Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and related conflict resolution programmes emerged in Africa in the mid–1990s, followed by peace studies in the 2000s. During the said periods, many government and educational institutions and non-governmental organizations have been created in different parts of Africa; various related programs and projects have been developed or implemented, and certain enabling legislations, policies and institutions created. However, there is paucity of knowledge or research on the key lessons, common challenges and prospects of these various peace and conflict resolution initiatives and their impact in reducing conflicts, increasing peace and development, and promoting social justice.

This 4th international summit, following earlier meetings in 1998 & 2011 in Accra, and 2008 in Addis Ababa, will attempt to fill the void by identifying the best practices or lessons of current programs, projects and initiatives and promote exchanges on key gains, progress made and common challenges; it will also create opportunities for continent-wide regional/international networking in peace building practice and research. Identifying/addressing current void or gaps will provide opportunity for self-assessment, reflection and innovation among advocates, practitioners and scholars, donors and policymakers, and contribute to the sustainability of emergent popularity and promise of peace studies and various conflict resolution projects in Africa.

The meeting will also facilitate regional networking and development of common standards of ethics for ADR and/or conflict resolution practice and training as well as articulate evaluation benchmarks.

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Topics
Presentations are invited from all areas of experience and case studies of alternative dispute resolution and peace studies at/by governmental agencies and nongovernmental organizations, educational institutions, Chambers of Commerce and Election Commissions among several others.

Thematic Areas include and not limited to the following:

1. Governance Disputes
   Including political disputes, government administration/ civil service disputes and electoral/election disputes
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   Including employment and labour relations
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6. Property/Assets Disputes
   Including land disputes
7. Family Disputes
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   Including judicial justice reform, challenges, Lessons and the way forward, ADR legislations and legislations that give room for ADR
10. National Reconciliation and Transitional Justice
11. Gender
12. Human Rights
13. Youth non-violence and leadership
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15. Building a culture of Peace and its sustainability
   Includes national architectures for peace, the role of peace councils and civil society and non-governmental organisations
   Including the role of the Red Cross/Crescent organizations, disaster management and other relief efforts
17. Trends in the usage of ADR Mechanisms
18. Congregational/Religious Disputes
   Including intra-faith and inter-faith disputes
19. Security interventions and armed conflicts
   Including declaration of state of emergencies and imposition of curfews, peacekeeping operations and De-escalation, Disarmament and Re-integration (DDR) efforts

Tentative Agenda (subject to change)

July 24: Guest Arrivals

July 25:
9am-10:45am: Opening/Keynote
11am-1pm: Panel Presentations
1-2pm: Lunch
2-5pm: Panel presentations
5-7pm: Networking/Reception
July 26:

9am-11am: Panel Presentations

11am-1pm: Panel Presentations

1-2pm: Lunch

2-5pm: Summit of ADR/Peace Studies Leaders/Directors: Exchanges on lessons, prospects and challenges.

5-6pm: Closing/conference communique

6-9pm: Closing Dinner/Cultural Gala Night!—additional fee of US$25.00