International Governance Institute (IGI) Cameroon



Call for Papers

"GOVERNANCE MATTERS"

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) towards the end of 2019 and its rapid spread across the globe forced countries to undertake emergency measures. Though largely spared from the immensity and severity of the pandemic, African countries also put in place emergency COVID-19 response measures. Such measures included: declaration of state of emergency; border closures; lockdowns; the provision of testing equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE); social safety net programmes like emergency cash transfer, food allowances and subsidies, and utility bill (electricity and water) subsidies.

While, the struggle to contain the spread of COVID-19 has so far been a remarkable success on the health front, the management of COVID-19 emergency response policies and programmes in some countries have been marred by corruption especially embezzlement and fraud. In Cameroon, a report by the audit bench of the Supreme Court talked about huge corruption in the management of over 180 billion allocated from two IMF emergency loans to fund the country's COVID-19 emergency response. The deputy health Minister of the Democratic Republic of Congo revealed that irregularities in the management of COVID-19 funds in the country, alleging "mafia networks require kickbacks of up to 35% from structures benefiting from these funds,". Similar stories have been reported in other countries.

It is against this backdrop that IGI Cameroon has decided to focus the first edition of its governance newsletter/blog on the theme: "The impact of governance on the management of COVID-19 pandemic emergency plans and post-pandemic recovery in Africa". We are therefore inviting scholars, researchers, students in governance and related fields, to participate in this call for papers by sending us their contributions in the form of opinion editorial (Op-Ed) to be considered for publication in our upcoming newsletter/blog dubbed "GOVERNANCE MATTERS". Participants should focus their contribution on the following sub-themes:

Sub themes:

1. Corruption in the management of COVID-19 Emergency Response in Africa.
2. Mismanagement of resources allocated to COVID-19 Emergency Response in Africa.
3. Best cases of COVID-19 Emergency Response in Africa.
4. Preparing for future pandemics: Lessons to be drawn from Africa's COVID-19 Emergency Response.
5. COVID-19 Resilience: The role of good governance in building back better from the pandemic.
6. How can African countries improve the provision and management of social protection initiatives to enable to the poor to handle the shocks of pandemics and crisis.

Submission Guidelines and Policies:

i. Submissions must not exceed 750 words.
ii. AP style should be used as writing style for all submitted manuscripts. In-text hyperlinks are mandatory in acknowledging sources. Use either scholarly journal, credible periodicals, and newspapers (online) as sources.
iii. Authors may use either American or British English. The author must, however, maintain the language consistency throughout the text.
iv. Plagiarism (even inadvertent) will not be tolerated. Please note that all submissions are screened. Any published articles found that take credit for someone else's words or ideas will be removed.
v. Please do not presume previous knowledge on the part of the reader, and aim for explaining your subject to the general audience.
vi. Include your full name and title with a short biography (200 words maximum).
vii. Papers are accepted for publication on the assumption that they have not been submitted or previously published elsewhere either in whole or in part. By submitting your article for review, you are acknowledging this to be the case.
viii. Please submit your contribution as a Word document. No other formats will be accepted.

Completed Op-Eds should be sent to us through the following email: info@igi-cameroon.org with the following subject: "Contribution for Governance Matters"

Submission deadline

The deadline for submission is **7 January 2023**. Those whose op-eds are selected will receive notifications by 12 January 2023. The estimated date of publication of the newsletter/blog is 20 January 2023

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