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«Development Cooperation with Africa in the Post-Covid-19 Era»

Zoom, 25-26 February 2021 (Moscow time (MT), UTC+3)

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

1st day, February 25th 2021

Welcoming address session

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| 11.00– 11.10 | Welcoming address by the First Vice-Rector - Vice-Rector for Research of the RUDN University, Corresponding member of the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS) <i>Andrey A. Kostin (Russia)</i> |
| 11.10- 11.20 | Welcoming address by Honorary President of the RAS Institute for African Studies, Head of RUDN Department of African and Arabic Studies, Academician of the RAS, Doctor of History <i>Alexey M. Vasiliev (Russia)</i> |
| 11.20- 11.30 | Welcoming address by Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps in Moscow, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Cameroon, H.E. <i>Mahamat Paba Salé (Cameroon)</i> |

Panel Session 1. "Summits of Great Powers on Cooperation with Africa"

Session co-chairs – *Irina O. Abramova*, DSc, Director of the RAS Institute for African Studies, Corresponding member of the RAS (Russia); Dr. *Philani Mthembu*, Executive Director, Institute for Global Dialogue (South Africa)

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| 11.30 – 11.40 | Panel Presentation by co-chairs |
| 11.40 – 11.55 | Africa within the New Normalcy of the Post-pandemic World <i>Leonid L. Fituni</i> , DSc, Corresponding member of the RAS, Deputy Director of the RAS Institute for African Studies (Russia) |
| 11.55- 12.10 | Summit Diplomacy on Regional and Inter-Regional Levels: What Works, Why and for Whom? <i>Johannes Muntschick</i> , Doctor of Political Sciences, Department of Political Science, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz (Germany) |
| 12.10- 12.25 | Demographic Change and AfroAsian Connectivity: The Future of Big Power Summits <i>Yoichi Mine</i> , Professor, Graduate School of Global Studies, Doshisha University (Japan) |
| 12.25 – 12.40 | Japan's TICAD in the Evolving Development Landscape – Implications for Africa <i>Scarlett Cornelissen</i> , Professor of Department of Political Science, Stellenbosch University (South Africa) |

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| 12.40 – 12.55 | TICAD & FOCAC Summit Diplomacy: Similarities and Differences <i>Anastacia A. Zabella</i> , Candidate in History, Lecturer, Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University (Russia) |
| 12.55 – 13.10 | China-Africa Summit Diplomacy <i>David Monyae</i> , Director, Confucius Institute & Centre for Africa-China Studies, University of Johannesburg (South Africa) |
| 13.10 – 13.25 | Beyond Summit Diplomacy: Turkey-Africa Relations in the XXIst Century <i>Elem Eyrice Tepeciklioglu</i> , Dr., Faculty Member at the International Law Implementation and Research Center, Yasar University (Turkey) |
| 13.25- 13.40 | Africa Chooses Russia: on the Forefront of Military and Technical Cooperation <i>Galina M. Sidorova</i> , Doctor of Political Sciences (Dr.Habil), professor of Diplomatic Academy, MFA of Russia; professor of the Moscow State Linguistic University; researcher at RAS Institute of African Studies (Russia) |
| 13.40- 13.55 | Emerging Sectors for Africa’s International Engagement in the Post-Covid-19 Pandemic Era <i>Kigen Morumbasi</i> , Lecturer in International Studies, Strathmore University (Kenya) |
| 13.55- 14.15 | Discussion. Participants: <i>Ayele Dessalegn Bizuneh</i> (University of Gondar, Ethiopia), <i>Evgeniy N. Korendyasov</i> (RAS Institute for African Studies, Russia); <i>Raffaele Marchetti</i> (LUISS, Italy); <i>Alexander Mezyaev</i> (TISBI University, Russia); <i>Malik Mousli</i> (League of Arab States, Moscow mission) |

14.15 – 14.30 MT – ‘Online lunch break’

Roundtable "African views on post-COVID recovery & African Agency"

Table co-chairs – *Leonid L. Fituni*, DSc, Deputy Director of the RAS Institute for African Studies, Corresponding member of the RAS (Russia); *Mzukisi Qobo*, Head of Wits School of Governance corporate, member of the Presidential Economic Advisory Council. (South Africa).

‘Early experts’ quad’ (14.30 – 15.45 MT)



Korwa Adar Gombe
University of Botswana
(Botswana)



Folashade Soule
University of Oxford,
(UK / Benin)



Gilbert Khadiagala
University of Witwatersrand
(South Africa)



Claire Ayuma Amuhaya
RUDN University
(Russia / Kenya)

‘Later experts’ quad’ (16.00 – 17.15 MT) (8.00-9.15 EST)



Molefi Kete Asante
Temple University
(USA)



Lembe Tiky,
University of Connecticut & ISA
(USA)



TEIKU Thomas Kwasi,
University of Western Ontario
(Canada)



Timothy Shaw
UMaSS, Ottawa & Carleton
(USA/Canada)

17.15 – 17.30 MT – ‘Online coffee break’

