

2026 ASC AfCFTA Studies Centre ANNUAL CONFERENCE
**2026 MOP-UP CALL FOR PAPERS, ABSTRACTS, EXHIBITIONS,
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Transformative AfCFTA Investment, Industrialization and Integration of
marginalized rural-urban and resettled communities in Zimbabwe, Southern and
Sub-Saharan Africa within a 4IR fast advancing digital world

DATE: 1-3 October 2026

VENUE: INSTAK Museum of African Liberation, Warren Park, Harare.

Africa Change Development Studies Institute/ ASC AfCFTA Studies Centre and
Museum of African Liberation (INSTAK /MAL) in partnership with Zimbabwe Open
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Zimbabwe (CCLTZ).

The global investment landscape has undergone fundamental changes as
the former ideologically predetermined bipolar world reconfigured with new
alignments emerging between the North and South on one hand and
South – South on the other hand suggesting divisive unipolar tendencies.

More pronounced has been the struggle by underdeveloped former colonial
states to reclaim their position and identity not only in political but economic,
scientific and technological terms in efforts to render meaning to the legacy
reclamation process.



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Over the last six and half decades, even as development cooperation
programs under the auspices of the United Nations, African Union; TICAD
Process; AGOA; European Union; SADC, COMESA and National Development
Strategies could have more positively reshaped the socioeconomic predicament
of the South, the depressed socioeconomic disposition of the South, specifically
Zimbabwe, Southern and the Sub-Saharan Africa remains visible, literally
demanding restoration. Intra continental socioeconomic inequalities remain higher
and cascade into Member States with the bipolar dependency syndrome
considerably weakened and unpredictable due in part to unprecedented
geopolitical tensions.

Notwithstanding the visible development inequalities, weakening bipolar
dependency syndrome; and geopolitical instability, the challenge and plight of the
South could be overcome through legacy reclamation efforts whose core should
be informed by Transformative AfCFTA cross sector targeted investment;
industrialization and integration of marginalized rural, urban and resettled
communities into national, regional, continental and global development
mainstream.

Constituting an Afrocentric, Pan African legacy reclamation flagship project,
the Transformative AfCFTA driven investment, industrialization and integration of
marginalized rural-urban and resettled communities in Zimbabwe, Southern and
Sub-Saharan Africa will in this 4IR be both the short-, medium- and long-term
panacea for overcoming socioeconomic inequalities and consolidation of peace in
diversity within member states and regions of the world.

Kindly, in the light of preceding fundamental debate, Africa Change Development Studies Institute / ASC AfCFTA Studies Centre invites cross sector Transformative AfCFTA-biased multidisciplinary contributions, papers and themes, essentially not confined to:

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| • Industry & Mining | • Retrofitting | • Customs and Tariff regimes |
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| • Compensation and reparations | • Data and Research | • Space Technology |
| • Agriculture | • AI Growth and Transformation | • Rural Markets and Industry |
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| • Transport: Road-Railway- Aviation, Fast Bullet Trains | • Environment Conservation and Protection | • Rural Smart Cities |
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| | • Distribution and | • Religion and Culture |
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Paper Technical Parameters

- Paper to have a maximum of 6000 words
- Paper outline
- Topic
- Abstract (keywords /phrases)
- Introduction
- Literature Review
- Methodology
- Results/Outcome
- Discussion
- Conclusion and Recommendation
- Bibliography.

Work Timeline and Schedule: (Deadline Extended)

- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** Open (delegates).
- **Notification of Abstract Acceptance:** Open (delegates)
- **Full paper submission:** Open (delegates).
- **Conference:** 1-3 October 2026
- **Revised Conference Draft Resubmission:** 25 November 2026
- **Conference Edited Book First Draft:** 15 December 2026
- **REGISTRATION:** (Delegates/Presenters/Exhibitors) Please refer to attached fee schedule



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Investment, industrialization and integration legacy reclamation
1-3 October 2026.

@Museum of African Liberation, Institute of African Knowledge (INSTAK), Liberation City- Heritage Village, Harare, Zimbabwe.
Cnr Samora Machael Ave West / Golden Quarry Rd, Warren Park. info@africanliberation.museum.

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	Delegates / Public / Individuals	80	140
	Students (Attach Current Student ID to scanned document)	40	90
	ONLINE delegates /Public/Individuals	70	130
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