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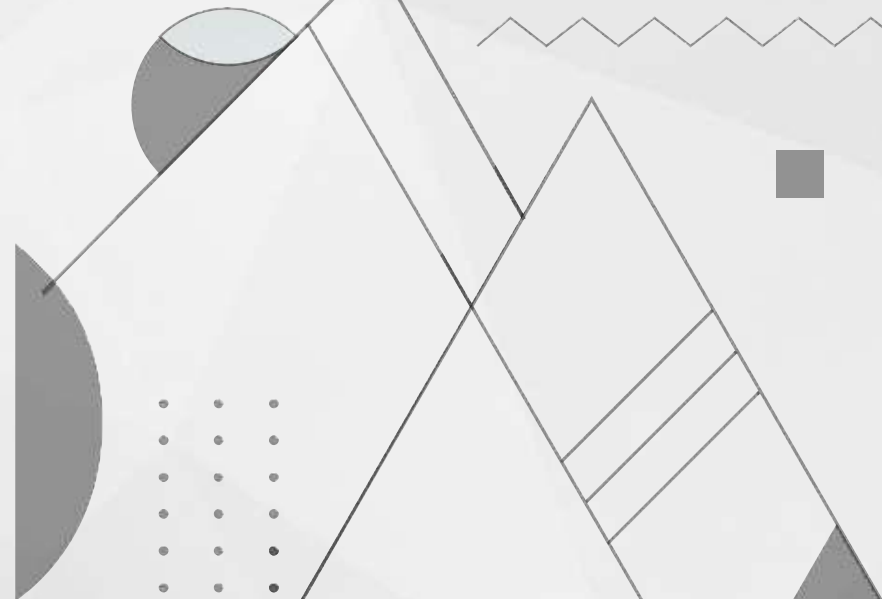
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FOREWORD

2020 will be remembered for decades to come as one of the most challenging years in the long history of humanity. We are facing a crisis the likes of which no person alive today has ever seen. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the world. It will have a far-reaching impact into the future on the way we live, work, socialize, and educate ourselves. The youth generation of today will be the generation that will lead in a decade from now when the effects of the pandemic will manifest itself.

The spread of the pandemic has forced governments to close borders and impose lockdowns. While these measures were necessary, the consequences of these measures have led to increased unemployment, the destruction of businesses and livelihoods, the disruption of an already challenged service delivery public sector, and led to widespread emotional and mental stress. However, at the same time it has ignited a new spirit of entrepreneurship and creativity.

This issue of the YALOD journal addresses all the key issues that will present us with challenges and possibilities in the future. The journal covers the issue of education and its relationship to sustainable development and its impact on urban refugee children. It examines education and its impact on sustainable development in Nigeria, a country that will become the most populous country in Africa, and one in which its largest city, Lagos, will have close to 100 million people by the close of this century.

The key issue of the politicization of the public sector and its impact on service delivery is examined. On a continent struggling with rapid urbanization and exponential population growth, especially of young people, an independent and effective public sector is key to ensuring the delivery of the public goods so that young people can realize their potential, and build sustainable livelihoods. Aligned to an effective public sector the journal also focusses on the crucial issue of improving the public policy environment.

COVID-19 has placed a large financial burden on our continent which was already struggling to build sustainable economies. A number of articles in this issue focus on how to creatively build new economic activity and create economic growth through new technologies, while also closing the vital gap in tax evasion and avoidance by large corporates, and dealing with corruption.

The COVID-19 pandemic will exacerbate existing conflicts in Africa, as well as generate new ones. The journal addresses this issue through a number of articles that looks at the historical burden of conflicts, efforts to silence the guns of contemporary conflicts, and the future of African solutions to the challenges of African conflicts. COVID-19 has acted as a conflict multiplier, and deep reflection and analysis is needed to determine how to address these challenges. The journal provides a platform for these deep reflections.

