



African Interdisciplinary Studies Association (AISA)

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Multimedia University of Kenya



Call for Papers for the 11th International Interdisciplinary Conference, to be held in Nairobi, Kenya on June 23 to 26, 2021 at Multimedia University of Kenya

First Call for Papers for the 10th International Interdisciplinary Conference, to be held in Nairobi, Kenya on June 23 to 26, 2021 at Multimedia University of Kenya (online and physical options)

General conference theme: “Globalization and Development in Africa”

Conference Venue: Multimedia University of Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya and **online through Zoom**

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

Globalization is intimately and intricately intertwined with development in the world today. There are many changes taking place in the world today, spurred on by global forces and influences. The world community has accepted that globalization, with its attendant attributes, is affecting development in many different ways. The breakout of Covid-19 pandemic in Wuhan, China would not have become a global pandemic if it had taken place just few decades ago. The pandemic has shown that globalization is real because a local corona virus quickly became a pandemic in less than four months, spreading across many parts of the world, infecting millions and killing over one million people. The defeat of Donald Trump by Joe Biden caused ripples on world markets with share indices moving upwards. The death of George Floyd in the hands of police in USA unified the world against racism with the message “Black Lives Matter” and became a rallying cry in many sports and games across the world. The world is receiving many effects of climate change causing havoc across the world. This conference seeks to examine some of the global influences on development in all parts of the world. It invites papers from all disciplines to reflect on the areas in which development has been shaped by global forces and how global forces have impacted the world. In what ways does globalization affect development? What lessons do we learn from the effects of the spread of Covid-19 pandemic in the world? What are the causes of climate change and how do they affect the quality of life on earth? How have various governments and the international community responded to effects of globalization? What are some of the efforts being deployed in saving the world against effects of climate change? What are some of the efforts being made by various academic disciplines to address changing realities in education, agriculture, engineering, medicine, politics, technology, social issues, culture, water management, gender, youth, children, pastoralist issues, trade, business, commerce, religion, e-commerce, e-learning, among others? These are some of the issues that the conference will be seeking to address.

Conference Website:

Organized and hosted by **Multimedia University of Kenya, African Interdisciplinary Studies Association (AISA) and the Centre for Democracy, Research and Development (CEDRED)**, this 10th International Interdisciplinary Conference will be held on **June 23 to 26, 2021** at Nairobi, Kenya. The conference will bring together scholars from all over the world to make presentations on matters that touch on Africa. Submission of abstracts: Send abstracts of between 250 and 500 words, including full contact details (title, name, address, email-address, and telephone) as well as institutional affiliation by **March 30, 2021** to Prof. Maurice N. Amutabi at mauriceamutabi@gmail.com or neddylinnet@gmail.com or Amutabi@yahoo.com or Amutabi@gmail.com or centrefordrd@gmail.com

The deadline for submission of full papers or PowerPoint presentation (one of them is adequate) is May 30, 2021. 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 ten colloquia organized along themes.

Important dates

Deadline for submission of abstracts – March 30, 2021

Deadline for submission of PowerPoint presentation or full papers May 30, 2021

The first book will come out starting June 2020 for early papers submitted.

Conference dates – June 23-26, 2021

Colloquium 1: Globalization and Development in the World

Sub Themes:

- a. Understanding Globalization and Development
- b. Western influences and Globalization in Africa
- c. The East and Globalization and Development in Africa: China, India, etc
- d. Dynamics of Globalization and development in Africa - Savannah “Silicon Valley’s”
- e. Indigenous knowledge (IK) and Sustainable Development
- f. Grassroots and Community Based Development Approaches and Sustainable Development
- g. The UN, World Bank, INGOs, NGOs and Community Based Organizations
- h. Partnerships, Foreign Aid and Western Development models and Globalization and Development
- i. Energy, Water, Pastoralism, Agriculture, Fishing, bee-keeping, Roads, Railways, Air transport, Health, taxi transport (Matatu, Daladala, etc) and Globalization and Development
- j. Poverty Eradication, Poverty Alleviation, Poverty Reduction, Strategic Management, etc
- k. UN and Sustainable Development Goals
- l. Social Protection and Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development
- m. Faith-based Organizations and Globalization and Development
- n. Trade Unions, Political Parties, Interest Groups and Sustainable Development
- o. Indigenous African Philanthropy, Good Aid and Bad Aid in Africa and Sustainable Development
- p. Migration and Movement and Globalization and Development
- q. Identity, hybridity, blackness, whiteness and Sustainable Development

