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CENTRE FOR AFRICAN GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT (CAGD)

Towards a prosperous Africa by 2050: Alternative Pathways to improved leadership, governance, economies and development

The aim of CAGD is to enhance scholarship in governance and development in both public and private institutions at the continental, regional and local levels through collaborations and partnerships to achieve excellence. In order to achieve the above, the CAGD invites abstract for book chapter submissions relating to the monitoring and evaluation of current systems, policies, programmes, projects, trends and future events.

The greater part of the continent is still marred with political instability, geopolitical wars, poverty and mushrooming acts of terrorism and insurgency. Corruption, poor governance and maladministration make headlines on international mainstream news media houses on a daily basis. More prevalent is the slow economic growth in many countries leading to high unemployment rates especially among the youth and increasing incidences of gender-based violence. This has been worsened by the Covid-19 pandemic induced lockdowns and limited economic activities. The recent Russia-Ukraine war has added a greater economic burden, making it more challenging for people to get out of poverty. Despite efforts by governments and their partners to address the above issues, these remain largely unresolved.

Africa must reconfigure and reposition itself as a global economic powerhouse capable of resolving its socio-economic and socio-political issues leading to resilient communities and environments. A paradigm shift is required regarding monitoring and evaluation of leadership in Africa; government and governance accountabilities; protection of democracy and the rights of minorities; and ensuring sustainable development that reduces the effects of climate changes. It has to build on its abundance of human capital and natural resources to develop competitive advantage through its new global entrepreneurs and social enterprises. Hence, this book is seeking practical, original and innovative solutions that will change the current narrative and trajectory to a new social, political, economic and development pathway. Submissions could engage with theoretical and/or empirical research towards achieving alternative pathways to a stable and prosperous Africa. The following themes provide general guidelines for submissions. Chapters on any other relevant themes and topics are welcome.

THEME 1: Strategic (developmental) plans, challenges and performance – NDP 2030; SDG; Africa Vision 2063; ENVISION 2030.

Participatory development monitoring and evaluation;

Role of technology and ICT on sustainability and governance.

Policy development, implementation and evaluation;

Food and water (and sanitation) security, waste management;

Climate change, greenhouse gas emissions, renewal energy, risk management and mitigation strategies.

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<u>THEME 2: Government</u> – state, structure, politics, accountabilities, performance and private-public-people partnerships.

Local government - Service delivery, Local economic development, Migrations, Rural Development, Modern/smart cities and town planning; Participatory budgeting and financial governance.

Peace and security; Disaster and pandemic management.

Land reform.

THEME 3: Society and social justice - Community engagement, participation and development.

Poverty, income inequality, unemployment and economic inclusiveness.

Women and Youth Empowerment, gender based violence.

Indigenous knowledge

Migration, urbanisation, xenophobia, racism.

THEME 4: Economy and structure – Free trade and development; Economic hubs;

Formal, informal and green economy.

SMME's, SMEs clusters, entrepreneurship, ICT, technology, social media.

Developing competitive advantages in various economic sectors.

Moving from consumers to manufacturers.

<u>THEME 5: Leadership and governance -</u> Leadership - theories, trends, gaps to enhance future leaders' capabilities.

Systems - complexity, development, implementation and evaluation.

Organisational development – structure, strategy, systems, corporate social responsibilities, transformation, change and risk management

Performance monitoring and evaluation for leadership and governance.

THEME 6: Capacity development - Effective and efficient resource (human, financial, capital, facilities) management.

New curriculum and capacity development interventions – vocational education and training, artisans, skills short courses, professional development, etc.

Role of educational institutions in the governance and developmental space.

ABSTRACT

The abstract should be approximately 300 words and must contain the aim/purpose of the study; research methodology; findings; significance/practical implications of the findings.

Please ensure the corresponding authors name, contact details and affiliations are submitted with the abstract.

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