Panel Session 2. " Healthcare Cooperation with Africa in Context of COVID-19 Pandemic"

Session co-chairs: Professor *Carlo Torti*, Full Professor of Infectious Diseases, University "Magna Graecia" of Catanzaro (Italy); *Yulia Sh. Gushina*, Candidate of pharmaceutical sciences, Deputy-Director for International Cooperation of RUDN Medical Institute (Russia)

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| 17-30 –17.40 | Panel Presentation by co-chairs |
| 17.40- 17.55 | <i>Russia-Africa Healthcare Cooperation in Context of Pandemic</i> <i>Irina O. Abramova</i> , DSc, Corresponding member of the RAS, Director of the RAS Institute for African Studies (Russia) |
| 17.55– 18.10 | Local and Global Resources in Central African Public Health and Healthcare <i>John M. Janzen</i> , Professor Emeritus in Anthropology Former Director, African Studies Center, University of Kansas (USA) |
| 18.10– 18.25 | RUDN-Africa Healthcare Cooperation <i>Yulia Sh. Gushina</i> , Candidate of pharmaceutical sciences, Deputy Director for International Cooperation of RUDN Medical Institute (Russia) |
| 18.25– 18.40 | Experience and Consequences of COVID-19 for Africa <i>Godfrey B. Tangwa</i> , Senior Fellow in Governance & Ethics at the Nkafu Policy Institute, Professor Emeritus of the University of Yaounde 1, Cameroon Bioethics Initiative (CAMBIN) (Cameroon) |
| 18.40 -18.55 | China in Fight against COVID-19 and its Consequences for Africa. <i>Tatyana L. Deych</i> , Doctor of History, Leading Research Fellow, RAS Institute for African Studies (Russia) |
| 18.55– 19.10 | The Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Regional Cooperation in Africa: Prospects and Challenges <i>Bheki Richard Mngomezulu</i> , Full Professor of Political Science; Deputy Dean of Research, EMS Faculty at the University of the Western Cape (South Africa) |
| 19.10- 19.25 | EU and Africa: Healthcare Cooperation in the Era of COVID-19 Pandemic <i>Olga S.Kulkova</i> , Candidate in History, RAS Institute for African Studies (Russia) |
| 19.25 – 19.40 | The EU and Turkey's Development Aid Policies in Sub-Saharan Africa: Unpacking the Similarities and Differences <i>Emel Parlar Dal</i> , Associate Professor of Department of International Relations, Marmara University, İstanbul (Turkey) <i>Samiratou Dipama</i> , Dr., Department of Political Sciences and International Relations, Gaziosmanpasa University, Tokat (Turkey) |
| 19.40– 20.00 | Discussion. Participants: <i>Peter Mwencha</i> (American International University, Kuwait); <i>Mehmet Ozkan</i> (Maarif Foundation, USA); <i>Majune Socrates</i> (University of Nairobi, Kenya); <i>Jeremey Youde</i> (University of Minnesota Duluth, USA) |

2st day, February 26th 2021

Book Exposition Session

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| 10.00– 10.15 | Welcoming address by the Vice-Rector for International Cooperation of the RUDN University, Candidate of philosophical sciences <i>Larisa I. Efremova (Russia)</i> |
| 10.15– 10.30 | <p>Book 1. Partnership in Higher Education. Trends between African and European Institutions. Brill, 2019.</p> <p><i>Christine Scherer</i>, Coordinator Early Career & Equal Opportunity, Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence, Bayreuth University (Germany)</p> |
| 10.30– 10.45 | <p>Book 2. RUDN & Africa. RUDN University, 2020.</p> <p><i>Luidmila V. Ponomarenko</i>, DSc, Professor, Deputy Dean of the Faculty for Humanities and Social Sciences for International Cooperation, RUDN University (Russia)</p> |



Panel Session 3. "Transformation of Education Cooperation within the Continent (New Vectors of Growth)"

Session co-chairs: *Minxuan Zhang*, Professor and Former President, Shanghai Normal University; Head, UNESCO Teacher Education Centre (China); *Denis A. Degterev*, DSc, Head of Department of Theory and History of IR, RUDN University (Russia)

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| 10.50 – 11.00 | Panel Presentation by co-chairs |
| 11.00 – 11.15 | <p>European-African International Collaboration in the Realm of Early Career</p> <p><i>Martina Drescher</i>, DSc, Professor, Dean of Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS), Bayreuth University (Germany); <i>Christine Scherer</i>, Coordinator Early Career & Equal Opportunity, Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence, Bayreuth University (Germany)</p> |
| 11.15 – 11.30 | <p>Cooperation between Russia and Africa in the Humanitarian Sphere: Challenges and Prospects</p> <p><i>Kirill A. Aleshin</i>, Candidate in Economic Science, Senior researcher, RAS Institute for African Studies (Russia)</p> |
| 11.30– 11.45 | <p>China-Africa Cooperation Experience for African Educational Development</p> <p><i>Minxuan Zhang</i>, Professor and Former President, Shanghai Normal University; Head, UNESCO Teacher Education Centre (China)</p> |
| 11.45– 12.00 | <p>China and India's Education Cooperation with Africa: Cultural Diplomacy and Soft Power</p> <p><i>Kenneth King</i>, Professor Emeritus, University of Edinburgh (UK)</p> |
| 12.00– 12.15 | <p>Effectiveness of the International Organizations' Educational Aid in the Post-Covid Era: The Case of Cameroon</p> <p><i>Djiraro Mangué Célestine Laure</i>, Higher Teachers' Training College, University of Maroua (Cameroon)</p> |