- r. Sexuality, 'queer' culture and 'otherness' and Sustainable Development
- s. Pop culture, multiculturalism and minorities and Sustainable Development
- t. Voice, agency and silences in global and African development
- u. Women's Liberation, Youth Empowerment and Minority Development
- v. Linguistics and Language question in sustainable development
- w. Arts, Culture, Performance, Literature and Sustainable Development
- x. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 2: Environment, Globalization and Development, Business and Resources
Sub-Themes:

- a. Global Environmental Movements, Climate Change, Globalization and Development
- b. Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs)/Rangelands and E-waste Management
- c. Global Finance, Commerce, e-Commerce and e-Banking, Globalization & Development
- c. Patents, Trademarks, Factories, Industries and Manufacturing & Sustainable Development
- d. New Trends in Outsourcing and Africa's 'Silicon Valleys' and 'Industrial Parks'
- e. Globalism, globalization, European Union, NAFTA, ECOWAS, EAC and IGAD
- f. Devolution, Decentralization and Resource Mobilization & Sustainable Development
- g. Planning and Management of Strategic Natural Resources and Sustainable Development
- h. Business Management, Human Resource and Entrepreneurship & Sustainable Development
- i. The Cooperative Movement, Women Groups and Savings Societies
- j. Media, Transport and Communication & Sustainable Development
- k. Regional Blocs, Integration and Regional Trade and Sustainable Development
- l. International Trade and Global Business Management and Sustainable Development
- m. Tourism, Eco-Tourism, Health-Tourism and Sustainable Development
- n. Transparency and Accountability, Corruption and Ethics in Development
- o. Sports, Cable TV, English Premier League, American NBA, Cricket, Rugby and Other Sports & Sustainable Development
- p. Games, Gambling, Betting and Pyramid Schemes & Sustainable Development
- q. Forensic auditing and accounting
- r. Global Finance and Sustainable Development
- s. Cooperative Saving Societies, Micro and village banking and bank agents
- t. Money transfer, Western Union, Mpesa and other mobile banking services
- u. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome.

Colloquium 3: Education, Globalization and Development

Sub-Themes:

- a. Education, Globalization and Development
- b. Lifelong learning, Open and Distance Learning (ODL), online learning, e-resources
- c. Global Trends and Curriculum Development and New Pedagogies in Higher Education
- d. Global Networks, Higher Education, Linkages, Research, Partnerships and Publishing
- e. Globalization, Industry, Linkages, Exchange Programmes and Collaborations
- f. Globalization and Special Education
- g. Education, ICT, teleconferencing, webinars, networking and e-Learning
- h. Women, Minorities and Gender mainstreaming in Education
- i. Globalization and Lifelong Learning, Adult Education and Cooperative Education
- j. Science, Industry, Technology and UNESCO projects in Education
- k. Globalization, Private Education and Venture Capital
- l. Global Trends, Technical and Vocational Education
- m. Africa Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS)
- o. Research Production, Graduate Training and Repositories and anti-Plagiarism

- p. University Ranking and Funding in Higher Education
- q. Global Trends in Education, Basic, Elementary and Secondary Education
- r. New Trends in Teaching and Education
- s. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

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

Sub-Themes:

- a. Global Trends, International Court System, Independence of Courts in Africa
- b. Human Rights and Sustainable Development
- c. Global Trends and Indigenous, Local, National and Global Legal Systems
- d. Conflict Transformation and Peace Building Issues
- e. Dictatorships, Democracies and Constitutional reforms
- f. The role of women and minorities in legal issues
- g. Court reporting and Courts in Social Media
- h. Alternative Justice Systems in Africa – Councils of Elders
- i. Environmental Law and Conservation and Sustainable Development
- j. Role of Regional Blocs and UN in Arbitration in Conflicts
- k. Women, Youth and Courts and Sustainable Development
- l. Civic and Citizen Education and Sustainable Development
- m. 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. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 5: Engineering, Science, Technology and Sustainable Development

Sub-Themes:

