



Peoples' Friendship University of Russia and the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences are holding **The XII International Scientific Conference "Africa in the context of the formation of a new system of international relations"**

Online (Zoom) and in person, March 1-3, 2023 (Moscow time, UTC+3)

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**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**Day 1, March 1, 2023**

**Panel session 1. Africa as a “stress test” for the structural power of the Non-West**  
10.00–13.00, online (Zoom)

**Languages: Russian, English (with simultaneous translation)**

**Moderators – Denis A. Degterev, Doctor of Political Sciences, PhD in Economics, Head of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations of the RUDN; Prof Macharia Munene, USIU-Africa (Kenya).**

10.00 – 10.10	Presentation of the panel session by moderators
10.10 – 10.25	<b>Africa, global realignment, and the declining West</b> <i>Prof Macharia Munene, USIU-Africa (Kenya)</i>
10.25 – 10.40	<b>The contours of the structural strength of the Non-West in Africa</b> <i>Denis A. Degterev, Doctor of Political Sciences, PhD in Economics, Head of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations of the RUDN</i>
10.40 – 10.55	<b>Problems and prospects of BRICS-EAEU cooperation</b> <i>Irina Z. Yarygina, Doctor of Economics, Head of the Chair (MGIMO), Research Director (National Committee on BRICS Research)</i>
10.55 – 11.10	<b>Kazakhstan - Africa: diplomacy, peacekeeping, food support</b> <i>Mara Sh. Gubaidullina, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Professor (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University);</i> <i>Sanya M. Nurdavletova, PhD in history, Associated Professor (L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)</i>
11.10 – 11.25	<b>Structuralization of Security Relations on the Red Sea: a New Path Toward Regional Peace or a Futile Promise?</b> <i>Sergey V. Kostelyanets, PhD in Political Sciences, Leading Research Fellow (Institute for African Studies RAS)</i>

11.25 – 11.40	<b>Gulf states as Africa’s Other Option</b> <i>Mayya V. Nikolskaya</i> , Junior Fellow (MGIMO University, Institute for International Studies)
11.40 – 11.55	<b>Russia as a security provider in Africa</b> <i>Ivan D. Loshkariov</i> , PhD in Political Sciences, Associated Professor, Research Fellow (MGIMO University, Institute for International Studies)
11.55 – 12.10	<b>Lessons of Ukrainian crisis in the context of conflict management in Africa</b> <i>Adu Yao Nikez</i> , PhD in Law, Associate Professor (RUDN University)
12.10 – 12.25	<b>Africa's contribution to the multipolar world of the 21st century</b> <i>Franklin Nyamsi</i> , President of The Institute for African Liberties
12.25 – 12.40	<b>Setting Priorities for Russia’s Africa Policy</b> <i>Nikita A. Panin</i> , PhD Student (Institute for African Studies (RAS), Program Coordinator (RIAC)
12.40 – 13.00	<b>Discussion. Participants:</b> <i>Vladimir I. Belov</i> , Doctor of Historical Sciences, Professor (Department of Theory and History of International Relations of the RUDN University); <i>Sergey V. Mazov</i> , Doctor of Historical Sciences, Chief Researcher at the Institute of General History of the Russian Academy of Sciences; <i>Leili R. Rustamova</i> , PhD in Political Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of World Political Processes, MGIMO University; <i>Louis Gouend</i> (Hello Africa)

13.00 – 14.30 Moscow time: Online coffee break

## Panel Session 2. A new strategy for development of cooperation with African countries in the run-up to the Second Russia-Africa Summit

14.30 – 17.00, online (Zoom) / In person (Institute for African Countries RAS, conference-hall)

Languages: Russian, English (with simultaneous translation)

**Moderators – Irina O. Abramova**, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Economics, Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences; **Sergey N. Volkov**, PhD in Economics, Senior Researcher at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Head of the Center for the Study of Russian-African Relations and Foreign Policy of African Countries.

