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Visit of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of South Sudan

On January 28, 2020, Director of the Institute for African Studies, member of the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences, corresponding member of the Russian Academy of Sciences I.O. Abramova received the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of South Sudan Awut Deng Acuil, who was on a working visit to the Russian Federation. The meeting was attended by: the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the

Republic of the South Sudan in the Russian Federation, Chol Tong Mayay; members of the South Sudanese delegation; Deputy Director of the Institute for African Studies, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences L. L. Fituni; Head of the Center for North African and African Horn Studies, Ph.D. A.A. Tkachenko; Senior Researchers of the Institute: Ph.D. I.N. Kofanov, Ph.D. S.V. Mezentsev, N.Z. Fakhrutdinova, as well as Ph.D. K.A. Aleshin. [Read more](#)

Participation of the Institute staff in the scientific-practical Conference of the Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC) and Africa Business Initiative (ABI) "Africa-Russia"

February 20, 2020 Leading Researcher at the Center for the Study of Russian-African Relations and African States' Foreign Policy, Ph.D. E.N.Korendyasov, head of the Center for Sociological and Political Science Studies, Ph.D. S.V. Kostelyanets and Senior Researcher at the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies, Ph.D. E.V. Kharitonova took part in the scientific-practical conference "Africa-Russia", organized jointly by the Russian Council on Foreign Affairs (RIAC) and the Union of African Business Initiative (Union "ABI").

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Awarding of the winners of the competition named after A.A. Gromyko

February 19, 2020 at the Institute for African Studies the awarding process of the winners of the competition named after. A.A. Gromyko took place. [Read more](#)



"Asia and Africa. International cooperation: past, present and future"

On February 25, 2020, the Institute for African Studies hosted the Inter-Institute Conference of Young Scientists of the Russian Academy of Sciences "Asia and Africa. International Cooperation: Past, Present and Future", jointly organized by the Council of Young Scientists of the Institute and the Council of Young Scientists of the Institute of Far East RAS. Within the framework of the presented reports and the subsequent discussion, the interaction of the countries of Asia and Africa in the economic, social and political spheres was examined, the

nature and scale of bilateral ties between the leading countries and their groups among themselves, the goals and mechanisms of their interaction, including the identification of practices applicable in Russian-African and Russian-Asian international cooperation. [Read More](#)



Meeting on the eve of the opening of the X International Scientific Conference "Africa in the context of the formation of a new system of international relations"

February 27, 2020, in anticipation of the opening of the X International Scientific Conference "Africa in the context of the formation of a new system of International relations" the Institute for African Studies was visited by well-known foreign and Russian scientists. The Conference was organized jointly by the Peoples' Friendship University and the Institute for African Studies. [Read more](#)

The staff of Institute for African Studies took part in the X International Conference "Africa in the Context of the Formation of a New System of International Relations"

On February 28, 2020, a conference was held at the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia on the role and place of Africa in the process of developing a new system of International relations. Prominent representatives of Western and African political sciences took part in it: Professor Molefee Kete Asante (USA), Professor Yen Taylor (Great Britain), Professor Patrick Carmody (Great Britain), Dr. Timothy Shaw (USA), Professor Patrick Bond (South Africa), Professor Kasaija Apuuli (Uganda).

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About Business Breakfast on Russian-Nigerian Cooperation

On March 6, 2020, in Moscow, an International Business breakfast on the topic of Russian-Nigerian cooperation was held, organized by the All-Russian public organization "Business Russia". Gathered 75 people. [Read more](#)



The Roscongress Foundation summed up the analytical results of the Russia-Africa Economic Forum

A special issue of Roscongress Insider has been published in the ROSCONGRESS.ORG Information and Analytical System, dedicated to the results of the Russia-Africa Summit and Economic Forum. The report was prepared by experts from the Roscongress Foundation and the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences together with the TASS News Agency. [Read more](#)

“Actual Commentary”

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Sahel: jihadists are advancing again. What to do?

