-making in constitutional law and Public Law
e. Courts, Churches, Mosques, Temples, Synagogues and Conflict Transformation and Peace Building Issues, Dictatorships, Democracies and Constitutional reforms
f. International treaties, agreements and protocols affecting Africa
g. Alternative Justice Systems (AJS), Informal justice systems, Councils of Elders, Human Rights and Human Dignity, Wangari Maathai, Koffi Annan, Ken Saro-Wiwa, Aliko Dangote, Julius Malema, Bob Wine, Eliud Kipchoge, Wole Soyinka, and other new heroes in AfricaCourt reporting and Courts in social media, Environmental Law and Conservation and development, Role of Regional Blocs and UN in Arbitration in Conflicts
h. Between Institutional Factors and Legal Investment Attractiveness, Transition towards innovative energy, Protecting Intellectual Capital and Innovation Management, Web technologies for Intellectual Capital
i. Emerging ICTs for strategic knowledge management, Collaborative technologies for knowledge management
j. Intellectual capital as a resource-based business strategy, Human capital management, Disclosing intangibles, Intellectual capital and the economy, Innovation and technology management, The effect of communities of practice on intellectual capital,
k. Intellectual Capital and Transfer Pricing, Social and Cultural Capital, Business and competitive intelligence and intellectual capital, Intellectual capital and entrepreneurial, performance, Measurement of intellectual capital, Future innovative intellectual capital management and practical solutions and implementations,

l. Best practice in managing Intellectual Capital, Intellectual Capital in Network Organizations, Linking intellectual capital management and corporate social responsibility
m. Women, Youth and Courts and Development, Civic and Citizen Education and Development, Land, Special Courts and Small Claims Courts
n. Human Trafficking and Global Recruitment Firms
o. IDPs, Refugees, Illegal and Forced Migration
p. Protocols, Agreements, Treaties and Accords
q. Truth Commissions and Restoration of Justice
r. Artificial intelligence and law, Formal and computational models of legal knowledge, Models of legal reasoning, pros and cons of Automation of legal decision-making process, AI and litigation, Predictive coding
s. Autonomous and self-learning agency, Ethics of artificial intelligence
t. Data Security and Privacy, Benefits and Pitfalls of AI and AI ethical considerations
u. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 5: Science, Technology, Engineering, Fourth Industrial Revolution & Development

Sub-Themes:

a. The Past, Present and Future of Science, Technology, Engineering and Development
b. Forensic science and Africa, AI, Science, Technology, Engineering and New Technologies for Mega Projects, Highways, Roads, Bridges and Airports
c. Fifth and Fourth Industrial Revolutions, Global Trends in Engineering
d. Natural Resource Management, agriculture, livestock and fisheries
e. Patents, Trademarks, Technology and Innovation
f. Manufacturing, Industry and University Collaboration
g. Indigenous Architecture, Research and Development (R&D) and Sustainable Development
h. Industrial Parks and Innovation Villages and Sustainable Development
i. Innovation, Science, Technology and Environment
j. ICT, Science and Technology and inclusive Development
k. STEM, Science, Engineering, Technology, Gender and inclusive Development
m. Science, Children and Youth and Sustainable Development
n. Health Tourism, Medicine, HIV and AIDS
o. Transport (Roads, railways, ports and harbours) and Development
p. Informal (Jua kali) sector and non-formal sector and Development
q. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome
r. Artificial Intelligence (AI) - the use of algorithms, data, and computational power
AI and computer science, cognitive and learning sciences, data mining and other AI techniques, game design, etc
s. AI and Organizational Resilience, AI and the Future of Work, AI in Remote and Hybrid Work Environments, AI in Research, Data Analysis, and Predictive Modeling, AI-driven Personalized Learning in Education
t. AI-driven Solutions for Enhanced Customer Experience, AI-driven Solutions for Enhanced Customer Experience, AI Applications and security/Privacy Issues, AI and Building Connections
u. AI regime: Plagiarism Detection, Exam Integrity, Chatbots for Enrollment and Retention, Learning Management Systems, Enhanced Online Discussion Boards, Analyzing Student Success Metrics, Academic Research, Connected Campuses, etc
v. AI and Organizational Performance, AI and Employee Wellbeing, Leadership in the Age of AI
w. AI in Business Operations at national, regional and global development

x. Any other sub-themes related to AI

Colloquium 6: The Third Sector, Religious Organizations, Non-State Actors, and External Aid and Grants