- a. Global trends in Highways, Roads, Bridges and Applied Technology
- b. Technical Training, Science, Technology and Sustainable Development
- c. Global Trends in Agriculture, livestock and fisheries
- d. Global Trends in Engineering and Natural Resource Management
- e. Patents, Trademarks, Technology and Innovation
- f. Manufacturing, Industry and University Collaboration
- g. 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 Sustainable Development
- k. Science, Technology, Gender and Sustainable Development
- m. Science, Children and Youth and Sustainable Development
- n. Health Tourism, Medicine, HIV and AIDS
- o. Transport (Roads, railways, ports and harbours) and Sustainable Development
- p. Informal (Jua kali) sector and non-formal sector and Sustainable Development
- q. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 6: The Third Sector, Religious Organizations, State Agencies, Globalization and Development

Sub-Themes:

- a. Global Trends in Third Sector Development, Globalization and Development
- b. Globalization, Islam, Christianity, Globalization and Development
- c. Global Radical Groups, Radical Religious Groups
- d. Global Trends in Media and the Church and Sustainable Development
- e. Global Trends in Ethics and Development
- f. Globalization and Faith-Based NGOs and Sustainable Development
- g. Philanthropy and Sustainable Development
- h. Religious Institutions and Sustainable Development
- i. Al Qaeda, Boko Haram, Al Shabaab and global peace and security
- j. NGOs and Grassroots Development and Sustainable Development
- k. Income generating groups and Sustainable Development
- l. State corporations and Sustainable Development
- m. TV and Global Mega Evangelists and Sustainable Development
- n. Religion and Environment and Sustainable Development
- o. Religion, Gender and Women and Sustainable Development
- p. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 7: Security, Peace and Conflict, Globalization and Development

Sub-Themes:

- a. Global Security Architecture and Africa, Globalization and Development
- b. Al Qaeda, Boko Haram, Al Shabaab and global peace and security
- c. Conflict, Rebel activities, War and Violence
- d. The UN, African Union, Gender and Human Rights
- e. Peace and Security in the Great Lakes Region
- f. Conflict Management and Sustainable Development
- g. War and Refugees and Sustainable Development
- h. Ethical Issues in Development and Sustainable Development
- i. Democracy, Leadership and Governance
- j. Dictatorship, term limits and Corruption
- k. Regional Bodies and peace and Sustainable Development
- l. Displacement, Refugees and International Affairs
- m. Failed and near-failed states in Africa
- n. Water wars and conflicts in the world and Sustainable Development
- o. Small arms and light weapons and Sustainable Development
- p. Special Forces and Commando Units
- q. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 8: Library, Information and Communication Technology, Media Globalization and Development

Sub-Themes:

- a) Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Sustainable Development
- b) The nature and state of ICT in the world and Africa and Sustainable Development
- c) Mobile Libraries, Dissemination and publishing
- d) Library Resources and Development
- e) E-Library/Virtual library and Sustainable Development
- f) E- books/E-Journals and Sustainable Development
- g) Internet Research and online publishing

- h) Communication and Journalism and Sustainable Development
- i) Language, FM Radio and TV stations and Development
- j. Gender and ICT in Africa
- k. 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 Sustainable Development
- o. CNN, BBC, Al Jazeera and Reporting Africa
- p. Media ownership in Africa
- q. Training in journalism in Africa
- r. FM Radio Stations and Sustainable Development
- s. Media Freedom
- t. Social Media and Fake News
- u. Gender and Media
- v. Media censorship
- w. Women in Media
- x. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 9: Global Trends in Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Research, Globalization and Development

Sub-Themes:

- a. Challenges of invention of states and ethnic groups in Africa
- b. Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Development in Africa
- c. Gender, Women and Development in Africa
- d. Corporate Social Responsibility
- e. Aid and Sectoral Development
- f. New Paradigms of Development
- g. Minority Groups and Tensions
- h. Interdisciplinary Research and Development
- i. Public Policy and Ecology
- j. Entrepreneurship and Development
- k. Minorities and Development
- l. Integrated Rural Urban Development
- m. Funding Interdisciplinary Research and Development
- n. Social, Economic and Political Research
- o. Research Regimes
- p. Opinion polls, surveys and mapping in Africa
- q. Research permits
- r. Patents and trade marks
- s. University-Industry partnerships
- t. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 10: Health, Medicine, Globalization and Development