January 13 this year on the initiative of the President of France, E. Macron, in the city of Pau (France), a summit was held of the countries of the intergovernmental organization G-5 Sahel, created in 2014, which includes Burkina Faso, Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Chad. The summit aroused wide interest in African countries and in Europe, primarily in France. It is in the G-5 Sahel countries that the most large-scale terrorist operations are launched; it is to these countries that France and the EU provide wide support in their resistance to the threats of terrorism and organized transnational crime. [Read more](#)



Ursula von der Leyen's visit to Ethiopia: goals and outcomes

Ursula von der Leyen assumed the post of the head of the European Commission on December 1, 2019, and on December 7, 2019 made her first working trip to Africa, namely to Ethiopia. This choice was a surprise for many, but it was made personally by the new head of the most important EU body, and this is far from accidental. Ethiopia is a key partner for the EU in the region. In addition, a country with a population of more than 112 million people is an important and growing export market for the EU (over 300 European companies are already present there). European analysts also point out that Ethiopia could become a key partner in the future for the EU to stop the flow of economic migrants from Africa to Europe. Now the country is preparing for the general election in May 2020. [Read more](#)



Guinea-Bissau 2019 Presidential Election

On November 24, 2019, the first round of the presidential election was held in Guinea-Bissau. In the second round, candidates from the African Independence Party of Guinea and Cape Verde (PAIGC) - Domingos Simoins Pereira and from the opposition party "Movement Democratic Alternative G-15" (DDA) - Umar Sisku Embalo. Both are former prime ministers of the country in 2014–2015 and 2016–2018. Interestingly, two more former heads of government participated in the elections - Carlos Junior Gomes and Basir Jah. Thus, of the 12 participants in the presidential race, at least a few were experienced politicians who held high party and government posts over the years. [Read more](#)



APDR Presidential Election

Former Prime Minister of the Algerian People's Democratic Republic (APDR) Abdelmajid Tebbun won the first round of the presidential election on December 12, 2019. The politician secured the support of 58.13% of the voters. Thus, a second round of elections was not needed. On December 13, 2019, the Algerian election commission announced the victory of Abdelmajid Tebbun. [Read more](#)



33rd African Union Heads of State and Government Conference on conflict resolution

February 9-10 this year in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa, the 33rd Conference of the Heads of State and Government of the African Union (AU), the organization's highest body, was held.

The AU summits have long since abandoned the solemn format characteristic of events of this kind, and have turned into a working organism for determining, coordinating and implementing decisions on the most significant problems of the development of the continent and its role in international affairs. This time, the theme of the summit - "silencing weapons: creating favorable conditions for development" - reflected the most pressing concerns and concerns of African countries and peoples. [Read more.](#)



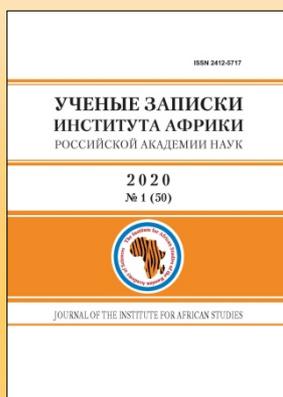
Legislative Election 2020 on Comoros: Federalism and Centralization

In two rounds - on January 19 and February 23, 2020, parliamentary elections were held in the Union of the Comoros (UC). The vast majority of seats in the Assembly of the JCE, the country's highest legislative body, received the Union for the renewal of Comoros (Convention pour le renouveau des Comores, CRC), the party of incumbent President Azalee Assumani, re-elected in 2019 for a five-year term. The results of the current elections are the logical result of a long-term tense socio-political process in

the archipelago: this is a series of military coups and authoritarian regimes, outbreaks of separatism, several constitutions, reformatting of FIRCO (Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros) into the North Kazakhstan region, and unsuccessful attempts to fix the status quo. [Read more](#)

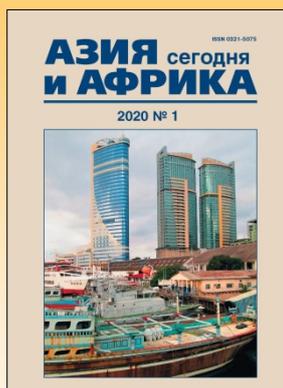
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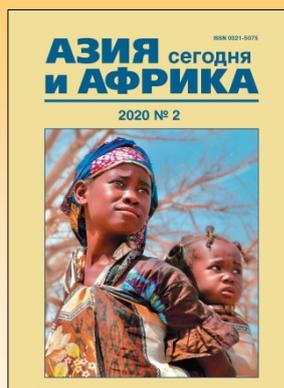
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