Sub-Themes:

a. The Past, Present and Future of Development in Africa; Non-State Actors, External Aid and Grants in Africa's Development
b. International NGOs, Christian and Islamic Development Agencies and Work in Africa
c. Major Religions, Global Radical Groups, Radical Religious Groups and Global Security
d. Global Trends in Media, the Church and Development
e. Small States and Challenges of Development
f. Sectoral Development and Faith-Based NGOs and Development
g. Doctors Without Borders, Care International, World Vision, FORD and Rockefeller Foundations, War, Conflict, Philanthropy and Development
h. Religious Institutions, Sacred Shrines, Religious festivals, etc
i. Global Al Qaeda, Boko Haram, Al Shabaab and Global Peace and Security
j. Local and National NGOs, CBOs and Grassroots Development
k. Income Generating Groups and Development
l. State Corporations or Parastatals and Development
m. Seers, Prophets, Apostles, TV and Global Mega Evangelists and Development
n. Religion, Environment and Development
o. Religion, Gender, Women, youth and Development
p. The Church and Covid-19 Pandemic and coping with other diseases
q. The Covid-19 Pandemic and Local, national and regional dynamics
r. Briefcase NGOs in Africa and corruption
s. Women Associations, Chamas, Men and Burial Societies and Development in Africa
t. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 7: AI, Security, Peace and Conflict, Industrial Military Complex and Development

Sub-Themes:

a. The Past, Present and Future, Security Architecture, Industrial Military Complex and Development
b. Al Qaeda, Boko Haram, Al Shabaab and global Peace and Security
c. Conflict, Rebel activities, War and Violence
d. Security imperatives, UN, African Union, East African Community, ECOWAS, IGAD, Gender and Human Rights
e. Conflicts, Refugees, Rebels, Peace and Security in the Great Lakes Region
f. Ukraine-Russia War, Humanitarian Assistance and Rise in Oil and Wheat prices
g. War on Gaza, Russia war on Ukraine, the Middle East Crisis, the Sahel, Tamils, War, Refugees and Development in the world
h. Conflict Management, Ethical Issues in Development
i. Democracy, Leadership and Governance
j. Kleptocracies, Totalitarianism and Dictatorship, term limits and Corruption
k. Regional Bodies and Peace and Development
l. Displacement, Refugees and International Affairs
m. Failed and near-failed states in Africa
n. Water wars and conflicts in the world and Development
o. Global security, small arms and light weapons, Maritime security and Development
p. Special Forces and Commando Units

q. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 8: Computer Science, Library, Information and Communication Technology, Media Sectors and Development

Sub-Themes:

a) The Past, Present and Future, Changes in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Development
b) Super Computers, Nature and State of ICT in the world and Africa and Development
c) AI, Computer Science, Mobile Libraries, Dissemination and Publishing
d) Library Resources and Development
e) E-Library/Virtual library and Development
f) Research and Development (R&D), E- books/E-Journals and e-Development in Africa
g) Internet Research and online publishing
h) Communication and Journalism and Development
i) Language, FM Radio and TV stations and Development
j. Gender and ICT in Africa
k. Research and Development (R&D), ICT and environment in Africa
l. Business innovations in ICT – M-pesa, m-kopa, m-shwari, etc
m. Oral literature and oral narratives and texts
n. Global Media and Africa and Development
o. CNN, BBC, Al Jazeera and Reporting Africa
p. Research and Development (R&D), Media ownership in Africa
q. Training in journalism in Africa – South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya, Egypt, etc
r. Internet Bandwidth, Cybercrimes and cyber security, FM Radio Stations and Development
s. Film Production, Censorship and Media Freedom
t. Social Media, Fake News, Socialites, Social Media "Influencers" and Media Icons
u. Celebrities, Gender and Media
v. Research and Development (R&D), Artificial intelligence and new media
w. Women, girls, youth and Media
x. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 9: New Trends in Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Research

