

# CALL FOR PAPERS: UNIVERSITY OF MAKENI



## FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND LAW CONFERENCE – (29 & 30 November 2019)

**CONFERENCE THEME: *SIERRA LEONE FROM PEACE BUILDING TO BUILDING A COHESIVE STATE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, PEACE, SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT.***

### CALL FOR PAPERS

The University of Makeni (UNIMAK) Faculty of Social Sciences and Law is pleased to announce and invite articles and/or conference papers from academics, professionals, students, and research associates for publication in the Faculty's "Quarterly Peer-Reviewed Journal" and Conference scheduled for **the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2019**, on the theme: ***Sierra Leone from Peace Building to Building a Cohesive State based on The Principles of Justice, Peace, Security and Development.***

The choice of this theme is due to the importance and the indivisibility nature of the principles of justice, peace, security and development in enhancing national cohesion. Sierra Leone is a post-conflict country that emerged from a long-drawn violent conflict. It is also a fragile country in need of all available support. Particularly, the destruction of the economy by the Ebola virus poses the country a tremendous challenges and addressing these challenges successfully requires unified action and collective input of social capital, intellectual ideas, economic means, and creative initiatives and activities both at local and

national levels.<sup>1</sup> In particular, poor governance was also identified as one of the causes of the decade long civil war in the country. It is therefore not a coincidence that both the government and its donor partners such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank support reform programmes aimed at improving governance structures in the country<sup>2</sup>.

Guided by the expertise of our Editorial Board, consisting of distinguished academics, communication experts and legal professionals, the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law aims to promote critical analysis of contemporary social-political, economic and legal issues and complexities, through research, academic writing and publication.

Recognizing the importance of research as a means of not only enhancing opportunities to enrich one's knowledge and skills, but to also facilitate and contribute to the development of policies in addressing societal issues through evidence based approach. In particular, the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law will be publishing original research works that depict clarity of ideas based on the sound inquiry of the subject matter. Therefore journals will be published quarterly in the form of a book, featuring quality research submitted by researchers and other interested parties across the world.

### **Conference Aims and Objectives**

- To raise awareness on the importance of research as a means to enhance, facilitate and contribute to the development of policies in addressing societal issues through evidence based approach.
- To promote critical analysis of contemporary social-political, economic and legal issues and complexities, through research, academic writing and publication
- To enhance policy makers and other stakeholders in decision making with well researched information on the relevance issues on key policy areas for national cohesion.

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<sup>1</sup> The destruction of the economy by the Ebola crisis in 2014 poses tremendous challenges which require robust efforts, expertise and resources in order to adequately address them. Accordingly, a total of 13,575 people were infected by the Ebola Virus, from which 11,015 (81.1 percent) were reported to have died of the virus nationwide (Stat SL, 2017). In terms of the Ebola's impact on revenue, it is recorded that about 55.5 percent decreased (Stats SL, 2015).

<sup>2</sup> Government of Sierra Leone, 2009

### **Particulars of Papers:**

The University of Makeni Faculty of Social Sciences and Law wishes to invite unpublished submissions of articles and conference papers in the following nature:

1. Articles and or conference papers should focus on the theme: Sierra Leone from Peace Building to Building a Cohesive State Based on the Principles of Justice, Peace, Security and Development.
2. Articles/Papers: (Should be between 2500 to 5000 words maximum)
3. Style: use New Roman Times 12 Microsoft word, with 1, 5 spacing.
4. Papers Abstracts between 100 to 250 words maximum.
5. Cover Page with: Name, Title, Organization/Department, Date etc.
6. Only fully referenced with complete list of references papers will be accepted.
7. All papers should be submitted in both Microsoft Word and PDF formats via email.
8. Book Reviews and commentaries
9. Case Comments

### **Important Dates:**

- Submission of topics and abstracts: **On or before Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019**
- Submission first draft: **On or before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019**
- Submission of final draft: **On or before 15 November 2019**
- **Conference: 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2019**

Authors whose articles are accepted for publication in the Quarterly Peer Review Journal will be invited as guest speakers and or panellists during the Faculty's Academic Conference scheduled for the 29th and 30th November 2019, to speak to the issues raised in their articles.

- There will be no fees for publication or processing charges.
- We will provide a hard copy of publication certificate and a hard copy of the Quarterly Journal.

Please submit your topics and abstracts to Chernor M. B Jalloh, of Faculty of Social Sciences and Law via email: [benedictcmj@gmail.com](mailto:benedictcmj@gmail.com) on before the above deadlines.

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