14.30 – 14.40	Presentation of the panel session by moderators
14.40 – 14.50	<b>Russia and Africa in new Geopolitical conditions: construct against “containment”</b> <i>Leonid L. Fituni</i> , Doctor of Economics, Profesor, Deputy Director for Science of the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, professor
14.50 – 15.00	<b>Basic principles and directions of Russian-African cooperation in modern conditions</b>

	<i>Sergey N. Volkov</i> , PhD in Economics, Senior Researcher at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Head of the Center for the Study of Russian-African Relations and Foreign Policy of African Countries
15.00 – 15.10	<b>Russia – South Africa: Current state and perspectives of the development of relations</b> <i>Alexander B. Mezyaev</i> , PhD in Law, Head of the Department of International Law, University of Management TISBI Kazan, Russia; Visiting Professor of the University of Johannesburg, SARChI African Diplomacy and Foreign Policy (Republic of South Africa); Editor-in-Chief of the «Kazan Journal of International Law and International Relations»
15.10 – 15.20	<b>Development of Russian cooperation with South Africa and other Southern African countries</b> <i>Vladimir G. Shubin</i> , Doctor of Historical Sciences, Chief researcher, professor (Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences)
15.20 – 15.30	<b>2022 – some aspects of Russian-African relations</b> <i>Sergey V. Nenashev</i> , senior researcher (Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences)
15.30 – 15.40	<b>On trade in national currencies with African countries and the transmission of financial messages</b> <i>Andrey V. Kudryavtsev</i> , master's degree student, Analyst for International Development Support of the Russian Export Center
15.40 – 15.50	<b>Russian-African military-technical cooperation</b> <i>Oleg V. Shulga</i> , applicant (Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences)
15.50 – 16.00	<b>Education of African students in Russian universities: modern features</b> <i>Alexander L. Arefiev</i> , PhD in History, Deputy Head of the Center for Language Policy and International Education of the Pushkin State Institute of the Russian Language.
16.00 – 16.10	<b>Russian-African cooperation in the humanitarian sphere: state and prospects</b> <i>Tatyana L. Deich</i> , Doctor of Historical Sciences, chief researcher (Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences)
16.10 – 16.20	<b>Russian soft power in Africa</b> <i>Olga S. Kulkova</i> , PhD in History, senior researcher (Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences)
16.20 – 17.00	<b>Discussion. Participants:</b> <i>Evgeny N. Korendyasov</i> , PhD in Economics, Chief researcher of the Center for the Study of Russian-African Relations and African Foreign Policy of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences; <i>Elena V. Kharitonova</i> , senior researcher, Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences; <i>Aida N. Moseyko</i> , Chief Researcher, Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences


## Day Two, March 2, 2023

### **Panel Session 3, dedicated to the 125th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Russia and Ethiopia**

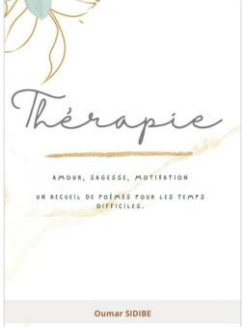
10.00–13.00, online (Zoom) / In person (RUDN University, 415 FGSN)

Languages: Russian, Amharic

**Moderators – Kassae Nigusie Volde Mikael, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Professor of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations of the RUDN University; Andrey V. Khrenkov, Doctor Historical Sciences, Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, writer.**