Sub-Themes:

- a. Health Science innovations and inventions in the world and Sustainable Development
- b. Medical tourism and Sustainable Development
- c. Epidemiology and pandemics and Sustainable Development
- d. Ebola and Epidemiology
- e. HIV and AIDS
- f. Lifestyle diseases and Sustainable Development

- g. Dietetics, Malnutrition and Nutrition
- h. Health of mothers and Sustainable Development
- i. Gynecology
- j. Obstetrics
- k. Medical insurance schemes
- l. Resistance in diseases
- m. Pharmacy and pharmaceuticals
- n. Plastic surgery and cosmetics
- o. Nursing challenges
- p. Expatriate doctors
- q. Psychiatry
- r. Internal medicine
- s. Aging, obesity and diet
- t. Malaria and other tropical diseases
- u. Medical schools
- w. Eradication of polio
- x. Alternative medicine
- y. Dietetics and nutrition
- z. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 11: Engineering, Technology, Innovation Globalization and Development

Sub-Themes:

- a. Mechanical engineering and Sustainable Development
- b. Electronic engineering and Sustainable Development
- c. Electrical engineering and Sustainable Development
- d. Civil and structural engineering and Sustainable Development
- e. Applied technology
- f. Chemical engineering
- g. Wind, solar and hydro power and Sustainable Development
- h. Factories and industries and Sustainable Development
- i. Technical training and Sustainable Development
- j. Professional engineering exams
- k. Studying engineering and Sustainable Development
- l. Engineering training
- m. Innovations, discoveries and innovations
- n. Young engineers and Sustainable Development
- o. Power generation and Sustainable Development
- p. Aviation
- q. Manufacturing and Sustainable Development
- r. Textile engineering and production
- s. Food processing and nutrition
- p. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

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

Sub-Themes:

- a. Research in agriculture and Sustainable Development
- b. Crop husbandry and Sustainable Development
- c. Cash crops and Sustainable Development
- d. Tea, coffee, maize, bananas, wheat, rice, beans and vegetables

- e. Pyrethrum, sisal,
- f. Agricultural engineering and Sustainable Development
- g. Farm management and Sustainable Development
- h. Training in agriculture
- i. Strategic crops and Sustainable Development
- j. Male crops and female crops
- k. Strategic food reserves
- l. Crop rotation and Sustainable Development
- m. Seed production and Sustainable Development
- n. Rare crops
- o. Cooperative societies and Sustainable Development
- p. Irrigation agriculture
- r. Training in agriculture
- s. declining interest in agriculture
- t. Pesticides and the challenges of farming
- u. Extreme weather and agriculture
- v. Strategic crops and Sustainable Development
- w. Male crops and female crops
- x. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 13: Forestry, Wildlife Management, Tourism, Globalization and Development

Sub-Themes:

- a. Global water towers and Sustainable Development
- b. Carbon sinks and Sustainable Development
- c. Management of equatorial and tropical forests
- d. Challenges of forest management
- e. 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 and desertification
- s. Marine parks in Africa
- t. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 14: Water, Mining, Petroleum, other Minerals, Globalization and Development

Sub-Themes:

- a. Global trends in water use and Sustainable Development
- b. Water quality and management and Sustainable Development
- c. National Water master plans
- d. Fresh water use in the world
- e. Water processing and retailing
- f. Irrigation and Sustainable Development

- g. Water transport
- h. Mining and Sustainable Development
- i. Strategic minerals and Sustainable Development
- j. Petroleum production in Africa
- k. The curse of oil in Africa
- l. Conflicts over oil production
- m. Oil contracting in Africa and Sustainable Development
- n. Abstracts on any other relevant topic are welcome

Colloquium 15: Business Studies, Commerce and Economics and Globalization

Sub-Themes:

- a. Global Business Deals, Globalization and Development
- b. Global Economics and development
- c. Business Transactions in a global world
- d. Dynamics of e-business
- e. The era of grand projects
- f. Standard Gauge Railways in Africa
- g. China and Business Development in Africa
- h. Asian Business interests in Africa and sustainable development
- i. Mega road and port projects in Africa
- j. Banking mergers and macro finance and development
- k. Table banking and micro finance
- l. Housing and sustainable development
- m. Any other topic in finance and economics