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| 12.15– 12.30 | Integration of African Graduates of Russian Universities into Local Society <i>Yao Nikez Adu</i> , Candidate in Law, President of Association of Foreign Students in Russia; Lecturer of Department of Theory and History of IR, RUDN University (Russia) |
| 12.30– 13.00 | Discussion. Participants: <i>Alla Yu. Borzova</i> (RUDN University, Russia); <i>Nikita S. Kuklin</i> (RUDN University, Russia); <i>Mougadam Mahamat Mougadam</i> (RUDN University, Russia); <i>Vladimir G. Shubin</i> (RAS Institute for African Studies, Russia) |

13.00 – 13.30 MT – ‘Online lunch break’

Roundtable "African Digitalization & Cyber-Security" (13.30 – 15.00 MT)

Table co-chairs – *Tim Unwin*, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in ICT4D; Emeritus Professor of Geography, Royal Holloway, University of London; Honorary Professor, Lanzhou University, China; Co-Founder TEQtogether (UK); *Konstantin A. Pantserov*, Doctor of Political Sciences, Department of Theory and History of International Relations, St. Petersburg State University (Russia)



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Alexander Gromov
VTB Africa (Angola)



Raymond O. Ekpobodo
RUDN University
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15.00 – 15.30 MT – ‘Online coffee break’

Panel Session 4. " Conflicts & Political Process despite COVID-19 Pandemics"

Session co-chairs: *Henrietta Mensa-Bonsu*, Justice Professor; Justice of Supreme Court (Ghana); *Sergey V. Kostelyanets*, Leading Researcher at the RAS Institute for African Studies; Associate Professor at RUDN Department of African and Arabic Studies; Senior Researcher at the HSE International Centre of Anthropology, Candidate in Political Science (Russia)

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| 15.30 – 15.40 | Panel Presentation by co-chairs |
| 15.40 – 15.55 | The Role of Women in African Peacekeeping in a Post-Covid-19 World <i>Svetlana A. Bokeriya</i> , Candidate in Law, Lecturer, Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University (Russia) |
| 15.55 – 16.10 | The African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID): Mission Accomplished? <i>Sergey V. Kostelyanets</i> , Leading Researcher at the RAS Institute for African Studies; Associate Professor at RUDN Department of African and Arabic Studies; Senior Researcher at the HSE International Centre of Anthropology, Candidate in Political Science (Russia) |
| 16.10- 16.25 | Conflicts Development and African Union Security Management Capacity Challenges <i>Celestine Oyom Bassey</i> , Professor of International Relations of the Department of Political Science, University of Calabar, Cross River State (Nigeria) |
| 16.25- 16.40 | Land Conflicts in Cote d’Ivoire in 1990’s as a Premise for the Civil War <i>Alexander Yu. Shipilov</i> , RUDN University & RAS Institute of World History (Russia) |
| 16.40- 16.55 | Will Christianity Survive in Ethiopia? <i>Michael W. Kassaye Nigusie</i> , DSc, Professor of Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University (Russia) |
| 16.55- 17.10 | Current Issues in the Nile Geopolitics <i>Irina E. Nesterova</i> , PhD in Political science, Senior Lecturer, Department of World Politics, School of International Relations, St. Petersburg State University (Russia) |
| 17.10- 17.25 | The Oromo Revolution as a Factor of Intra-Ethnic Tensions in Ethiopia <i>Natalia V. Ivkina</i> , PhD in history, lecturer, Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University (Russia); <i>Ivan D. Loshkariov</i> , PhD in politics, lecturer, Department of Political Theory, MGIMO University, MFA of Russia (Russia) |
| 17.25- 17.40 | Conflict Situation in the Horn of Africa and National Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic <i>Brian Mugabi, Taha Y. A. Hasan, Mohamed A. Adan, Olumide Oluwakayode</i> , RUDN University (Russia) |
| 17.40- 17.55 | Conflicts & State Fragility in Africa <i>Pavel Ivanov, Randah Madingue</i> , RUDN University (Russia) |
| 17.55- 18.10 | Political Turbulence amid Pandemic COVID-19: 2020 Elections in Burundi <i>Dmitry Plotnikov</i> , RUDN University (Russia) |
| 18.10 – 18.30 | Discussion. Participants: <i>Emmanuel Debrah</i> (University of Ghana, Ghana); <i>Akin Iwilade</i> (University of Edinburgh, UK); <i>Michael L. Volpe</i> (Russia) |