Sub-Themes:

a. The Past, Present and Future of multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research, Challenges of invention of states and ethnic groups in Africa
b. AI, Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Development in Africa
c. New Geographies and new Opportunities, Gender, Women and Development in Africa
d. New Histories and New Sociologies, New Corporate Social Responsibility
e. Chemistry, Physics and Biology for the real world, Applied Science and Development
f. Botany and Zoology and New Frontiers of Knowledge
g. Natural Sciences and Stretching the possibilities of innovation, invention and discovery
h. New Archeological Discoveries and Recreating the Past
i. Science Fiction, Cartoons and Birth of New Ideas
j. Creative World of Academia, Film Production and New Entrepreneurship
k. Political Science and New Frontiers of Knowledge
l. Beyond Karl Marx and Michel Foucault, the Philosophies of Possibilities, Penetration and Counter penetration
m. Social Work, Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation
n. Economics of New Frontiers and New e-Money
o. AI, Space Science, Scramble for the Planets, Satellite Communication

p. AI and New Science in Exit, Polls, Opinion Polls, Surveys and Projections
q. Politics of Patents and Trade Marks in the age of Open Access
r. Politics of Indexing, Ranking, H-index, Publishing Wars and Control of Production through Scopus and DOI and other Western Instruments of keeping Control of Scholarship in Africa
s. University Ranking, MOUs and Partnerships of universities in the North and South, University-Industry partnerships
t. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 10: Health, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmaceutical Sectors and Development

Sub-Themes:

a. The Past, Present and Future of Health Science innovations, inventions, and discoveries in the world
b. Medical Tourism, online medicine, e-medical engagements, Artificial Intelligence in Medicine, Intelligent / Cognitive Clinical Decision Support Systems
c. AI in Medicine, Medical methodologies, procedures and architectures, Medical environments and systems
d. Medical and knowledge engineering in diagnostics, AI and physics and medical Applications and Devices, AI in Healthcare Information Systems
e. COVID-19 pandemic and effects Medical tourism and Development
f. Epidemiology, pandemics, Covid-19, Corona Virus Pandemic & Development
g. AI and New and Emergent diseases, Ebola, Rare Diseases, Epidemiology, Yellow Fever, Nile Blindness, Kala-azar disease
h. Global West, North, East and the state of HIV and AIDS and management in Africa
i. Lifestyle diseases, poor and rich people diseases and health services
j. Dietetics, Malnutrition, Nutrition and strategic food resources
k. AI and Machine Learning in the healthcare industry, AI Applications in Public Health, and Disease Prevention, AI in Healthcare and Wellbeing Connections, Health of mothers and fathers
l. AI, Gynecology and obstetrics and child welfare in Africa

j. Problems of Covid-19, Corona Virus Pandemic & Effects on Development
k. Medical insurance schemes and 'health tourism'
l. Resistance in diseases and campaigns against abuse of drugs
m. Pharmacy, pharmaceuticals and health tender-preneurs
n. Plastic surgery, cosmetics and beauty industry in Africa
o. Nursing challenges, mobile hospitals and clinics in Africa
p. Expatriate doctors and brain drain and bran gain in Africa
q. Psychiatry and mental health in Africa
r. Internal medicine and lifestyle diseases in Africa
s. Aging, obesity and diet and care of the elderly in Africa
t. Malaria and other tropical diseases
u. Development and change in medical schools in Africa
w. Eradication of polio and other vaccination campaigns
x. Alternative medicine and ethno-medicine in Africa
y. Dietetics and nutrition, kwashiorkor, marasmus, and other issues
z. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 11: Science, Engineering, Technology, Innovation and Development