Colloquium 16: Music, Theater and Art and Globalization

Sub-Themes:

- a. Pop Music
- b. Global Musical trends and Sustainable Development
- c. African music – soul, afro pop, hip hop, rap, rock and roll, high life, etc
- d. Rhumba, Lingala, Bongo Flavour, Omutibo, Benga, Chakacha and Mganda
- e. African short story
- f. African novel and development
- g. Hollywood and Africa
- h. Nollywood and Africa
- i. Afro cinema and Africa soap operas
- j. Theater and culture in Africa
- k. African art
- l. Village theaters
- m. Heritage sites and development
- n. Indigenous art in Africa
- o. Unique and rare art such as Makonde and Kamba carvings
- p. Any other topic

Colloquium 17: Pre-conference Postgraduate Research Workshop for PhD and Masters Students on Proposal and Thesis Writing – June 23, 2021 (we encourage early registration of minimum 20 and maximum 40 participants) - Registration is US\$50

The workshop will cover the following topics:

- a. Choosing a research topic for Masters, PhD and Other Researches
- b. Identifying independent and dependent variables in a topic
- c. How to write an affective and attractive title – maximum 20 words
- d. How to write an effective abstract
- e. How to write an effective introduction
- f. Identifying and writing an effective statement of the problem
- g. Writing Smart Objectives
- h. Writing proper Research Questions
- i. Hypotheses
- j. Justification, rationale and significance
- k. Techniques of Literature Review
- l. Conceptual and theoretical Framework
- m. Research Methods, Methodologies and Designs
- n. Quantitative and Qualitative Data analysis and interpretation
- o. Analysis and Presentation of Findings
- p. Report writing for Masters, PhD and Research Project
- q. Writing References according to APA, Chicago, Harvard and Other Manuals
- r. Writing a journal article from a thesis
- s. Writing a chapter in an edited book
- t. Understanding point system in publications for journals, book chapters, etc
- u. Understanding citation index, impact factor and rating
- v. Any other relevant topic requested by trainees

Colloquium 18: Pre-conference Training on Proposal, Grant writing and Fundraising Workshop for Professors and Lecturers - June 23, 2021 (we encourage early registration of minimum 20 and maximum 40 participants) Registration is US\$50

The workshop will cover the following topics:

- a. How to write a successful research proposal
- b. How to write a successful grant proposal
- c. Identifying a research area and unique topic
- d. Creating a research edge
- e. Creating collaborations and networks
- f. Cross-country research team building
- g. Fundraising strategies for institutions and organizations
- h. Why proposals are selected
- i. Why proposals are rejected
- j. Identifying funding agencies
- k. Any other relevant topic requested by trainees

Colloquium 19: Pre-conference Training on Professional Editing, Peer Review Process, Supervision of Masters and PhD Theses and Preparing New Courses - June 23, 2021 (we encourage early registration of minimum 20 and maximum 40 participants) – Registration is US\$50

The workshop will cover the following topics:

- a. How to edit a journal article
- b. How to write a book proposal
- c. How to edit a book length manuscript
- d. Writing a manuscript
- e. Converting PhD or Masters thesis into a book
- f. Identifying a good publisher
- g. Professional editing
- h. Peer review process – the process and techniques
- i. Effective supervision of masters and PhD theses and dissertations
- j. Preparing new courses and programs
- k. Writing modules for Open and Distance Learning and Online classes
- l. Any other relevant topic requested by trainees

Colloquium 20: Roundtables, independent panels and association meetings

Sub-Themes:

- a. Open for any panels or roundtables or association meetings
- b. Any relevant topic

Registration Fees:

1. Staff from East African Universities and Organizations (Physical presentation in Nairobi: US\$ 70 (KES 7,000); Online Presentation: US\$50 (KES. 5,000)
2. Rest of Africa (Physical presentation in Nairobi US\$ 150, Online Presentation US\$100)
3. Rest of the World – Europe, North America, Asia, etc (Physical presentation in Nairobi US\$ 200, Online Presentation US\$150)
4. Exhibition and advertising stand - US\$ 200
5. Colloquium 17, 18 and 19 pay additional US\$50 per colloquia

Registration fee payments to: Center for Democracy, Research and Development (CEDRED), Nairobi, Kenya

ALL GENERAL ENQUIRIES TO BE ADDRESSED TO:

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