



Call for Papers

Re-Imagining Sustainable Development

September 28-30, 2022

Abstract Submission Deadline: August 30, 2022

Co-hosted by the Liu Institute Network for Africa (LINA), Liu Institute for Global Issues, School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, and Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia (UBC), Canada, with the support of the “Re-imagining Agenda 2063” International Research Collaborative of the Law and Society Association (LSA), United States

Description

After the Year of Africa (1960), African countries started grappling with the domestic efforts to promote development while managing the aftermath of political and economic interventions such as colonial and foreign corporate interests, economic reconstruction, foreign aid and structural adjustment. African states have come together to forge continental development programmes under the auspices of the Organization of African Unity and its successor, the African Union, including the 1980 Lagos Plan of Action, the 2001 New Partnership for Africa’s Development and the 2013 Agenda 2063. Following more than 60 years of these efforts, much of Africa continues to face daunting development challenges.

Influential global policy responses such as the Brundtland Commission’s ground-breaking 1987 report, the Rio Declaration in 1992, and the Sustainable Development Goals from 2015 dominate our understanding of the concept of sustainable development to frame solutions in Africa. However, the colonial, modernist, neo-classical economic, institutionalist, and other myopic underpinnings of sustainable development have constrained nuanced understanding of how Africa could address mounting challenges such as climate change and biodiversity loss, the COVID-19 pandemic, population growth and foreign economic capture.

As part of the “Re-Imagining Agenda 2063 Project” at [UBC](#) and [LSA](#), the conference will revisit the deeper historical, philosophical, socio-cultural, political, legal, economic, and other foundations of Africa’s sustainable development policy to address these challenges and rethink solutions. Participants are encouraged to learn from African Indigenous ways of knowing and the journeys of other developing regions that have walked comparable paths. We welcome contributions from Africans and non-Africans.

Date

The conference will hold virtually September 28-30, 2022. Scheduling and other relevant information will be sent to participants and posted on the [project page](#) on the website of LINA.



Submissions

Academic, policy, community and industry researchers and practitioners are invited to submit abstracts addressing the conference theme. Interdisciplinary and co-authored contributions are particularly encouraged. Submissions should include the following in a single PDF:

- a. Title of the paper or project.
- b. Names and brief biographies of the authors, maximum of 350 words.
- c. An abstract or summary of the paper or project, maximum of 350 words.

Please send your submission to temitope@onifade.org and copy info@lina.ca by August 30, 2022. Notice of accepted papers will be announced no later than September 5, 2022.

Panels

The conference will take the form of multiple panels. Sharing a common thread, each panel will have 3 speakers, 1 chair to coordinate them and 1 discussant to provide detailed feedback.

Registration and Honorarium

Registration is free. Participants will be required to register on the conference page to confirm their attendance. Selected applicants will be expected to submit a work-in-progress of not less than 2,500 words, excluding references, by September 25, 2022.

Each accepted work-in-progress will receive a modest honorarium, funded by the Liu Institute for Global Issues, to incentivize the author(s). As a condition for accepting the honorarium, the author(s) will be required to submit full papers to be considered for inclusion in a planned peer reviewed book.

Publication

The conference organizers plan to publish selected papers in a peer reviewed book of the International Research Collaboration (IRC) 32 of the LSA, "Re-Imagining Agenda 2063: A Socio-legal Foundation of the Africa We Want," to be co-edited by [Prof. Rashid Sumaila](#), [Temitope Onifade](#) and other policy scholars. You can read more about the IRC on the [LSA website](#).

Inquiries

Please submit any inquiries to the conference organizer, Temitope Onifade, coordinator of LINA and LSA IRC 32, at temitope@onifade.org, or Delali Oforiwa Ofori, LINA's Research Assistant for the project, at dofori01@student.ubc.ca.