



GLOBAL PAN-AFRICAN CONFERENCE: THE AFRICA WE WANT

Conference Call for Papers

The first 'Global Pan-African Conference: The Africa We Want,' organised by Mboka Festival of Arts Culture and Sport, will take place from Monday, 25 May, to Thursday 28 May 2020 in The Gambia. The 2020 conference commemorates the 120th anniversary of the first Pan African Conference, organised by Henry Sylvester Williams in London. Subsequent GPAC conferences will take place on alternate years. The conference uses as its foundational aims the AU document, 'Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want'. <https://au.int/en/agenda2063/overview>

The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be used as reference material and a partner in sustainable development. The first conference will focus on issues of governance, women, arts and culture, youth and diaspora.

The object of the conference is not only to contribute to the Pan-African driven Agenda as relates to the 'Africa We Want' document but also to focus on how The Gambia can play its part locally, regionally and continentally. The conference also seeks to explore how The Gambian people can benefit from African integration

We are primarily interested in presentations which cover the topics outlined below and those which are based on praxis as well as theory (this includes methods and practice from the past and present). We also welcome abstracts from a range of other topics that will be pertinent for Africa in 2020 and beyond.

There will be a minimum of four sessions on each theme:

Aspiration 2. An integrated content, political united, based on the ideals of Pan-Africanism and the vision of Africa's Renaissance

Diaspora

Business

Citizenship

Tourism (as business and intra-Africa)

ASPIRATION 3. An Africa of good governance, democracy, respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law

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Governance

Exploring solutions to:

Corruption

Democracy

Developing African Economies

Gambia Focus

The dilemma of political pluralism and elite driven multi-party democracy

The role played by the media in Gambia's democratic journey.

ASPIRATION 5: An Africa with a strong cultural identity, common heritage, values and ethics

Arts and Culture

Literary Archives

Exhibitions and festivals

African Languages

ASPIRATION 6: An Africa whose development is people-driven, relying on the potential of African people, especially its women and youth, and caring for children

Women

Health

Education

Support for girls

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Youth

Leadership

Mentorship

Employment

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Conference date: Monday 25 May – Thursday 28 May 2020

Venue: Kairaba Hotel, Senegambia,

To submit individual papers for the conference please send an abstract of 250 words with a short biographical statement (max 150 words). Multi-media (audio and video inclusion) pieces are also welcome – these should be submitted as an online link together with a short biographical statement (max 150 words). Deadline 1 October 2019. Notification of acceptance will be by 31 December 2019. Please send your abstracts to mbokafestival@gmail.com with the subject Line: CFP – Theme (e.g. Women)

To submit a panel for the conference, send the same as for individual panels with a brief description of the theme of the panel (maximum four speakers plus chair). Please send details of you panels to mbokafestival@gmail.com with the subject Line: CFP – Theme (e.g. Women)

Organisers

Mboka Festival of Arts Culture and Sport

For further information on the conference, please send your query to

Subject Line: GPAC: query

Maximum three abstracts per person can be submitted; maximum two abstracts per person will be accepted. Please note that our intention is to focus on a few areas for discussion and to cover them well. However, where it is possible to have a special session on a topic, we will organise that nearer the time.

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