

**INSTITUTE OF ANTHROPOLOGY, GENDER AND AFRICAN STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF
NAIROBI, in collaboration with the
PAN-AFRICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (PAAA)**

2nd CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

13th – 14th AUGUST 2012, NAIROBI, KENYA

A decade ago, over 119 Heads of State and Government met in New York and examined the state of the world. The meeting identified key goals, the Millennium Development Goals, and set 2015 as the benchmark to reverse and eliminate disparities. Since then, Africa has made little progress towards achieving the targets. In fact, Africa has remained worse off, than it was in 2000. For example, maternal and child mortality has become worse than it was in 1999. To address some of the policy and academic concerns around these issues, the Institute of Anthropology, Gender and African Studies of the University of Nairobi in collaboration with the Pan-African Anthropological Association (PAAA) is organising a conference to deliberate on these issues. The conference will bring together Anthropologists and policy makers to discuss anthropology and the MDGs. The meeting will explore the challenges Africa is facing in making progress towards the set targets. In particular, emphasis will be on the Role of Anthropology in addressing or alleviating the challenges.

We invite abstracts from anthropologists and policy makers for papers to be presented at the Conference. In keeping with the proposed theme, the Conference papers will focus on the following:

- ☞ **Maternal and Child Health:** Socio-cultural dimensions of Maternal and child health in Africa; Anthropology of fertility reduction and child health; culture, family planning and population policies; changing marriage patterns and maternal health, health and socio-economic consequences of adolescent fertility.
- ☞ **Gender Disparities and Women's Empowerment:** The Gender ideology in contemporary African setting; Gender-power relations in a dynamic socio-political African environment, Female Genital Cutting; The politics and economics of body image in Africa; Sexuality and sexual identity in Africa.
- ☞ **HIV, Malaria and Other Diseases:** The cultural context of HIV in Africa; The Socio-cultural context of malaria prevention; Health as social context; Culture and health-seeking in Africa; Plural healthcare systems.
- ☞ **Environmental Sustainability and Natural Resources Management:** The politics of natural resources and environmental management; Indigenous knowledge and the management of natural resources; Participation of indigenous peoples in the management of terrestrial and marine resources; Anthropological perspectives on climate change and biodiversity loss in Africa; Biodiversity and its importance to local communities.
- ☞ **Poverty and Hunger:** Causes of extreme poverty in Africa; The socio-economic aspects of food production in Africa; Redefining the culture of food production, distribution and consumption; Anthropological perspectives of food security in Africa; Social welfare and poverty in Africa.

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: The deadline for submission of abstracts is 29th February 2012. The abstracts should not be more than 200 words and in the English language. The abstracts will be reviewed and the authors of accepted abstracts will be notified by 30th March 2012.

SUBMISSION OF PAPERS: Accepted papers are due on 30th June 2012.

Send your abstracts to Organizing Committee paaa2012@uonbi.ac.ke