Sub-Themes:

a. The Past, Present and Future of Science, Technology, Engineering and development in Africa

b. Big data science, data-Centric AI – Solutions and Emerging Technologies, Datasets for Data-Centric development, Data bias mitigation techniques, Data quality assessment and accountability
c. Data governance and regulatory compliance, Transparent multi-modal data fusion, Explainable data augmentation and outlier detection, Privacy-preserving synthetic data
d. Data Engineering Prompting, Scalable data processing workflows, Data Auditing and Evaluation Practice, Data labelling and benchmarking techniques and Human-in-the-loop data engineering
e. AI and Electronic engineering and Sectoral Development
f. Civil and structural engineering and Sustainable Development
g. Applied technology, Smart Factory, Sustainable Industries and Cities, Smart Cities, Smart Societies
h. Chemical and mining engineering
i. Electrical & Electronic Engineering Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence Applied Science or basic sciences Materials Science & Nanotechnology Educational Technology and Innovation Biotechnology & Health Sciences
j. Wind, solar and hydro power, ffactories and industries and Sustainable Development
k. Technical training, assistance and collaboration and Sustainable Development
l. Professional engineering exams and regulatory bodies for technology and engineering
m. Studying engineering and Sustainable Development
o. Engineering training and regulators
p. Innovations, discoveries and innovations
q. Young engineers and Sustainable Development
r. Power generation and Sustainable Development
s. Aviation and flying schools in Africa
t. Manufacturing, Textile engineering and production
u. Food processing, storage and nutrition
v. Engineering and Internet of Things (IoT), Instrumentation and Sensor Technology, Wireless sensor networks, Monitoring Systems
w. Drones for agricultural engineering, spraying and insect control, Engineering Navigation Systems, Smart Sensors and Sensor Fusion
x. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 12: Agriculture, Livestock Development, Fisheries, Irrigation Sectors and Development

Sub-Themes:

a. The Past, Present, Future and New Opportunities in Agriculture and Livestock Development
b. Small, Medium and Big agricultural enterprises and the future of agriculture in Africa; Aquaculture Technologies & Innovation, sustainable Fisheries Management, Animal Breeding and Genetics, Disease Control and Veterinary Services
c. Smart Farms, AI in Agriculture: Computer vision in agriculture, Signal and image processing in agriculture
d. Computational intelligence in agriculture, Decision support systems, Expert systems & predictive systems
e. AI-based precision agriculture, Machine learning and pattern recognition, IoT in agriculture
f. Science, technology, Food and livestock management, Big data, Remote sensing, Unmanned aerial vehicle vehicles, Autonomous driving in agriculture, Harvesting automation

g. Technologies of soil protection, tillage and sowing, harvesting technologies, sustainable energy for agricultural applications & Industrial product development and market service
h. Robotics and robotic perception in agriculture, Digital twins for agriculture, Data space for agriculture, Ethics and social impact of AI on agriculture
i. AI-based crowd-sensing and participatory approaches in agriculture, Applications in agriculture
j. AI and Green Energy and Agriculture, biogas, biomass
k. African agriculture, politics of cash crops, Tea, coffee, maize, bananas, pineapples, wheat, rice, beans and vegetables, pyrethrum, cotton, sisal and rare crops
l. Climate change and agriculture, Precision Agriculture; Weather Monitoring
m. Extreme weather, Drought, Flood management, Strategic crops in food security and disaster prevention in Africa
n. Internet, AI and Agricultural engineering, Farm management, Training in agriculture, Seed production and Sustainable Development
o. Cooperative societies, Irrigation agriculture, and politics of 'Male' crops and 'female' crops
p. Agricultural machinery, tractors, self-propelled agricultural machinery, Power trains, electric drives and mobile hydraulics
q. Agricultural information technologies, precision farming, software, engineering, artificial intelligence and data handling, Automation, robotics, electronic components and sensors, locating
r. Agriculture, dietetics, Nutrition and Feed in Animal Husbandry
s. Practices Policy and Ethical Considerations, advancements in aquaculture, sustainable fisheries, and animal husbandry
t. Farmer and farming information systems, data acquisition by sensors and mobile devices; Big data and AI approaches in agriculture for planting, harvesting, pricing and marketing
u. Expert information Systems; weather and agricultural Forecasting Methods; Greenhouse Control with AI; Intelligent Control; Multi-Agent systems
v. YouTube farmers and revolution in grafting and online farming communities
w. Virtual agriculture and telephone and internet farmers
x. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 13: Forestry, Wildlife Management, Hospitality Management and Tourism Sectors

