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Presents

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LEGISLATURE AND DEMOCRATIC CONSOLIDATION IN AFRICA IN THE 21ST CENTURY

VENUE: The University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria **DATE:** April 28 - 30, 2020

The third wave of democracy has compelled many authoritarian regimes in many developing countries, into adopting western liberal democracy. This, is especially so in the African continent. However, against optimistic expectations, the democratisation process in Africa has experienced waves or reversals with many of its countries sliding back into authoritarianism. While explanations have been proffered for the likely cause of this democratic relapse in Africa, the role legislature play or could play in sustaining the continent's fledgling democracy is often neglected. Unlike, in established democracies where there is at once an autonomous and complementary role between the Executive and the Legislative arms of government, their relations in Africa is one that is usually characterized by acrimony or total subjugation of the latter by the former, thereby throwing up critical issues that portend dire consequences for the process of democratization on the continent. Over the years, there have been concerted efforts to address this democratic deficit; efforts which have in the main yielded relatively low levels of success. This immediately points to and, justifies the need for a broader, more robust engagement by scholars and other relevant stakeholders with these teething and protracted issues coterminous to the roles expected of African legislature in the consolidation of democratic practice on the continent. Specifically, the conference will attempt to interrogate the nature of democracy, the extent to which democracy is consolidated, the institutional role of the legislatures in a fledgling democracy, the challenges and prospects of democratic consolidation in Africa. Consequently, the maiden edition of this conference has the goal to address these important issues from the theoretical and empirical perspective, and to that extent invites abstracts/participation from scholars, experts, policy makers, Government officials, Postgraduate students, early career researchers and the members of the Academia to brainstorm on the following and other related issues on the subject;

- The origins and character of the legislature in Africa
- The colonial legacy and African legislatures in the twenty-first century
- Authoritarianism and Democracy in Africa
- Executive arrogation and the independence of the legislature in Africa
- Intergovernmental relations and the legislature in Africa
- African legislatures and the challenges of electoral reform
- Legislature and the Democracy in Africa
- Democratisation and the Legislature in Africa
- Youth and democratical consolidation in Africa

All abstracts (between 200 and 250 words) should be submitted to the Local Organizing Committee through the email address: Thizwilondi.Mudau@univen.ac.za, oeesuola@unilag.edu.ng, kani4christ@gmail.com and info@havilahglo.co.za

Conference Website: www.havilahglo.co.za

PUBLICATION

Papers presented at the conference will be peer reviewed for possible publication in seven accredited Scopus and IBSS (International Bibliography of Social Sciences) journals which will be coordinated by Professor Victor Ojajorotu:

- African Renaissance
- Journal of African Affairs
- AFFRIKA: Journal of Politics, Economics and Society
- Journal of African Union Studies (JOAUS)
- Journal of Reviews on Global Economics
- Ubuntu: Journal of Conflict and Social Transformation
- Journal of Gender, Information and Development in Africa (JGIDA)
- AYIKA

IMPORTANT DATES

- 20 February, 2020: Deadline for submission of abstracts
- 05 March, 2020: Decision on abstracts announced
- 05 April, 2020: Full Papers are due for submission
- 27 April, 2020: Arrival and registration for the Conference
- 28-30 April, 2020: Conference

CONFERENCE FEES:

- International Participants: \$ 250 (Covering international tourist tour)
- Nigerian Participants: N15, 000

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PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF BOOKS:

1. Conflict and Human Security Threats in Africa edited by Victor Ojajorotu, Kelechi Johnmary Ani & Kelvin Bribena
2. International Relations and Security Politics in Africa: Essays in Honour of Professor Victor Ojajorotu edited by Kelechi Johnmary Ani & Kayode Eesuola, Reviewer: Dr or Professor ...
3. Environmental Conflicts in Africa Festschrift for Victor Ojajorotu edited by Kelechi Ani