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### State –Building in Africa: Prospects and Challenges

#### 1<sup>st</sup> International Social Scientists Breath Conference

(Dar es Salaam, March 4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> , 2019)

#### *First Announcement and Call for Panel Proposals*

Dear Colleagues,

On **March 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>**, 2019 in Tanzania Dar es Salaam The Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy and the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences will hold the 1<sup>st</sup> **Social Scientists Breath** titled “**State- Building in Africa: Prospects and Challenges.**” The Conference will take place on the premises of the Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy in Dar es Salaam along the Indian

Ocean. The working language is English. The Panels are invited on the following sub-themes:

1. Bureaucracy and development
2. Political economy, democracy, and local governance
3. Gender and development
4. Civil society, Religion and development
5. Africa and international politics
6. Development economics, environmental issues and Globalization
7. Language policy and nation-building
8. Minorities and nation-building

The Organizing Committee would like to encourage you to submit panel proposals, focusing on any particular topics related to the Conference's umbrella theme. **The deadline for panel proposals submission is April 15, 2018.** The Organizing Committee will be glad to consider any panel proposals (within 500 words) received by this date. The information to be submitted alongside with the proposal includes the proposed panel convenor(s)' full name(s), title(s), institutional affiliation(s), full mail and e-mail addresses, telephone and fax numbers. The list of prospective paper givers with their particulars is desirable but not compulsory.

**The Organizing Committee will inform the applicants about the results of their panel proposals' consideration on or soon after May 15, 2018.** After the list of accepted panels is compiled, there will be several rounds of CFP inviting paper abstract submission. **The list of all the Conference participants is to become known in November, 2018.**

None of the proposals may be accepted or rejected on the basis of its submitter(s)' previous academic credentials, ethnic or national origin, sex, or otherwise, but only on the basis of the proposal's relevance to, and importance for, the Conference's general theme.

During the Conference, each panel will work for one day and will have one or two time slots, with no more than six papers in each (that is, no panel will exceed twelve papers).

In the case the proposal is accepted and you and/or your panel participants need Tanzanian entry visas, the Organizing Committee will send you in November 2018 the list of documents necessary to support the visa application process at a Tanzanian Consulate or Embassy.

The Conference registration fee in Tanzanian Shillings is 200,000/=, equivalent to \$100 and Tsh 100,000/=equivalent to \$50 for students and for citizens of African states residing in Africa. The registration fee is to be paid in cash onsite upon arrival. The fee for an accompanying person is Tsh 100,000/=equivalent to \$50. The Conference participants working for the Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy, the Institute for African Studies and their official partners are waved from registration fee.

The Organizing Committee can assist in booking accommodation, but independent reservation is encouraged. Please note that early hotel reservation is strongly recommended.

Panel submissions should be sent by e-mail for the Conference Organizing Committee to two addresses, to the attention of Dr. Jason Nkyabonaki, Contact person, The Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy (jason.mnma@yahoo.com; tel.: + 255 712 007 009/ +255 784 632 888) and Prof. Dmitri Bondarenko, Vice-Director for Research, Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (dbondar@hotmail.com; tel.: + (7 495) 697 2022; fax: + (7 495) 697 1954) All the technical queries (regarding visas, accommodation, conference logistics, etc.) should be addressed to Dr. Jason Nkyabonaki only to the e-mail address as above.

The Organizing Committee would appreciate your familiarizing the members of your research/teaching unit, as well as all interested colleagues, with the present Announcement.