10.00 – 10.10	Presentation of the panel session by moderators
10.10 – 10.25	<b>Russia's First Medical Diplomacy in Africa</b> <i>Kassae Nigusie Volde Mikael</i> , Doctor of Historical Sciences, Professor of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations of the RUDN University
10.25 – 10.40	 <b>Presentation of the book "Russia and Ethiopia: History of relations from Peter I to Nicholas II"</b> <i>Andrey V. Khrenkov</i> , Doctor of History, Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, writer.
10.40 – 10.55	<b>Amharic language in Russia: history of study and prospects</b> <i>Larisa N. Chernysheva</i> , senior lecturer of the Department of Indo-Iranian and African Languages (MGIMO University)
10.55 – 11.10	<b>The Russian press of the XIX century about Ethiopia</b> <i>Tatiana S. Denisova</i> , Head of the Center for the Study of Tropical Africa (Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences)
11.10 – 11.25	<b>Russian-Ethiopian economic cooperation: Historical experience and modernity</b> <i>Evgeniya V. Morozenskaya</i> , chief researcher, Head of the Center for the Study of Problems of the Transition Economy (Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences)
11.25 – 11.40	<b>International relations in sub-Saharan Africa before colonization</b> <i>Eleonora S. Lvova</i> , Professor of the Department of African Studies (Institute of Asian and African Countries of Lomonosov Moscow State University)
11.40 – 11.55	<b>የሩሲያና የኢትዮጵያ ወዳጅነትና ግንኙነት (Friendship and relations between Russia and Ethiopia, in Amharic)</b> <i>Sofia Zamesina, Milena Konyaeva</i> , students (Institute of Asian and African Countries of Lomonosov Moscow State University)
11.55 – 12.10	<b>Russian-Ethiopian relations at the present stage</b> <i>Maria A. Osminina</i> , lecturer (Nizhny Novgorod State Lobachevsky National Research University (UNN))
12.10 – 12.25	<b>Ethiopian's transition afterwards. A comparative approach</b> <i>Pavel Ivanov</i> , PhD Candidate (RANEPA, JSCB Lanta-Bank)
12.25 – 12.40	<b>Identification of promising areas of trade and economic cooperation between the Russian regions and Ethiopia (on example of the Samara region)</b> <i>Galina A. Khmeleva</i> — Director of the Center for Asian, African and Latin American Studies (Samara State University of Economics); <i>Marina V. Kurnikova</i> - docent of the Department of Regional Economics and Management (Samara State University of Economics)

12.40 – 13.00	<b>Discussion. Participants:</b> <i>Natalya A. Voronina</i> , Junior Researcher, Center for Southern African Studies of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences; <i>Valeria Suvorova</i> , student, Ural State Pedagogical University; <i>Igor Sid</i> , President of Institute of Travel; <i>Nadezhda T. Lukash</i> , Institute of Travel; <i>Michail L. Volpe</i> , writer
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13.00 – 13.15		<p><b>Presentation of the poetry collection «Thérapie: Amour, sagesse, motivation. Recueil de poèmes pour les temps difficiles»</b></p> <p><i>Oumar Sidibe</i>, Member of the Union of Writers of Mali</p>
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*13. 15 – 14.00 Moscow time: online coffee break*

## Round table: Afrocentricity in IR: from theory to practice

14.00 – 16.00, online (Zoom) / In person (RUDN University)

Languages: Russian, Swahili

Moderators – *Claire Ayuma Amuhaya*, PhD, Assistant of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations (RUDN University); *Timothy Shaw*, Professor, University of Massachusetts Boston, Ottawa and Carleton (USA, Canada)

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**Balezin Alexander**  
Institute of World History  
RAS  
Russia

  
**Korwa Gombe Adar**  
USIU - Africa  
Kenya

  
**Munene Macharia**  
USIU - Africa  
Kenya

  
**Anita Kiamba**  
University of Nairobi  
Kenya

**Afrocentricity  
katika Mahusiano  
ya Kimataifa**

  
**Kasaija Phillip Apuuli**  
Makerere University  
Uganda

  
**Francis Onditi**  
Riara University  
Kenya

  
**Severine Mushamba  
Rugumamu**  
University of Dar es  
Salaam  
Tanzania

  
**Teterin Oleg Ivanovich**  
Institute for African  
Studies RAS  
Russia

**Day 3, March 3, 2023**

**Panel Session 4: African Studies section of young researchers**

<b>ATTENTION! PARALLEL SECTIONS!</b>	
Section 4a (Russian, Teams)	Session 4b (English, Zoom)
9.45 – 15.00	9.45 – 13.15