Finally, the journal speaks to the silent but visible challenge of climate change and environment degradation. Africa is not only generating its own waste, but it is also becoming a dumping ground for waste from countries outside of the continent. Articles in this issue cover innovative ideas to tackle the challenge, while at the same time offering solutions to both the challenge of climate change and environmental damage, as well as creating new entrepreneurial opportunities.

Once again, the YALOD Journal is a pioneering contribution to peace, sustainable development, and innovation in Africa.

Dr. Vasu Gounden,

Founder & Executive Director, The African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Dispute (ACCORD) - South Africa.



FOREWORD

It is a great moment of achievement where young people are deeply involved in shaping the destiny of the continent through writing. The Young African Leaders Journal of Development (YALJOD) has highlighted on a number of issues that concern human rights as well as development from a Pan African view. I am deeply honoured to be with you today to celebrate youth activism and women in business. I would like to express my profound gratitude to the Young African Leaders Forum team for creating a youth journal since 2016 to promote and empower African voices on human rights and our collective development concerns.

The African Union has set out a 50-year vision, the Agenda 2063, in which we would like to improve the state of human rights and living conditions in Africa. This can be achieved by leaving no one behind. Such platforms as the YALJOD creates intellectual engagement with young brilliant minds on the continent that are vital in achieving the 50 year vision.

We are a torn continent that has, for many years, suffered human rights violation and other realities of underdevelopment from the time of trans atlantic slavery up to this day as some scholars did reflect in their articles. It is only the perpetrator of the violation that has changed in time but the victim has largely remained the youth, women and children. The perpetrator is the system of governance that has ignored technological innovations, political freedom, women and youth empowerment, food security, economic stability, environmental and legal development within Africa. The topics covered in this year's journal covers human rights violation, African economic needs and different concepts affecting our young people.

I urge the youth of this continent should support to each other. This strategy can be particularly effective in ensuring that we - as a continent - move forward on development and human rights. It is quite a cheerless moment that our human rights as African citizens have been violated due to the COVID-19 measures. We should have gathered together to launch this edition; but rights like the freedom of movement and right to association and gathering are being limited. But there is a beaming hope on online engagement which we can use to work together towards achieving a great Africa.

I would like to ensure youth that human rights and development in Africa will be achieved by allowing diverse views to make peaceful dialogue on issues that threaten human rights and collective progress. Youths should be part of this dialogue.

Let us commit to making Africa ideal for all Africans.

Amb. Salah Siddig Hammad, Ph.D,

Head, African Governance Architecture - African Union Commission, Addis Ababa.



PREFACE

Every two years, young Africans from different perspectives and backgrounds take the initiative to investigate African states' proclivities - and to shed more light about the continent's sustainable development. Their thoughts, which are published in our Young African Leaders Journal of Development (YALJOD), bring hope and the passion for more work in the heart of every reader. But because this journal differs from the typical academic journal, we swore not to end our discussions in the book. As a pan-African organization, we took a scholactivist oath to ensure that we implement - or push for implementation - the workable solutions to Africa's underdevelopment highlighted in our journal.

As a concerned African, I have always believed and publicly maintained that Africa's greatest assets are not its numerous mineral resources – but its young people. The youths are the very core of the hope that we all have. Whether the Agenda 2063 plan, a better tomorrow or Africa's sustainable development, everything boils down to the generation who will dominate the discussion, pioneer the movement and live the dream future that we all envisage. A generation that is radical. Irrespective of the negative reports that are given about Africa on both local and global scenes; there is one thing we can never take away from our continent – it is the fact that Africa is home to some of the most dynamic, intelligent and industrious people on the planet.

In 2015, when the journal was initiated, we nursed an objective to garner the development ideas of Africa's intelligent young people and present them to national governments, policy makers and development organizations within the continent for implementation. To achieve this, we strategically launched every edition of this historic journal in partnership with the African Union Commission at the African Union headquarters, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. We did that in 2016. We did that with the second edition in 2018 - and we were going to achieve this in 2020 until that horrible pandemic which struck the globe disrupted our plans. Howbeit, our virtual launch was also a milestone achievement for us.

