



In Collaboration with:

**Institute of African and Diaspora Studies, University of Lagos****PRESENTS:****International Conference on  
Human Mobility, Covid-19, and Survival in Africa****DATE: November 3 - 5, 2021**

Since the outbreak of the dreaded Covid-19 pandemic, human mobility, across the globe including Africa, has never been the same, resulting in, intensely compact mobility across borders of all kinds. Covid-19 has not only distorted the free movement of people, but also restricted travels for purposes of tourism, business, international labor migration, international studies, and family reunification. Mobility is a critical element of freedom of movement (Global Human Development Report 2009), which sometimes defines human sustainability and survival. However, with the outbreak of Covid-19, in the year 2020, the world has continued to experience an unparalleled alteration in human mobility. Given this circumstance, it is highly important to take a critical look at how mobility has led to the spread of the Covid-19 on the one hand and to examine how the virus serves as a threat to human mobility and survival on the other hand. While human immobility is required to slow down the Covid-19 curve, unrestricted smart mobilities in the forms of labor migration, trade or business networking, conference attendance, tourism, scholarship exchange program, research collaborations across the globe are required to reboot not only the global economy but that of Africa back to shape. This brings to the fore the imperatives of human mobility as a major determinant of survival in Africa. However, the nature of human mobility in respect of the Covid-19 and survival in Africa is constantly changing and thus requires new approaches, in the forms of thought-provoking intellectual discussions and well-articulated research efforts from scholars within and outside Africa.

Against the above backdrop, this call invites contributions for papers that will provoke robust discussions and interrogate the connection that links human mobility, Covid-19, and survival in Africa. It aims to evaluate the effects of mobility on the spread of the Covid-19 and determine the implications of the Covid-19 for human mobility and survival in Africa. The target audience are policymakers, practitioners, academics, civil society actors, development partners, and postgraduate students across the continent and beyond on the following themes and sub-themes:

1. Migration, Covid-19 curve, and Society
2. Security Forces, Law and Order, and Lockdown Implications
3. Human mobility, Human Rights Issues, and Covid-19 Lockdown
4. Justice Administration and Mobile Court System, Human mobility, and the lockdown
5. Covid-19 lockdown, Compliances, and Mob Movement

Papers that are well researched and original with clear methodological and theoretical perspectives of not less than 6,000 words are expected from participants. Abstracts, including keywords and short bio(s) of author(s) not exceeding 300 words, should be sent to the e-mail address below.

**Important Dates:**

- 10 September 2021: Deadline for abstracts submission
- 17 September 2021: Announcement of abstracts decisions
- 15 October 202: Full papers are due for submission
- 3-5 November 2021: Conference

**Conference Fees:**

- International participants: \$300
- West African participants: N15000

**Conference Venue:**

University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria

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Accepted papers presented at the conference will be submitted for multi-peer review and possible publication in any of the relevant four Journals or a conference proceeding/ edited book that will be coordinated by

**Professor Dayo Akinbobola:**

African Renaissance

Journal of African Affairs

African Journal of Peace &amp; Conflict Studies

International Journal of Criminology &amp; Sociology