***Section 4a in Russian***

**Moderator - Maxim V. Tayanovsky, Vice President of the PSC "Africanist", Master's degree student (RUDN University)**

9.45 – 10.00	Panel session presentation by moderators
10.00 – 10.15	<b>Egypt and its economy in the XXI century</b> <i>Mikhailo Markovich Prvoslavovich</i> , bachelor student, Belgrade University (Serbia)
10.20 – 10.35	<b>The state system of subsidizing bread as a fundamental basis for the socio-economic stability of the Arab Republic of Egypt</b> <i>Anna A. Semenova</i> , master student, Institute for African Studies RAS / MGIMO (Russia)
10.40 – 10.55	<b>France's new strategy in West Africa: priorities and limitations</b> <i>Aleksei Yu. Chikhachev</i> , PhD in Political Science, Senior Lecturer, St. Petersburg State University (Russia)
11.00 – 11.15	<b>Stereotypes about the neo-colonial policy of France in Africa: lessons for Russia</b> <i>Tamara A. Andreeva</i> , master student, MGIMO of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (Russia)
11.20 – 11.35	<b>The African continent in the focus of British public diplomacy after Brexit: main trends and activities</b> <i>Vladislav S. Sevryuk</i> , postgraduate student, Russian State University for the Humanities (Russia)
11.40 – 11.55	<b>Economic and Humanitarian Cooperation between Japan and Sub-Saharan Africa: a view of think tank experts</b> <i>Anton V. Polyachenkov</i> , trainee, National Research University Higher School of Economics (Russia)
12.00 – 12.15	<b>Key features of China's Investment Policy in Sub-Saharan Africa</b> <i>Yuliya R. Lifshits</i> , master student, St. Petersburg State University (Russia)
12.20 – 12.35	<b>Foreign Policy of Russia and China in Africa: Comparative Analysis</b> <i>Alexey V. Nefyodov</i> , PhD student, Moscow State University (Russia)
12.40 – 12.55	<b>Prospects and opportunities for Russia on the African continent</b> <i>François Farnir</i> , PhD student, Heilongjiang University (Belgium);
13.00 – 13.15	<b>Humanitarian cooperation of the Russian Federation with African states</b> <i>Alena A. Pavlovskaya</i> , bachelor student, Saratov State University (Russia)

13.20 – 13.35	<b>International cooperation between Russia and Chad</b> <i>Pavlo Horbil</i> , master student, RUDN University (Ukraine)
13.40 – 13.55	<b>Main Trends in the Development of West African States</b> <i>Mahazaka Sulufunanthénaïne</i> , PhD student, RUDN University (Madagascar)
14.00 – 14.15	<b>Development of ECOWAS migration policy in the context of the migration crisis</b> <i>Ivan A. Zakharov</i> , senior researcher, Institute for African Studies RAS (Russia) <i>Maxim M. Agafoshin</i> , senior researcher, Institute for African Studies RAS (Russia) <i>Stanislav A. Gorokhov</i> , leading researcher, Institute for African Studies RAS (Russia) <i>Ruslan V. Dmitriev</i> , leading researcher, Institute for African Studies RAS (Russia)
14.20 – 14.35	<b>Cultural decolonization in a multipolar world on the example of African states</b> <i>Maxim V. Tayanovskiy</i> , master student, RUDN University (Russia)
14.35 – 14.50	<b>Discussion.</b> Participants: <i>Angelina Lobanova</i> , student, RUDN; <i>Nikita Sokolnikov</i> , student, RUDN; <i>Alexandra Piyashova</i> , student, Nizhny Novgorod State Linguistic University named after N. A. Dobrolyubov.


#### **Section 4b in English**

**Moderators – Behruz Egamov, President of the PSC "Africanist", Master's degree student (RUDN University); Ilya L. Demkin, PhD student of St. Petersburg State University.**

9.45 – 10.00	Panel session presentation by moderators
10.00 – 10.15	<b>The relationship between the crisis in Ukraine and the worsening of already existing African crisis scenarios</b> <i>Matteo Molino</i> , bachelor student, IULM University (Italy)
10.20 – 10.35	<b>Bilateral and multilateral development of Russian-Kenyan relations in the modern world</b> <i>Philip Franklin Aijah</i> , bachelor student, Kutafin Law Academy (Kenya)
10.40 – 10.55	<b>Construction of The Foundation of Indonesia's Geopolitical Policies in the Africa Region</b> <i>Gerry Utama</i> , master student, St. Petersburg State University (Indonesia)
11.00 – 11.15	<b>Assessing China's Behaviour in Africa: A Partnership of Equals or Neocolonialism with Chinese Characteristics?</b> <i>Vladislav I. Tyapkin</i> , master student, St. Petersburg State University (Russia)
11.20 – 11.35	<b>The Mali-Guinea-Burkina Faso axis and Russian-African cooperation towards a multipolar world</b> <i>Lucas Leiroz de Almeida</i> , Federal University of Agriculture of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)
11.40 – 11.55	<b>Indonesia's foreign policy towards Africa during presidential Joko Widodo's Government</b> <i>Nilam Putri Andriani</i> , bachelor student, Muhammadiyah Malang University (Indonesia)



