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## Postponement Notice

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TO: Whom it May Concern: 2020 Africa Conference Presenters/Participants and Peace Awardees & Partners

Thank you for your patience and understanding as CAPCR has been dealing with events surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We have heard from many of you and appreciate the feedback. We have also deliberated on the recent decision by our university leadership to cancel all campus events and move instructions online as a public mitigation strategy, along with the recent US Government international travel restrictions for same reason. Your safety and health are our primary concerns. Our thoughts go out to those who have been adversely affected by this rapidly-developing and serious situation. We are in this together and hope for resolution.

While we were confident up to earlier this week that the conference and peace awards could move forward with minimal interruptions, **the developments over the last few days have forced us to postpone the 2020 Annual International Africa/Diaspora conference and Peace Awards of the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution (CAPCR), scheduled for April 23-25, 2020 at California State University, Sacramento, to a future date in September or October 2020. We sincerely regret any inconveniences and hope you do understand the weighty nature of this decision.**

This difficult decision is unprecedented in the 29-year history of CAPCR. We understand it causes inconveniences and are committed to minimizing those to the fullest extent possible. The Board, as well as the planning committees, is working through the many nuances associated with the postponement, with hope that the issue will be resolved by then, and that you will be able to join us at a future date. If so, your registration fee(s) will be applied to the new date in September-October 2020, or the 2021 Conference and Peace Awards. We anticipate announcing the exact September-October dates or any related updates in May or June 2020, if not earlier. In the meantime, please feel free to let us know if the proposed months of September-October, 2020 will not suit your schedule.

If you booked a hotel room and have not already done so, please cancel your reservation as soon as possible. The same is true for airfare and other travel expenses, if applicable.

Thank you for your support and involvement with CAPCR. We look forward to seeing you in Sacramento at the earliest opportunity. Please, do not hesitate with any questions, suggestions, concerns or need for additional information.

Peace and Health!

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