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CALL FOR PAPERS

2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

3RD - 7TH OCTOBER, 2021

**MAHATMA GANDHI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER
NIAMEY, REPUBLIC OF NIGER.**

**THEME: ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE AS A PANACEA FOR THE UNENDING
CONFLICTS IN AFRICA: THE LEGAL PROFESSION AS THE DRIVER.**

The African Bar Association (AFBA) is pleased to announce its 2021 Annual Conference with the theme:

“Accountable Governance as a Panacea for the unending conflicts in Africa: The Legal Profession as the Driver”.

Established in 1971 as a professional organization for uniting individual Lawyers and National Legal Associations in Africa, the Association seeks amongst other objectives to use the Rule of Law as a catalyst for the development of Africa. To foster exchange of opinions and experiences among members. AFBA encourages its members to break into new Legal frontiers in Law and developmental studies.

As the fearless voice of the Legal profession, the Association also seeks to bring together Lawyers and Bar Associations interested in the development of Africa.

THEME

One of the key challenges to African development is the accountability of its Leaders and Citizens even as expectations and clamour for the transformation of the Continent increases, the quest to hold African Leaders and Citizens accountable also increases. The lack of accountability has led most directly to the proliferation of criminal gangs and conflicts on the Continent in addition to poor economic performance, poverty, insecurity and instability.

In the light of these, the 2021 Annual Conference of the African Bar Association will seek to discuss the issues arising from and connected with accountability in Africa as a prelude to developing a clear road map for improvement.

The Association therefore calls for papers dealing with the Conference theme in the following contexts:

- (a) Terrorism and Insecurity in the Sahel region. International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights in Peace Keeping and Asymmetric Warfare.
- (b) The Rule of Law
- (c) Transparent Elections

- (d) Challenges of returning looted African Artefacts: Strategies and the future of recovered Artefacts.
- (e) Challenges of Good Governance
- (f) International Criminal Law & Justice V. Municipal Law
- (g) Taming the Corruption Monster
- (h) Expanding the Frontiers of Maritime Law and the Extractive industries to enhance Africa's Growth opportunities.
- (i) Setting Global Standard for the African Aviation and Transportation Sector - improving flight connections.
- (j) Prospects and Limitations of the AFCTA V. African Integration and Co-operation
- (k) Illegal Immigration and Modern Slavery of Africans: Root causes Vs. Permanent Solutions.
- (l) Privacy Rules in Africa: Any Privacy?
- (m) Alternative Dispute Resolution: Where is Africa? Any Success?
- (n) Taxation Law and Project Financing: Challenges in Africa
- (o) Media, Sports and Entertainment Law
- (p) Pollution and Environmental issues
- (q) Armed Forces and Security: Modern day Challenges V. Modern day Solutions.
- (r) Oil & Gas Law, Capital Market

The working languages of the Conference are English, French and Arabic. Submissions are welcome in any of the languages. Only one submission per author will be considered. Submissions from women and young practitioners are strongly encouraged. Kindly send an abstract (300 – 500 words) of the paper including your curriculum vitae as well as contact details and institutional affiliation and a good photo. These materials should be sent to conference.papers@afribar.org or Whatsapp Numbers: **+2348067646645 and +2348067820024** on or before **20th May, 2021**.

Deadline for submissions of abstracts: **20th May, 2021**

Submissions from women and young practitioners are strongly encouraged.

The African Bar Association will neither pay any honorarium nor pay or reimburse air fare or hotel expenses. Also successful authors will be expected to be registered for the Conference.

Successful applicants will be notified by **31st May, 2021**. The deadline for submission of final papers is **31st May, 2021**. Please note that submitted papers and abstracts may be published; as such authors of abstracts and final papers must ensure that they are original and have not been previously published. By submitting abstracts and/or final papers, the authors agree to transfer their copyrights in the works to the African Bar Association and to execute any document or give further assurances in that regard as may be required.

Should you have any questions about the Conference or the Call for Papers, kindly contact conference.papers@afribar.org or **+2348067646645 and +2348067820024**.

Yours faithfully,



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