

Call for Papers

**The One Health Approach and Sustainable Development Goals for Africa
(An International Decade of People of African Descent, 2015-2024 Event)**

International Conference

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**Alfa Belgore Hall
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Background

Global Africa is the arena for a new scramble. The various players of the last millennia have been joined by others, namely India, Japan and China, albeit in new ways and for various strategic reasons. The agency of Africa to act in its own defense, best interest and for the development of its diverse peoples and cultures are compromised even further by weak governance systems, poor infrastructures and hazily defined development agendas. The Health Care arena is even more challenging, given the serious dearth of infrastructural, pharmaceutical, investigative and personnel shortages. The case of Nigeria has been compounded by the recurrence of the outbreak of preventable, communicable and other diseases, not to mention

maternal and infant mortality problems. These issues evidence a serious deficit of readiness either for the International Decade of Peoples of African Descent, even after the 2011 International Year of Peoples of African Descent, or for the Sustainable Development Goals, even after the Durban Declaration. It challenges one to think what happened to the peoples of Africa, such that the head is now not even being located in the human bodily physiognomy, not to mention having meaningful role to play in the caring for thy human anatomy and preparing Africa and Nigeria for proper roles in the global human community in the 21st Century.

Anyone familiar with African civilizations and how it illuminated the descendants of humanity in their migratory voyages globally in antiquity and at the emergence of humanity from dark ages will understand that the narrative of individualism and capitalism that accounts for American incapacity to provide meaningful health care for its citizens, bickering endlessly over the humanity of its less fortunate, is a recent affliction that was never allowed in higher cultures and civilizations of Africa, Asia and the Americas before Columbus. Human societies have always understood civilization in terms of the interconnectedness of everything in the cosmos – the ecosphere, the environment, the terrestrial and the extraterrestrial. Hence, One Health symbolized that “the peace of the rabbit, is the peace of the bird”, and “when the fowl perches on the rope, the discomfort of the role is the discomfort of the fowl”, which Akinwumi Isola demonstrated in *Efunsatan Aniwura, Iyalode Ibadan*.

In light of the above, the call is for a Global Africa’s paradigm reclaim, back to basics, to re-embrace the humane element which made it possible for humanity and the ecosphere to survive and support the existence of all beings and things, natural and supernatural. One Health is the epitome of teaching humanity to respect itself, its humanity, the being of all things, so that the balance necessary for survival and prosperity of our universe can be restored. First and foremost, the One Health Approach is a Philosophical/Ideological Paradigm reclaim that is a necessity. But more importantly, it is a Sociological, Environmental, Scientific, Technological, Educational and Intellectual imperative for the Sustainable Development and Flourishing of our Universe. The alternative is too dire to even contemplate, and humanity has prevaricated for too long, dragging us collectively close to the precipice of anthropocentric apocalypse.

Concept Note

The One Health approach has re-emerged over the last few years from simple 1800’s Rudolf Virchow concept to having different meanings in diverse contexts but most recently (popularized by Schwabe 1984) as a multidisciplinary and multi-sectorial approach for engaging dispositions, activities and researches involving the relationship between human, the environment and animal health for the sake of a healthy human society and ecosphere. However, the human factor within the human-environment-animal health nexus has either been largely neglected in this approach or poorly thematically understood, despite the indubitable role of human behavior, actions and inactions, in engendering pernicious changes in the intersected systems that define One Health.

The concern for human actions and inactions is most auspicious at this time because, globally, countries are also shifting their focus from the macroeconomic goal of achieving mere economic development to a more exoteric socio-economic goal of sustainable development. The

Sustainable Development agenda, which are pivoted on economic development, social equity and environmental responsibility, have essentially informed the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) considered as a more viable alternative to the hitherto 'unachievable' Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The observable lacuna in both approaches, One Health and SDGs, is that while the One Health goal of 'killing three birds with a stone' is susceptibly undermined by the neglect of the effects of the 'human behavior', the SDGs approach, on the other hand, also failed to give appreciable attention to the animal health concerns, even as both seek to guarantee healthy economy, healthy society and healthy environment for the sake of today and the future.

The conference therefore offers a platform, to scholars in the social sciences, humanities, sciences and other disciplines, to interrogate the goals of the sustainable development agenda and functional integrated health policy by examining the intricately linked three pillars of sustainable development and the tripartite concerns of the One Health approach.

Theme:

The One Health Approach and Sustainable Development Goals in Africa

Sub-themes:

Philosophical and Methodological Issues:

- African holistic view of sustainability
- The 'Oneness' of Humanity and the Cosmology
- Epistemology of One Health and Sustainability of Human/Animal existence
- Intersecting values of humanity and Global Welfare
- Contending narratives of human being-ness
- Global Capitalism and Global Degradation

Economic Development and One Health:

- Policy Issues
- Institutional development
- Human Capital development
- Economic growth
- Budget and financial reporting
- Infrastructural development
- Poverty Alleviation
- Food security
- Wealth distribution and inequality
- Corporate governance
- Business and macroeconomic environment
- Bilateral trade agreement

Decade of People of African Descent and One Health Approach

- Human rights and obligations
- Social justice
- Ethnicity and ethnocide
- Demography and equal access
- Child labor
- Human trafficking
- Security and violent conflicts
- Gender issues
- Beliefs and spirituality
- Insurgency and displacement

Environmental Responsibility and One Health

- Conservation issues
- Protection issues
- Climate change
- Ecology
- Ecotourism
- Urbanisation
- Pollution
- Animal welfare
- Immigration and emigration

Integrated Sub-regional policy and One Health

- National health plans
- Global partnerships
- Power relations
- Policy and legal framework
- Regional integration and development
- Cultural challenges
- Health communication
- Policy implementation

Others

All other issues of interest and relevance but related to the main theme and sub-themes of the conference.

Registration Details:

- International participants: \$120
 - National participants: N20,000
 - Postgraduates with I.D: N12,500
 - Undergraduates with I.D: N5000
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- All presenters are required to register for the conference
- Selected papers will be considered for publication

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- Further details including the concept paper, venue, accommodation, registration, submission of proposed papers and publication will be communicated via the conference emails

Deadline for Submission of 250 words abstract: October 15, 2017

Peter Lang Press has expressed interest in working with us to publish blind peer reviewed selected papers from this conference. Hence, proposals are to be creative, novel and of high quality, as only papers of the highest quality will be shortlisted for their editorial review.

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