



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### ***The Africa Peace & Security Agenda: Lessons Learned and Future Directions***

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Africa & Diaspora International Conference  
April 28-30, 2022  
Sacramento, CA, USA

Please note that *conference location and presentation format may change due to the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic related public health conditions and domestic/international travels restrictions.*

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#### **SPONSORED BY:**

The Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution (CAPCR) and California State University of Sacramento

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Re: CAPCR Conference 2022 -CFP

#### **ABSTRACT DEADLINE**

Abstracts are due: November 1, 2021.

#### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

The Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution (CAPCR) at California State University, Sacramento, invites individual paper and panel submissions for its 30<sup>th</sup> annual conference. The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary theme— ***The Africa Peace & Security Agenda: Lessons Learned and Future Directions***— aims to examine, analyze and/or evaluate the status of various aspects of the Africa Peace & Security architecture including processes, institutions, and impacts, at the continental (Africa Union), regional (e.g., ECOWAS, IGAD, etc.), national, and local levels communities/systems. The analysis or discourse will include the intersectionality of the legacies of (neo)colonialism, resource exploitation, and electoral/political violence as well as contemporary challenges of social justice, environmental justice, violent extremism or identity conflicts, self- determination movements, and stable governance.



While Africa as a continent has undoubtedly experienced significant global challenges, nations, communities, and individuals have resisted or responded in powerful ways to a difficult past in ways that cultivate resiliency and promote peace and security. Arguably, such individual and collective actions, social movements, and peace processes have created significant social, economic, and political changes that have impacted the lives and livelihoods of Africans /African continent and the Diaspora.

The roots of conflicts and violence in Africa are deep, complex, and embedded in the interplay of historical, contemporary governance and leadership dynamics. Although the continent's peace index has increased in the recent decade, with significant reduction of violent conflicts or civil wars pre-2000's, along with democratization achievements, there is still great need for building the next generation of peace leaders and sustainable systems for peace and prosperity. The presentations at this conference will engage with questions such as: What is the status of the Africa peace & security agenda? What key lessons of peace and conflict resolution have we achieved in the last 20 years or so? How do we reposition or build Africa to address emergent, future peace and security challenges or conflicts? What define or explain resilient, successful peace and security institutions? What are the effective peace and conflict resolution processes and practices? Which critical sectors or groups will form the core of the next generation of peace leaders? How do we prepare these next generation of peace leaders?

The 30<sup>th</sup> annual conference will examine various actions and interventions by diverse social actors including civil society organizations, the international community, heads of states, NGOs and organizations comprised of various groups, within the African continent and the diaspora. Thus, the 30<sup>th</sup> annual conference explores various ways individuals/communities/groups are, or can be, engaged in preventing, disrupting or mitigating violence and building sustainable peace, security, and resilience in African nations and communities. 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(<https://www.csus.edu/center/african-peace-conflict-resolution/internal/documents/capcr-2022-peace-awards-announcement.pdf>) will be held the evening of April 30th, 2022 and be part of a fundraising effort for CAPCR's Africa Peace Fellows Initiative—for building the next generation of peace leaders.

#### **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:**

The organizing committee welcomes individual paper presentations and panel proposals, provided a panel does not exceed 4 presenters, in each panel. For individual papers, no more than 3 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.

Please include the title, your name, current position, institution/organization, mailing address, email, best telephone number with your 150-word abstract in publishable quality emailed to: [Nicole.fox@csus.edu](mailto:Nicole.fox@csus.edu). For additional information visit us at: <https://www.csus.edu/center/african-peace-conflict-resolution/>.

We expect the full conference paper by March 30, 2022, for the conference presentation!

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

**REGISTRATION:**

When you are notified of your proposal acceptance via email, the conference organizers will provide you with information about registration payment, hotel, transportation, and other related information.

Participants are responsible for paying the conference *nonrefundable* early bird registration fee of \$125.00 USD (per person), payable upon the acceptance of their proposal and as a condition of the inclusion in the conference preliminary program in February 2022. The registration price will increase by \$15 USD after March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Participants will be responsible for their travel costs (flight and lodging) and related conference costs.

**PUBLICATION:**

Our hope is to publish an edited volume of the conference papers with Cambridge Scholars Publishing (under discussion). Upon selection of your full paper for publication, we will provide you with relevant additional information about the manuscript publication, including publisher, format, deadlines, and related instructions.