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ASC AfCFTA / CCLTZ/ ZIMRUSS/ GZU: AfCFTA Digital Technologies - International Conference: Call for papers, sponsorship, donations and partnerships.

ASC AfCFTA Studies Centre partnered by Centre for Career and Leadership Training in Zimbabwe (CCLTZ); ZIMRUSS Consultancy and Great Zimbabwe University Julius Nyerere School of Social Studies Department of Sociology and Anthropology Studies, will host an AfCFTA Digital Technologies Hybrid / Online International Conference on industrialization and transformation of marginalized rural –urban and resettled communities in Southern and Sub Saharan Africa in a fast advancing digital world. 25-27 October 2023. Venue: Craster Lodge Harare- Rockville Country Lodges Zvishavane- Pote HillHotels Zvishavane, **(to be confirmed)**.



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Conference Theme:

2023 ASC AfCFTA International Hybrid-Online Conference: A Pan African Digital technologies driven AfCFTA industrialization and transformation in Southern and Sub Saharan Africa.

A logical legacy reclamation outcome of the then OAU 16th Ordinary Session in the restoration of Africa and the African has seen many Initiatives designed to drive the process of reclamation of the Pan African Dream to fruition, among them the Lagos Action Plan (1980); Abuja Treaty (1991); AGOA (2001); TICAD Process (1993); NEPAD (2001); UNECA (1958); and Africa Agenda 2063 and ultimately Homegrown National Development Strategies NDS 1, Higher Education 5.0 Program. Now recently launched AfCFTA (2021) destined to realize the Pan African Dream by enhancing the growth –development momentum generated by the former highlighted Initiatives, has all reasons to usher the Continent into a Single Diversified Common Market in a digitally competing global village. Post COVID -19 restoration drive combined with the Climate Change COP 27 Sham el Sheikh Egypt six (6) point resolution strategically create very conducive conditions for an extensive AfCFTA digital technologies industrialization and transformation drive – strategy for rural-urban and resettled communities in Southern and Sub Saharan Africa. Receptive dispensations in Southern and Sub Saharan Africa are paramount in this reclamation Pan African project. Indeed AfCFTA industrialization and transformation drive for marginalized rural – urban and resettled communities in Southern and Sub Saharan Africa is perceived from an envisaged extensive exploitation of the digital technologies factor, over and above other secondary factors as social, political, economic, cultural and environmental. Throughout the four phases of industrial development (1.0; 2.0; 3.0; 4.0 and 5.0) all factors interplayed with the world average GNI ppp at US\$16101, yet the GNI ppp US\$ 4833 for Africa remained questionably lowest, with crushing debt burden; higher than economic, population growth rate ultimately leaving no other option but to turn to digital technologies as a panacea. At this juncture major questions arise regarding what digital transformation strategy the AfCFTA industrialization and transformation program for rural –urban and resettled communities should be

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successfully based on? What should be the real indicators for qualification of the AfCFTA digital technologies industrialization and transformation impact; What is the role of youth and women; and What are the chances of cross sector development of SMEs, employment creation and poverty eradication in rural – urban and resettled communities under the AfCFTA digital technologies driven industrialization and transformation strategy. What is the strategic location of National Development Strategies (NDS) in this generation changing Pan African AfCFTA industrialization driven program. Immediate, realistic and measurable scenario changing interventions are needed to guarantee uplifting living standards, increasing per capita wealth for the currently marginalized rural-urban and resettled population. In the light of the above fundamental questions the 2023 ASC AfCFTA Digital Technologies International Conference Secretariat invites from leading scholars, academics; governments-states, researchers, development cooperation institutions; diplomatic missions, private sector; industry, students, cooperatives; international–intergovernmental institutions and individuals from progressive global frontiers and pan African Global Community to submit thematically sound contributions, abstracts, papers systematically developed around the following key thematic areas:



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- AfCFTA digital rural transformation strategy
- Digital rural economy; development planning
- Integration and cooperation;
- Youth empowerment and AfCFTA
- National Development Strategy (NDS)
- Poverty eradication; empowerment; gender
- Women empowerment and AfCFTA
- AfCFTA rural-urban marketing, realization and consumption
- Partnership for transformation
- Trade, investment, commerce; economies ranking
- Digital urban transformation
- AfCFTA rural – urban production, distribution;
- Space and Nuclear Technology, exploration, expedition
- Philosophy; religion, culture and languages
- News, Messaging, Information, Media
- AfCFTA digital industrialization strategy;
- Resilience; Mitigation; Restoration
- COVID-19 restoration ; mitigation programs
- COP 27 Sharm el Sheikh (Egypt) Six (6) Point Outcome
- Digital resettled communities
- Households, Private Sector; Cooperatives; State;
- Industrialization; SMEs; finance; insurance
- Infrastructure; agriculture; industry and mining
- AfCFTA Bill; Digitizing, digitalization
- AfCFTA African Transnational Corporations
- Health, environment; quality standards
- Transport, energy, digital culture; ICT;
- AfCFTA Economy;-banking; skilled labour; employment
- Governance, statesmanship
- Tourism, education and research
- Smart cities for rural and urban development
- Diversity and inclusivity; innovation
- Transnational Corporations

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- Peace and security
- Conflict, migration, war and refugees.

Sponsors and Donors: Humbly, local and international development institutions; governments/state; scholars; global progressive frontiers; global Pan African Community; Progressive individuals; diplomatic missions; private sector; industry; cooperatives and households supportive of the generation changing AfCFTA as a millennium strategic Pan African Legacy reclamation vehicle are appreciated and welcome. **(Note: Sponsorship and Donation could be best directed on: Session; Sessions; Part or Full Conference)**



Technical parameters: Kindly your paper structure to have **“Brief Topic; Abstract (250-300 words) - Keywords/phrases (5-6); Introduction; Methodology; Literature Review; Expected Outcome; Discussion; Conclusion and recommendations; References.** Paper length 6500 words.

Kindly submit abstracts to: dm26215@gmail.com; godchik60@yahoo.co.uk; manasa.sibanda@yahoo.com

Output: Well - constructed papers to be chapterized and published in a “2023 Special ASCAfCFTA / CCLTZ – Digital Technologies driven Industrialization and Transformation Model:

Southern and Sub Saharan Africa” and an accompanying 2023 Conference Proceedings.

Business Timeline:

Abstract submission deadline: OPEN

Abstract confirmation: OPEN

Complete conference paper submission: **September 28.2023**

Conference **Program + LINK** Receipt Date: **15 October 2023**

Conference Dates: 25 -27 October 2023

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Famba Zion. God Bless.
Thank you for your kindness.

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