Sub-Themes:

a. The Past, Present and Future of Equatorial, Tropical Forests and Harnessing of their Resources, Indigenous Forests, Abundant and Endangered Wildlife, National Game Parks and Reserves for Development
b. Water Towers and Carbon sinks of the world, Global and Local Efforts in the Protection of Water Towers and Carbon Sinks in Africa
c. Opportunities and Challenges in the Management of Equatorial and Tropical Forests in Africa and the Scramble for the resources by West and East
d. AI, Drones, Monitoring Use of forest resources, forest fires and security
e. Knowledge, Skills and Training in Forest and Wildlife Management
h. Endangered Species and Sustainable Development
j. Animal orphanages and Sustainable Development
k. Rare animal species and Sustainable Development
l. Indigenous forests and Sustainable Development
m. Rare tree species and Sustainable Development
n. Rare animal species and Sustainable Development

o. Human/wildlife conflict and Sustainable Development
p. Biodiversity in Africa and Sustainable Development
q. Resources from Tropical and equatorial forests
r. Forestation, afforestation, desertification, Marine parks in Africa
s. Diversification and Expansion of Tourism Products
t. Innovations in Tourism Offerings, Sustainable Tourism Practices, Leisure, Event Management and Catering
u. AI, Hospitality Trends, Innovations, Entrepreneurship and Start-ups in Hospitality
v. Ethics and Social Responsibility in Hospitality, Technology and Tourism Products Tourism and Conservation in Africa
w. Any topic on the dynamic landscape of the Hospitality and Tourism industry will be accepted

Colloquium 14: Water, Petroleum, Minerals, Metallurgy and other Sectors

Sub-Themes:
a. The Past, Present and Future of Water Distribution, Use and Sustainable Development
b. Fresh Water needs, the past, present and future conflicts, AI, Mapping Water Sources, Supplies, Quality, Cost, Management and Sustainable Development
c. Ecology of the oppressed, AI, Ambient Intelligence and Affective Environments
d. Intelligent and Interactive Technologies in Water, Natural Gas, Petroleum Production and Global Mining Contexts
e. Smart Water Use, Water Networks, National Water master plans, Fresh water use in the world, Water processing and Retailing
f. Irrigation, Hydropower, Water transport and Sustainable Development
g. Mining, Metallurgy and Sustainable Development, Strategic minerals and Sustainable Development
h. Oil, Gas and Petroleum Resources, Production and Distribution in Africa
i. Conflicts over oil and natural gas production, Oil contracting in Africa and Sustainable Development, Advanced Manufacturing
j. Arsenic/Minor Element Controls in Metallurgical Plants, Corrosion and Environmental Degradation of Materials
k. Electrometallurgy for a Net Zero Economy, Extractive Metallurgy from Conception to Operation: Experimentation, Simulation, Pilot and Ramp-up
l. International Biohydrometallurgy Systems and Development
m. Processing of Critical Materials, Light Metals for Transportation: Marine, Aviation, and Ground Applications
n. Water, Air, Land Sustainability Issues in Mining and Metal Extraction
o. Artisanal Mining in Migori, Kakamega, Kwale, West Pokot and other parts of Kenya and Africa
p. AI and the Future of Green Energy Production in Africa
q. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 15: Transportation and Communication Networks and Implications on Development

