PREAMBLE

The discourse of religion as a contributor to peace and security is continuously being contested in the sub-Saharan Africa. The conference aims at showcasing and harnessing many practical peace building efforts that are taking place across the continent, and bring them into academic discourse to contribute widely to the transformative approach of religion, peace and security in Africa. “Religion is not so much a source of conflict as a source of hope in sub Saharan Africa, where religious leaders and movements are a major force in civil society and a key provider of relief and development for the needy, particularly given the widespread reality of failed states and collapsing” (Pew Research Center, 2010). The significance of the conference is based on the complex conflict reality within the African continent. The need for sustainable peace and security is ever urgent. From history, religious actors have great potential to influence changes in the society. The key Question being is informed by the fact that religion can contribute to conflict and but also aid peace processes for positive transformation in Africa.

THEMATIC AREAS

Scholars and practitioners across inter religious and intra-religious disciplines are invited to submit their abstracts addressing the above concern. The following sub themes have been identified for papers and presentations.

1. Interreligious dialogue and engagement for Peace and Security
2. Decoding Religious insurgence, Violence and Extremism
3. Religion, Governance and political processes
4. Religion as a force for peace, justice and reconciliation

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

An abstract of 250-300 words should be submitted by 30th January 2018 with the following information

1. Name, Institution/organization and mail address

DATES AND DEADLINES

- Deadline for abstract Submission: 30th January 2018
- Response: 15th February
- Full Papers between 2000 and 3000 words. Deadline 30th March
- Conference dates: 23rd – 24th May 2018
- Online submission: www.tacspa.org