



**African Studies Center**  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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## **AFRICA @ MSU THIS WEEK**



### **Information and Analysis Regarding COVID-19 in Africa**

Below are links with information that may be helpful for those who would like to learn about COVID-19 and Africa. Please feel free to send us articles and links that we can share.

- [MSU Continues Decades-long Collaboration with Nigeria via Myth-Busting Animation Regarding COVID-19](#)
- Paul T. Zeleza, "[The Coronavirus: The Political Economy of a Pathogen](#)"
- Africa Center for Strategic Studies, "[Mapping Risk Factors for the Spread of COVID-19 in Africa](#)"
- African Arguments, "[Coronavirus in Africa Tracker](#)"
- [ALC COVID-19 Research](#)
- Lockdown and listen: [Classic African albums to discover, old and new](#)

## Children's Africana Books are Perfect Reading for Children and Families who are at Home Together

Africa Access and the Outreach Council of the African Studies Association (ASA) have announced 2020's award winning books by African authors and about Africa that are especially suitable for children and families who are at home together. The Children's Africana Book Awards (CABA) are presented annually to the authors and illustrators of the best children's and young adult books on Africa published or republished in the U.S. The awards were created by Africa Access and the Outreach Council of the ASA to encourage the publication and use of accurate, balanced children's materials about Africa. The awards are presented in three categories: Young Children, Older Readers and New Adult.

[View the full article and award recipients \(PDF\)](#)

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## Global and Continental Partnerships and Collaboration in Higher Education Post COVID-19

Please join the Alliance for African Partnership, partnering with the Michigan State University African Studies Center and University World News, as we host the second virtual panel in our AAP Public Dialogue Series. The topic will be "Global and Continental Partnerships and Collaboration in Higher Education Post COVID-19".

University leaders from across the continent will be coming together to discuss how their institutions will handle partnerships and collaboration in a post-pandemic world. We will be joined by:

- Steven Hanson, Associate Provost and Dean, Michigan State University
- Charles Igwe, Vice Chancellor, University of Nigeria, Nsukka
- George Kanyama-Phiri, Vice Chancellor, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR)
- Idrissa Traore, Vice Chancellor, University of Arts and Human Sciences of Bamako (ULSHB)
- Moderator: Paul Zeleza, Vice Chancellor, US International University - Africa

If you would like to attend this virtual panel on 13 May at 8am Eastern, please register using the link below. Be sure to include any questions you would like the panelists to discuss. You can learn more about the dialogue series and view recordings of past dialogues on [our website](#). If you have any questions, please contact us at [aap@msu.edu](mailto:aap@msu.edu).

To register, visit [https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_CcZyysx3TRSkStcyJoGSDA](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CcZyysx3TRSkStcyJoGSDA)

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## ASLA Members Attend Model African Union Summit in Washington DC

The African Students Leadership Association (ASLA) at Michigan State University is a student organization that includes both graduate and undergraduate students looking to participate in events that promote pan-Africanism and engage with issues related to Africa's development. According to the organization's president, Luyando Katenda, ASLA was founded by African students in the diaspora with the intent of uniting African students and instilling in them leadership and diplomatic skills. This year, as in previous years, ASLA students participated in The International Model African Union event held at Howard University.



[Read the full article on our site](#)

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### **Old and New African Diaspora Networks: Before and After COVID-19**

This virtual conference will bring together scholars and intellectuals from the African diaspora, and/or those engaged in African diaspora research and engagement. It will offer perspectives on old and new diaspora from various theoretical, conceptual and disciplinary perspectives. The aim is to generate new knowledge that can inform not only scholarship but also work in the policy/government, civil society and business spheres as the world grapples with new and legacy challenges.

The conference will serve as a launch for an upcoming webinar series that will continue to explore issues that have affected old and new African diasporas from interdisciplinary, trans disciplinary and multidisciplinary perspectives. Further information on the technical modalities to be used will be communicated closer to the date of the conference.

[View the full event PDF](#) and the [event schedule \(.xlsx\)](#)

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A promotional banner for a virtual event. The banner features a colorful design with a silhouette of a woman shouting into a megaphone on the left, surrounded by various colored speech bubbles. On the right, the text reads "MAY 5 - 7 WOMEN IN #GLOBALDEV LEADERSHIP WEEK WORKSHOPS". A green diagonal banner in the top right corner says "VIRTUAL". The banner is framed by a multi-colored horizontal bar at the top and a gold bar at the bottom.

**MAY 5 - 7: VIRTUAL WOMEN IN GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP  
ON-LINE SERIES**

While the date of our in-person annual forum has been pushed out due to the Corona virus, we invite you to mark your calendars with these dates for virtual opportunities to connect, learn and grow. Free sessions are open to anyone to [register](#) at no cost.

Registration closes Sunday, May 3.

Registrants of the 2020 Women in Global Development Forum will automatically receive a link to all sessions.

[Visit the website for more information](#)

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**MSU ASC African Music Playlist**

As a way of keeping our community connected during this time of social distancing, the African Studies Center at MSU has put together a playlist of songs by African artists recommended by our community through social media. We have compiled this playlist and are so happy with how it has turned out.

To view the playlist, visit: [African Studies Playlist](#)



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