We adopted scholactivism as the strategy to achieve our goals of implementation. We created a connection between what we write and what we do as an organization and as youths in our individual capacities. YALJOD 2020 is enriched with ideas and suggestions which can help foster our collective progress as Africans. But the implementation of these ideas is what is more pertinent. The Young African Leaders Forum (YALF), as one organization, cannot achieve or implement these development ideas alone. This is why we, through this preface, publicly invite the African Union and its commission, development agencies, government bodies, Policy Makers, Non-governmental Organisations and Civil Societies alike to find YALJOD a helpful resource material with clear ideas on development projects. When implemented, the development ideas noted in this edition will undoubtedly contribute to the realisation of the Africa we all want.

There is no gainsaying that my dispensation holds the key to the envisaged future for Africa. We will continue to unlock Africa's challenges and proffer workable solutions to them. The implementation of these solutions should be a 21st century imperative for all Africans – and lovers of Africa. And at the centre of this great continent are youths who are ready to make a difference – let us harness their potentials.

Again this year, I present to Africa and the globe at large 35 excellently-written development papers which will promote peace and security, advance technology, improve standards of living and ultimately secure sustainable development in any part of the globe when implemented.

Prince Ifoh,

Founder & President, Young African Leaders Forum (YALF)



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What precious thing can be said or done to organisations and companies alike who throw immense support to the development works that we do? Even if we say a thousand “Thank You”, would it suffice or equal the good input that they have deposited into the well-being and progress of the entire African people. Well, like I did two years ago on behalf of the President and the entire Executive Council of the Young African Leaders Forum, I would like to acknowledge and appreciate great individuals, companies and organisations that have worked with us throughout 2020.

In collating papers and preparing this third edition of our reputable journal, six exceptional and professional youths played pivotal roles in editing and compiling articles to form this awesome work that you see. We appreciate Dr. Matthew Ogwu, Dr. Sara Haddou Amar, Sombo M. Chunda, Ngozi Marion Emmanuel, John R. Basse and our own leader, Prince Ifoh. They worked with our highly experienced editorial consultants to prepare and package this journal. On this ground, I would like to appreciate all our youth editors and the editorial consultants who created time out of their busy schedules to help us realise this goal in 2020. Special thanks to Professor Martin Rupiya, Professor Vusi Gumede, Dr. Patricia Rodney, Dr. Vasu Gounden of ACCORD, Dr. Beatrice Njenga, Dr. Salah Hammad and Faith Akovi Cooper.

To the youth authors, upon whose tireless researches, development ideas and intellect the 2020 edition of YALJOD is made possible, we say thank you.

We are also indebted to the African Governance Architecture headed by the scrupulous reformer, Amb. Dr. Salah Hammad. His actions and positive reactions to youth agenda have always motivated us to continue to work harder to achieve the Africa we all want. We want to specially thank Dr. Salah Hammad and the entire African Governance Architecture of the African Union (AU) for supporting us in hosting the virtual launch of YALJOD (Edition III). Indeed, because we are Africans, we are a part of the African Union. We hope that this partnership enjoys a long-term presence, and continue to serve benefits to the entire African people.

We would also like to thank the International leader University in Kenya for a helping hand in our work to make the journal a success. The Walter Rodney Foundation in the United States has always been of immense support to us - we cannot thank them enough.

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As an organisation, we are forever indebted to our partners and the organisations that exude particular interest in working with us to foster Africa's sustainable development. We are also very much open to receive more support and partnerships as our vision is to play integral role in the eventual realisation of the African Union Agenda 2063 vision plan amongst others. Thank you everyone for your contributions and support.

Pafungeyi Gore,
Vice President II, Young African Leaders Forum (YALF).



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