



Within the framework of the 50th anniversary of African independence, the Social and Human Sciences Sector of UNESCO (SHS) is launching a “Call for Ideas” for prospective proposals in favour of Africa’s development within the next decade.

Among the proposals, which should be submitted before Friday 30 April 2010 at midnight (Paris time), 10 ideas will be selected by an international jury and presented by their author(s) during 10 small-scale conferences to be held at UNESCO Headquarters, in mid-June 2010.

These 10 contributions to the thinking on Africa’s future will also be published in a special issue of SHSviews magazine.

Each proposal is expected to develop one idea which would amplify the positive effects and reduce, or contain, the negative impacts of the major trends observed in Africa on one of the 10 following topics:

Topic 1: Economy and Development (Environment, Food Security, New Information and Communication Technologies...)

Topic 2: Governance, Policy, Institutions, Leadership

Topic 3: Regional Integration, Population, Migration, Urbanization

Topic 4: Cultural Identities (Languages, Religions...)

Topic 5: Youth

Topic 6: Human Rights, Gender and Justice

Topic 7: Diaspora

Topic 8: Peace, Security and Conflict

Topic 9: Health, Education and Social Development

Topic 10: International Relations

In particular, each proposal should detail what the “change agent” could be which would amplify the positive effects of one or several known trends in the relevant field and which would be able to implement the supported idea.

Formally, the contributor should choose one single idea in one single field. The latter should be clearly stated.

Texts, which can be written in English, Spanish or French, should be no longer than 4 pages, each with 1500 characters (spaces included), thus not exceeding 6000 characters in total (920 words).

Each contribution received should also be accompanied by an abstract of the curriculum vitae not exceeding one page (1500 characters), along with an ID photo in the requested format used for official documents such as passports (scanned at more than 300 dpi if sent by electronic mail).

In case a group of authors wishes to respond to this call, each member of the group should summarize his curriculum vitae in one page (1500 characters maximum) starting with the representative of the group, who will be invited to present the defended idea at UNESCO Headquarters, in Paris (France), if the contribution were selected. An ID photo of each member of the group should also be attached as above.

The individuals or groups wishing to participate in the competition “10 Ideas for Tomorrow's Africa” are invited to submit their contribution, by electronic mail or by postal, no later than Friday 30 April 2010 at midnight (Paris time), at the following address:

Deadline: 30 April 2010

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