Sub-Themes:
a. The Past, Present and Future of National and International Transport Systems
b. modern transportation, e-ticketing, AI and air transport, airports and aistrips
c. AI and Air Traffic Controllers at Local, National and International Airports
d. AI and Sea Transport over Oceans, Seas, Lakes and Navigable Rivers, Opportunities and Challenges

e. Standard Gauge Railways in Africa and Expressways
f. America, Europe, China and Business Development in Africa
g. American, European and Asian Transport interests in Africa
h. Transport Hubs, Mega road and port projects in Africa and Development
i. Communication Giants in Africa, Safaricom, Airtel, Vodacom and National Networks
j. Road transport, bus companies, uber, yellow cabs, taxis, local *matatu, daladala* and other forms of transport in Africa
k. AI and Communication Towers and Branding in Transport and Communication
l. Internet Connectivity, Bandwidth and Communication Networks
m. Artificial Intelligence in Transportation Systems, Artificial Transportation Systems and Simulation (ATSS)
n. Multiagent Systems, Agent-based modelling and simulation
o. Mass Transport Intelligent Transportation Systems, Smart Mobility and Knowledge Discovery and Business Intelligence
p. Any other topic in transport and communication

Colloquium 16: Music, Theater, Arts and Heritage Studies

Sub-Themes:

a. The Past, Present and Future and entertainment, Artificial Intelligence and Instructional Design
b. Music and Artificial Intelligence, AI in Language Learning, Human Language Technologies, i.e. Natural Language Processing (NLP)
c. Computational Linguistics (CL), Natural Language Engineering (NLE), Text Mining (TM), Information Retrieval (IR), and related areas.
d. Allied Arts and their Profound Influence on Dance Production
e. Contribution of African Knowledge system in reclaiming cultural heritage
f. Balancing artistic expression with cultural sensitivity, Choreographic Innovations in African Classical Dance, Colonial influences on classical dance in Africa
g. Dance as a tool for stress relief/emotional well-being/Physical/Mental health
h. Drama. Dance and performance and Ethical Choreography and Storytelling
i. Gender-Based Challenges and Opportunities in the Field of Dance and music
j. Incorporating modern educational tools and techniques; Integrating traditional African crafts in dance costumes and sets
k. Integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in choreography in dance and public performance
l. Interdisciplinary Dance Collaborations: Fusing Movement with Music, Visual Arts, Design, Science, and Technology for Innovative Artistry
m. Performing Arts and Aesthetics, Progressive Approaches to Dance Education: Advancements in Teaching Methods
n. Promoting inclusivity and breaking barriers in dance education and performance and Role of dance in promoting social awareness/cultural/activism
o. Scope of academic research on various aspects of African classical dance and significance of Digital Archiving and Documentation in performing arts
p. Strategies for reclaiming and decolonizing classical dance practices and Symbiotic relationship between dance and music
q. The impact of globalization on the perception and practice of dance and music
r. The influence of literature and mythology on dance narratives, the Symbiotic Relationship between Dance and Architecture in Shaping Spatial Experiences
s. AI and New Trends and Innovation in Dance, Artificial creative systems, visual arts, architecture, design, sound art, music, poetry, narrative, games, and science

t. Creative and Generative AI, Computational models of creativity, Evaluation of artificial creative systems, Human-computer collaboration and co-creation
u. Social and ethical aspects of computational creativity, African music – soul, afro pop, hip hop, rap, rock and roll, high life, Rhumba, Lingala, Bongo Fleva, Omutibo, Benga, Chakacha and Mganda
v. African short story and effects on literature, African novel, Nollywood and Black Africa, Afro cinema and Africa soap operas, Theater and culture in Africa
w. African art and preservation of African heritage, Village theaters and theft of African artifacts
x. Weaponizing African bodies, Sara Bartman (Hottentot Venus), Indigenous art in Africa and return of the heads of Koitalel Samoei and Otenyo, return of the tooth of Patrice Lumumba
y. Unique and rare art such as Makonde and Kamba carvings
z. Any other topic is welcome

