



Facilitating Participatory Development

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CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO A BOOK PROJECT/JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUE ON: “THE CHANGING ROLE OF TRADITIONAL AUTHORITIES IN SECURITY IN NIGERIA”

INVITATION TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

You are invited to submit an abstract detailing your research question (or argument) and your methodology, intended as the basis for an academic article of at least 8000 words. More specifically, the abstract should:

- Comprise two sections: (i) research question and (ii) methodology;
- In the (i) research question section, specify and explain the focus of the proposed paper;
- In the (ii) methodology section, detail and explain the research design and methodology used in the paper, noting that the paper needs to be based on original empirical data;
- Include academic references, where relevant;
- Be no longer than 800 words in total (excluding references).

After the submission deadline, the T4P project team will evaluate all received abstracts and select the most appropriate ones, based both on the quality of the submissions and on the extent to which they cover a range of different places and systems of traditional authority. Subsequently, authors will be requested to complete and submit first drafts for review and (peer) feedback; final papers will then be submitted and disseminated in early 2022.

TIME SCHEDULE

The following deadlines apply:

- **15th September 2021:** Start of the research
- **1st October 2021:** Submission deadline for methodology plan - payment of expense budget
- **1st December 2021:** Submission of final draft of the full paper to traditionforpeace@gmail.com - payment of 1st installment of honorarium
- **20th December 2021:** Submission deadline for peer feedback report
- **20th February 2022:** Submission of final version of the article to traditionforpeace@gmail.com - payment of second installment of honorarium after review and final approval

COMPENSATION

If selected to contribute an article, you will be paid the sum of N400,000.00 as expense budget to cover research costs such as Research Assistant's fees; travel; transport; and other related costs. The sum of \$2,000.00 will be paid as an honorarium upon approval of the submitted paper, in two instalments (\$1,000 for the first draft and \$1,000 for the final submission).

BACKGROUND

The research project Tradition for Peace (T4P) is a collaboration between the development Research and Projects Centre in Nigeria and Leiden University in The Netherlands, funded by the Gerda Henkel Foundation. It started in 2017 and studies the role of traditional authorities in security in Nigeria, in particular in urban areas. So far, it has collected information from six cities throughout the country – Kano, Maiduguri, Jos, Enugu, Benin, and Ibadan.

Since the end of the fieldwork, however, the position of traditional rulers has increasingly been in flux. Moreover, new differences have emerged between different parts of Nigeria and the various systems of traditional authority that characterize them. In some cases, traditional leaders have become increasingly central to preventing violence and battling criminality, leading many to call for strengthening their legal recognition; yet in others, chiefs and other traditional rulers are accused of being implicated in conflict and growing insecurity.

To capture the fast-changing reality of traditional authority and security in Nigeria, T4P invites scholars to contribute an empirical article around the question: *how are the roles of traditional authorities in conflict, security, and peace-building changing in different parts of Nigeria?* The goal of this call is to produce a joint academic publication, as well as a set of policy recommendations. Through this call, T4P also aims to strengthen the network of scholars interested in these issues.