



3^a International Conference Activisms in Africa 2021

Peace, Rights and New Networks

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The African continent is experiencing significative economic, political, cultural and social changes. Several parts of the continent are affected by internal tensions and conflicts, facing threats of transnational nature, such as terrorism. According with the International Rescue Committee and excluding several conflicts of minor intensity, from ten (10) active armed conflicts in the world, six (6) are in Africa. The human rights of Africans are at risk due the economic, political and religious pressure that drives the continent to intolerance against minorities.

In this complex landscape, the activism struggles for changing the scenario and some the efforts pays off, with this movements conquering space and prestige. In Malawi, after three months of pressure by the social movements, the Constitutional Court ordered the presidential elections to be repeated, and in other parts of the continent (Tanzania, Lesotho and Uganda), the right of communities to the land is being recognized due a decentralized policy. In this complex scenario, the struggles for democracy and tolerance must be framed in a global approach. The collaboration networks inside the continent, and other of South-South transnational nature, are becoming more important and effective facing authoritarian regimes.

Against this backdrop, the International Conference Activisms in Africa (2021) identifies, as theme of the conference, the role of African social movements in gaining and regaining peace and a sustainable and inclusive public sphere, as well as the relevance and evolution of transnational networks. Those local, national and



transnational movements are vital for active opposition and resistance to neoliberal and neocolonial policies taken by dominant economic subjects, as well as corrupt and ineffective African governments. The conference will pay special attention to the composition and articulation of continental social and transnational networks, their practical manifestation in the field and their efficiency in achieving results. In this perspective, the conference highlights Peace, Rights and new solidarity networks as the core of its six axes:

Axe 1: Activism, social movements and Politics

- Resistance and social contestation
- Activism and process of democratization
- Rethink the dimension of Politic in Africa

Axe 2: Activism, Land and Environment

- Social movements and the right to the land
- Social movements and sustainable environmental management
- Social movements and megaprojects
- Social movements and solidarity and resistance networks: national, continental and transnational

Axe 3: Activism and Peace

- African social movements and Peace
- Social movements, internal conflicts and transnational threats
- Transnational networks for Peace



Axe 4: Activism and Human Rights

- Political rights
- Social rights
- Civil rights
- Cultural rights

Axe 5: Diaspora and Transnational networks

- Transnational activism networks
- Continental activism networks and South-South
- Activism movements in Diaspora

Axe 6: Activism and Art

- Visual Arts
- Cinema
- Music and Performative Arts
- Literature