Colloquium 17: Architecture, AI, Climate Change and New Paradigms in Development

Sub-Themes:

a. The Past, Present and Future of Architecture and Development in Africa
b. Contemporary Architecture. AI and Training in Architecture
c. AI, Environment, Planning and Designing
d. AI and Construction Industry, Methodologies, Architectures or Computational Tools
e. Planning with AI and Implications on the Profession
f. Cathedrals, Palaces, Castles and Contemporary Architecture
g. Borrowed and Blended Architecture
h. Asian, Persian, Arab, European and American Motifs in Architecture
i. Urban and Class Architecture in Africa
j. Rural and Indigenous Architecture in Africa
k. Modern Mega Churches and Architecture
l. Mega Stadiums and Domes in Sports, Olympic size designs
m. Culture, Society and Architecture
n. Economics, Politics and Architecture
o. Growth and Development of Architecture in Africa
p. AI and Blended Architecture
q. Signature Buildings in Modern Cities
r. Influence of Culture on Architecture
s. Ambient Intelligence (AmI), Ambient Intelligent Environments in homes, offices, meeting rooms, schools, hospitals, control centers, transport facilities, tourist attractions, stores, sport installations, or music devices, among others
t. Any other topic is welcome

Colloquium 18: Emerging cultures, hybridity, movement, Big Data, Knowledge Creation and Development

Sub-Themes:

a. The Past, Present and Future of Big Data, Artificial Intelligence for Industry and Societies, Artificial Intelligence in Power and Energy Systems, artificial intelligence to power and energy problems
b. New emerging cultures, hybridity, urbanization and Knowledge Discovery (KD), Data Pre-Processing, Temporal and Spatial KD
Explainable AI (XAI), Data and Knowledge Visualization
c. Machine Learning (e.g., Decision Trees, Deep Learning, Ensembles)

e. Data Mining tasks: Classification, Regression, Clustering and Association Rules, Process Mining, Learning from Text and Multimedia data, Graph Mining, Data Streams and Distributed Data Mining
f. Business Intelligence (BI), Business Analytics and Data Science
g. Artificial Intelligence (e.g., KD, Evolutionary Computation) applied to BI: Data Warehouse, OLAP, Data Mining, Decision Support Systems, Dashboards, Business Analytics, Adaptive BI and Competitive Intelligence
h. Finance, Marketing, Banking, Medicine, Education, Industry and Services
i. Big Data, Cloud computing, Web Intelligence and Social Network mining.
j. Natural Language Processing, Text Mining and Applications, the Track of Natural Language, Text Mining and Applications
k. Natural Language Processing (NLP)
l. Text Mining methods
m. Knowledge Representation and Reasoning (KRR) and Knowledge Creation
n. Any other topic is welcome

Colloquium 19: Strategic Communication, Corporate Communication, Public Relations and Integrated Marketing Communication

Sub-Themes:
a. Strategic Communication
b. Corporate Communication
c. Trends in Modern Communication
d. Public Relations
e. Strategies in Public Relations
f. Training in Communication
g. Integrated Marketing Communication
h. information and Communication Technology (ICT)
i. Government and Private Sector Communication
j. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Communication
k. Satellite communication and Modern Communication
l. Understanding New Methods of Communication
m. Traditional Communication
n. Challenges and Opportunities in Communication
o. Communication and Development
p. Any other topic is welcome

Colloquium 20: Race to Space and New places on Planet Earth, New and Emerging Paradigms on Development, Roundtables, Independent Panels and Association Meetings

Sub-Themes:
a. The Past, Present and Future and new trends in science and technology
c. Arctic and Antarctica, as the northern and earth's northern most and southernmost continents and the role of Africa, migration, efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; 2) adaptation—increasing society's capacity to cope with changes in climate; 3) geoengineering or climate engineering—Rapid urbanization, rural to urban migration, urban poverty and urban violence in cities
d. Epidemiology and diseases, Covid-19, Spread and Effects on global affairs and Containment, Vaccinations, etc
e. Africa's Development partners, Social Change, the West and the East and Development in Africa

