



### The 29th Annual Africa & Diaspora International Conference

## April 23-25, 2020 Sacramento, CA, USA CALL FOR PROPOSALS - UPDATED

Theme: Peacebuilders/Peacemakers in Africa & Diaspora Communities and Nations: People, Places, and Processes



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Location: California State University of Sacramento, USA

Abstract Submission *Extended* Deadline: November 30, 2019.

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#### **Reference Category:**

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Re: CAPCR Conference 2020 - CFP

#### Abstract Submission Deadline: November 30th, 2019:

The Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution (CAPCR) at California State University, Sacramento, invites individual paper and panel submissions for its 29th annual conference. This year's theme—Peacebuilders and Peacemakers in Africa & Diaspora Communities and Nations: People, Places, and Processes— examines the making, role, impact, and motivations as well as challenges and prospects of those individuals engaged in peacebuilding and peacemaking in/across African nations and her diaspora communities, including the USA. It is expected that such attention to those constructing peace through their intrinsic values, inspirations, professional development and practices, key lessons will be drawn for applicable research, training and practice of peace and conflict resolution; such lessons could also inform the ongoing development of the curriculum and pedagogy of the CAPCR's new Africa Peace Fellows initiative, as well as policies and programs for American communities.

Peace making and peace building entail the creation or establishment of institutions that are the foundations of communities for sustainable peace. These foundations entail critical aspects such as: 1) participatory/democratic systems of government, with the establishment of responsive governing structures: 2) the rule of law coupled with good or just governance by elevating the notion of the common good and moral values; 3) the protection of children as the future of nations, eliminating their abuse as war soldiers that perpetuate the cycles of violence; 4) raising the social value and worth of women and other vulnerable groups, increasing their participation in social and political decision making at all levels. In all of these aspects we stress the importance of using the new information technologies and social media in harnessing all forces of peace and prosperity— dormant or awake — that are stakeholders in fair, just, and peaceful communities.

The conference examines various ways individuals are, or can be, engaged in preventing, disrupting or mitigating violence and building peaceable and resilient communities under peace and development. Other areas include the role of alternative dispute or other conflict resolution systems as part of the expanded understanding of places and processes of peacebuilding and peacemaking. The 29th annual conference will explore different political, social, legal, cultural and economic facets of the peacebuilders and peacemakers and their impacts in Africa and her diaspora, including the US.

We welcome presentations, papers and panels featuring case studies, historical investigations, conceptual approaches and frameworks, comparative studies, and practitioner reflections. We are especially interested in papers/panels that address one or more aspects of the conference theme, both broadly and specifically.

The conference closing peace awards event on the evening of April 25, will be a fundraiser for the CAPCR's new initiative for building the next generation of peace leaders: **Africa Peace Fellows**. We invite you to be part of this event that culminates the Conference and recognizes peace leaders in all communities.

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#### **Abstract Submission:**

As said above, the organizing committee welcomes individual presentations, paper and panel proposals, provided a panel does not exceed 4 presenters, in each panel. For individual papers, no more than 2 authors/presenters will be accepted for each paper proposal. Each person is limited to only 2 presentations, as individual or co-presenter in the conference.

The abstract length is a maximum of 150 words in MS Word attachment or email text.

Please include the title, your name, current position, institution/organization, mailing address, email, telephone number.

Selected abstracts will be published in the final conference program and should be of publishable quality.

You will be notified of the acceptance of your proposal by email, including registration, hotel, transportation, and other related information.

Proposals and presentations in English are preferred, but we may be able to accommodate French, Portuguese and Spanish speakers.

Please email you abstract directly to: maria.alexandrino@csus.edu

For additional information visit us at: Http://www.csus.edu/center/african-peace-conflict-resolution

#### Registration:

Participants are responsible for paying the conference <u>nonrefundable</u> early <u>bird</u> registration fee of \$120.00 USD (per <u>person</u>), payable upon the acceptance of their proposal and as a condition of the inclusion in the Conference Preliminary Program. Add \$10 after April 1st, 2020. Participants will be responsible for their travel costs (flight and lodging) and related conference costs.

To register for the conference, please go to our website at:

https://www.csus.edu/center/african-peace-conflict-resolution/ To find the link click on 2020 Africa Diaspora, then click on Conference- Event Payment.

#### **Ethical Considerations:**

Authorship: Authors must give credit through references or notes to the original author of any idea or concept presented in the paper and proposal; this includes direct quotations and paraphrases.

Publication or Presentation History: If material in your presentation has been published, presented, or accepted for publication or presentation, this must be disclosed in your paper and proposal. Please note that depending on the decision of the reviewers, this may render your material ineligible.

Presentation in Person: Submission of your proposal requires your presence to attend and present your paper in person at the conference as scheduled, except under unforeseen circumstances and with proper alternative arrangements.

#### Tentative agenda (subject to change)

#### April 21-22, 2020: Arrival of Participants / Guests CONFERENCE

April 23, 2020: Day One

9:30am-4:30pm: Conference Registration

10:30am-Noon Opening Panel Presentations

12:00pm-1:30pm: Lunch/networking

1:30pm-3:00pm: Conference Opening/Keynote

3:00pm- 4:30pm: Panel Presentations

4:30-6:30pm: Welcome reception/Networking

April 24, 2020: Day Two

9:00am-Noon Panel Presentations

12:00pm-2:00pm: Luncheon Roundtable: Africa Peace Fellows

2:00pm-4:00pm Panel Presentations

4:00pm-7:00pm: Special Community Panel on current/contemporary peacebuilding/Closing

April 25, 2019: Day Three

Am/Pm: Sacramento sightseeing/personal (Optional)

6:00pm-Midnight: Peace Awards Dinner/Fundraiser for Africa Peace Fellows initiative (additional fee: \$65 early bird registration) Add \$10 after April 1st, 2020. There will be **NO** ticketing after April 21, 2020.

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