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About the African Journal of Inclusive Studies

The African Journal of Inclusive Societies (AJIS) is an annual open-access publication curated and published by SIVIO Institute since 2021. The journal aspires to continually have a range of papers from across the African continent. The objectives of AJIS are:

- i) To address the problem of ineffectual participation in the public process by non-state actors in Africa through independent research;
- ii) To create a publication space centered on collective action, civil rights, democracy and development, inclusive societies, land tenure and philanthropy in Africa; and
- iii) To promote knowledge generation by African scholars on the continent.

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Through the theme “**Africa’s quest for Inclusion: Trends and Patterns**” volume 4 of the AJIS will explore how the agenda of inclusion is being pursued and embodied in Africa. Inclusion in its varying forms seeks to give all people regardless of colour, creed, economic status, gender and nationality equal opportunity to lead a life of dignity and to participate in societal activities.

The quest for inclusion is at the centre of African agendas for development, depicted in the values included in the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063 that encapsulate issues of gender equality, equal access to education, reduced inequalities and inclusive growth and sustainability. This volume looks to pull together papers that bring light to the patterns and trends of inclusiveness across Africa in line with these agendas and beyond. The significance of the volume is founded on the ethos that real development cannot take place in the confines of discrimination, intolerance and inequality.

It is in this context that contributors are encouraged to submit papers that provide unique perspectives and knowledge on the following clusters of inclusion.

Markets: Land, housing, labour and credit.

Services: Social welfare, electricity, information, transport, education, water and health.

Spaces: Political, social, physical and cultural spaces.

This volume provides a platform for presenting discussions around the strides that Africa has made towards inclusion in common and uncommon spaces. Through the lens of research, we can better comprehend what shape inclusion has taken in our communities and possibly where it falls short.



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Abstract Guidelines

Deadline

Abstracts to be submitted by 24 February 2024, 11:59 PM GMT+2.

Note: Any submissions after this time will not be considered for this volume.

African researchers, cultural activists and practitioners, are invited to submit an abstract addressing one of the clusters. The abstract should be 500 words (maximum) and must be submitted through an online form. Contributors must indicate the topic which their paper will address, their affiliation and their data source. All abstracts must be submitted using this form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NVGMKQZ>

Selected authors will be informed by the 29th of February 2024 and will be required to submit their completed article by the 22 March 2023. Any enquiries about the application process must be directed to SIVIO Institute via the **email: info@sivioinstitute.org**

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