f. Opportunities and Challenges of Savannah "Silicon Valley's" and other technology hubs and incubators
g. AI and Investment Opportunities in Africa
h. Grassroots and Community Based Development Approaches in Development
i. The UN, World Bank, INGOs, NGOs and Community Based Organizations (CBOs), etc
j. Partnerships, Foreign Aid and Western Development models and Sectors and Development
k. GenZ and Political Transformation in Africa
l. Poverty Eradication, Poverty Alleviation, Poverty Reduction, Strategic Management, etc
m. Sage Philosophy, Ubuntu, Ujamaa, Utu and other ideologies in Africa
n. African Cultural Social Protection and Modern Corporate Social Responsibility
o. Contributions of African Academic Giants in Development
p. AI & Trade Unions, Political Parties, Interest Groups and Sustainable Development
q. Indigenous African Philanthropy, Good Aid and Bad Aid in Africa
r. Geopolitics, labour movements, migration, displacement and 'brain drain'
s. AI, Identity, hybridity, blackness, whiteness and African development
t. Politics of Sexuality, 'queer' culture and 'otherness' and social development
u. The idea of 'Anguka Nayo', Revolution, Pop culture, multiculturalism and minorities
u. Space, Voice, agency and silences in global and African development
w. Women's Liberation, Youth Empowerment and Minority Development
x. Sports Gambling and Betting in Africa and the problem of addiction
y. New and Younger Leaders in Africa and the New Vision of Africa
z. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 21: Pan Africanism and African Development Update

Sub-Themes:
a.Pan Africanism and the Genesis, Growth and Development of African nationalism
b. Marcys Garvey, W. E. B Dubois and George Padmore, etc and African Freedom and Impendence
c. the legacy of African founders –Haile Selassie, Kwame Nkrumah, Julius Nyerere, Jomo Kenyatta, Namdi Azikiwe, Kenneth Kaunda, Sekou Toure, Kamuzu Banda, Nelson Mandela, and African development
d. Pan Africanism and Ideology in Africa
e. Conservative and Progressive voices in Pan Africanism
f. the place of Great African civilizations in Pan Africanism
g. Remembering glorious Africa and building the future
h. Pan Africanism and Future of Africa
i. African Union and Pan Africanism
j. Democracy and Pan Africanism
k. One party rule and Pan Africanism
l. Dictatorships and Decline of Pan Africanism
m. Gender and Pan Africanism
n. Women and Pan Africanism
o. Youth and the Pan African Movement
p. Dependency and Underdevelopment in Africa
q. Corruption and the decline of the African state
r. Regional Politics, Regional Cooperation and Pan Africanism
s. Ethnicity, regionalism and African Unity
p. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 22: Raila Amolo Odinga, Opposition Politics, Growth and Development of Democracy in Africa

Sub-Themes:
a. Raila Amolo Odinga and Opposition Politics in Africa
b. Raila Odinga and the Growth and Development of Democracy in Kenya
c. Raila Amolo Odinga as Member of Parliament for Larger Langata Constituency
d. Raila Odinga and His Early Life, From Maranda to Eastern Europe in Quest for Education
e. Raila Odinga as Prime Minister in Coalition Government with Mwai Kibaki
f. Raila Odinga as Party Leader and Party Politics in Kenya
g. Raila Odinga as Political Detainee and Fight for Justice in Kenya
h. Raila Odinga and Public Speaking Style
i. Raila Odinga and Use of Football Commentator, Mimicry, Metaphors, Proverbs and Saying as Political Mobilization
j. Raila Odinga and use of music and songs as part of political communication campaigns
k. Raila Odinga and Family and Political Ties
l. Raila Odinga as enigma in Kenyan politics
m. The rise of Raila Odinga as a statesman
n. Raila Odinga and Morgan Tsvangirai – suffering without bitterness
o. Raila Odinga as Lecturer at the University of Nairobi
p. Raila Odinga as a civil servant in Kenya
r. Raila Odinga in Exile
s. Raila Odinga and Political Mobilization
t. Raila Odinga and Public Protests and Demonstrations in Kenya
u. Raila Odinga and the 2007 and 2008 Post election Violence and Post Conflict Kenya
v. Raila Odinga and Elections of 1997, 2007, 2013, 2017 and 2022
w. Raila Odinga and Luo Nyanza Politics
x. Raila Odinga and the Making of Kibaki in 2002 elections
y. Raila Odinga and the Decline of KANU as a political movement in Kenya
z. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

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