12.00 – 12.15	<b>The most significant impacts of African organizations on the African arena</b> <i>Kabuswe Mulenga</i> , bachelor student, RUDN University (Zambia)
12.20 – 12.35	<b>Regional security for middle eastern African countries and its relation to the CTBT</b> <i>Youssef Hosny Mohamed</i> , bachelor student, University of Alexandria (Egypt)
12.35 – 13.00	<b>Discussion.</b> Participants: <i>Avori O. Sime</i> , student of the Financial University, Russia; <i>Alexander S. Fediunin</i> , student of the Financial University, Russia; <i>Duvu Fasilas Maxim</i> , PhD student, RUDN

13.00 – 13.15		<b>Presentation of the PhosAgro / UNESCO / IUPAC Grant Program in the field of green chemistry</b>  <i>Alexander Antonov</i> , Head of Department for International Development, PhosAgro
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### Panel Session 5. Security and Peacemaking in Africa

14.00 – 16.00, online (Zoom)

Languages: Russian, English

**Moderator – Svetlana A. Bokeria, PhD in Law, docent of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations (RUDN University)**

14.00 – 14.10	Presentation of the panel session by moderator	
14.10 – 14.20		<b>Presentation of the collection "African studies of the RUDN University"</b> <i>Vladimir I. Belov</i> , professor of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations (RUDN University)
14.20 – 14.30	<b>The evolution of African peacemaking</b> <i>Svetlana A. Bokeria</i> , docent of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations (RUDN University)	
14.30 – 14.40	<b>Postcolonising Scandinavian Foreign Policy Activism in Africa: The Case of Ghana</b> <i>Oksana V. Grigoreva</i> , docent of the Department of European Studies (St. Petersburg State University); <i>Nikita Pliusnin</i> , student (St. Petersburg State University)	
14.40 – 14.50	<b>Russia's contribution to African food security in a context of military conflict and global crisis</b> <i>Lucas Leiroz de Almeida</i> , researcher (Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro), journalist (BRICS Information Portal)	
14.50 – 15.00	<b>Migration processes: North Africa and Southern Europe (on the example of Italy, San Marino, Malta)</b>	

	<i>Galina M. Sidorova</i> , Diplomat, chief researcher of the Center for the Study of Russian-African Relations and Foreign Policy of African Countries (Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences), Professor of the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia, Professor of MSLU
15.00 – 15.10	<b>Youth participation in security and peacekeeping in Madagascar</b> <i>Rakutumalala Arimanui Luiset Mangatina Estera</i> , PhD student, RUDN University (Madagascar)
15.10 – 15.20	<b>The Malicious Use of Hi-tech Technologies in Sub-Saharan Africa as the Challenge for Information and Psychological Security</b> <i>Konstantin A. Pantserev</i> , professor (Saint-Petersburg State University)
15.20 – 15.30	<b>Причины неэффективности международных организаций в разрешении кризисов в Африке: пример ЭКОВАС</b> <i>Tape Gyable Dorkas</i> , PhD Student, , RUDN University (Ivory Coast)
15.30 – 15.40	<b>Features of Russia's participation in conflict resolution in Africa on the example of the conflict in the Central African Republic</b> <i>Leili R. Rustamova</i> , Candidate of Political Sciences, Researcher at IMEMO RAS; Associate Professor of the Department of World Political Processes at MGIMO University
15.40 – 15.50	<b>Regional Challenges to American Presence in Liberia in the Course of 1989-2003 Civil War</b> <i>Alexander Yu. Shipilov</i> , junior research fellow (Institute of Global History of the Russian Academy of Sciences), Assistant at the Department of Theory and History of International Relations (RUDN University)
15.50 – 16.00	<b>Analysis of the situation in Ivory Coast</b> <i>Maria A. Osminina</i> , lecturer (Nizhny Novgorod State Lobachevsky National Research University (UNN))
16.00 – 16.30	<b>Discussion. Participants:</b> Boris A. Kruse, Head of the Department of Pedagogy and Psychology, Professor of Perm State Humanitarian Pedagogical University; <i>Adu Yao Nikez</i> , Associate Professor (RUDN University); Natalia V. Ivkina, PhD in History, docent of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN