



CALL FOR PAPERS

CORONAVIRUS

**THE STRATEGIC ROLE OF DIASPORA
IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PANDEMIC
AND ACHIEVE AGENDA 2030**

 LONDON

8th

Diaspora
International
Conference



24-25 July 2020



Video Conference

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

17 JULY 2020



As a result of the global coronavirus pandemic, for the first time since its inception, WASD's Annual Conference will be organised remotely via video conference technologies from London, with participants from all over the world connecting online.



Hon. Dr Gale T. C. Rigobert

Minister for Education, Innovation, Gender Relations and Sustainable Development, Government of Saint Lucia

“ While sustainable development is now en vogue, WASD can be credited alongside agencies that championed the merits of sustainable development and the urgency and necessity to pursue holistic strategies that will facilitate the enhancement of the human condition, while causing minimal harm to the environment. Further, when many were caught up in the euphoria of the ICT revolution and what it meant for countries traditionally trapped in the bowels of abject poverty, WASD was able to deconstruct the ICT revolution and to explore the real social and economic opportunities therein for countries which were historically dependent on trade in primary products/ commodities.”



2019 UN London



2019 Sudan



2018 UN Genève

About Diaspora International Initiative

the World Association for Sustainable Development (WASD) International Diaspora Initiative is a global forum that brings together experts from across the world to discuss issues relating to sustainable development, science and technology management in their home countries without promoting any kind of political views and/or ideologies among the different stakeholders in and outside their home countries.

Why Attend Diaspora Conferences?

- World leading conferences on sustainability issues.
- Meet world leading researchers, policy makers, educators, experts, consultants, companies, etc.
- Network directly with key ministries and government officials as well as leading individuals and institutions from across the world.
- Enhance your organisation's profile internationally.
- Find new clients from across the world.
- Build relationships with decision makers.



The aim of this conference is to ensure that all Diaspora groups are involved in all the development strategies and policies that impact on the various efforts in their countries in post Covid19- pandemic and help their countries achieve the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SD) and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The conference objective is to explore the impact of coronavirus pandemic on the global efforts to achieve the UN 17 SDGs of the 2030 Agenda for SD. More specifically, the conference aims to discuss and explore various approaches and different ways planned by governments which can contribute to enhance and support the implementation of Agenda 2030 after the coronavirus pandemic across the world.

Participants are invited to address the following key issues in their contribution

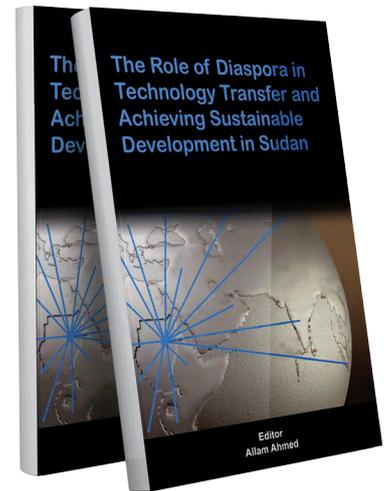
- Reflect the SDGs in your own research activities towards any recovery plan after the coronavirus pandemic.
- Disaster prevention and management as well as recovery strategies.
- Social impact and community resilience and engagement.
- The role and power of science, technology and innovation, particularly enabling technologies relating to telecommunication and the internet.
- Education and learning under isolation, and how you see the role of higher education and research institutions (science, innovation and entrepreneurship) in service of the 2030 Agenda.
- Revisiting our current healthcare policies and strategies: infectious disease prevention and control.
- Issues to do with strengthening capacity in health systems, including field laboratories during the coronavirus pandemic.
- Rapid vaccine development and vaccination policies across the world.
- Logistics and supply chain management.
- Impact on the hospitality, leisure and tourism industries.

Deadline for Abstract Submission: 17 July 2020

We welcome submissions on our conference theme and encourage conference participants to propose papers and sessions that will be of interest to a diverse audience.

Books and Journals

 Papers submitted prior to the deadline will be included in the Diaspora book series (www.wasd.org.uk/books); this is a high-quality publication that has been published by WASD since 2003 in partnership with various publishers. The Outlook is listed in the Thomson Reuters Conference Proceedings Citation Index (CPCI), and respected all over the world by leading academic and professional bodies such as the United Nations, World Bank, UNESCO, European Commission and major universities in the UK (Oxford, Cambridge, London), USA (Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, NY, California) and Australia (Queensland, Sydney, Griffith).

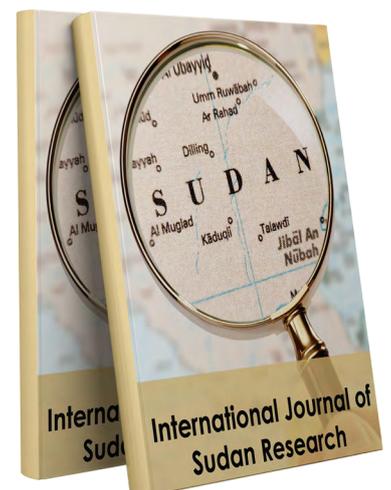


All papers included in the Outlook will also be reviewed for possible inclusion in WASD refereed journals (www.wasd.org.uk/journals/).



Submit your Paper

 Submissions of papers (no more than ONE paper per author) are invited in any topic of the conference theme directly to **Mrs Janet Snow** (janet.snow@wasd.org.uk).



Call for Track Chairs

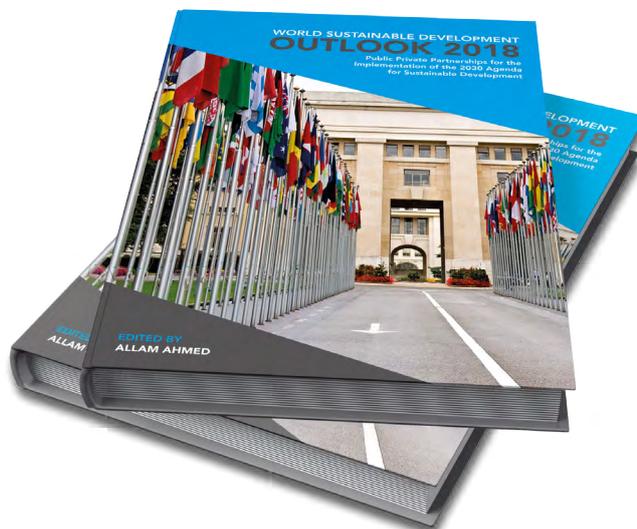
 We are looking for nominations for track chairs who will be interested in supporting the conference organising committee in selecting and reviewing the papers submitted for the conference. If interested, please contact **Mrs Janet Snow** (janet.snow@wasd.org.uk).



Dr Petru Dimitru

Inspector – United Nations Joint Inspection Unit

“ We noted the quality of your annual conferences conceived and organized as fertile formulas of multi-stakeholder partnerships. It is against this background that I would kindly invite you to organize your 2018 16th International Annual Conference in Geneva, at the Palais des Nations. That would allow us to present the work of the Joint Inspection Unit to a broader audience. ”



Previous Keynote Speakers



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Executive Secretary
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Prime Minister of St. Lucia



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New Economic Foundation



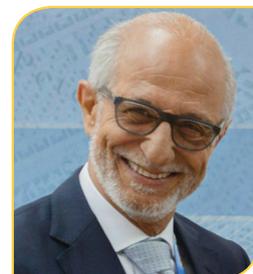
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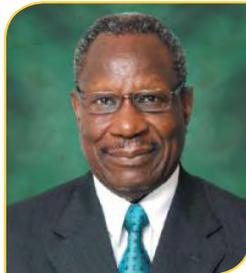
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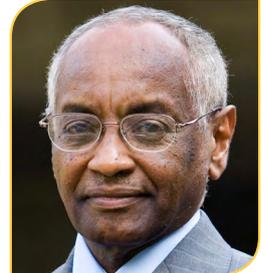
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The conference is a golden opportunity for all organisations to join the global conversation on sustainable development and policy research. There are many ways your organisation can become involved, including the opportunity to join the conference keynote panels.

Please see the four simple levels of sponsorship package



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