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THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

ARCHAEOLOGY, BEYOND THE DECADE

In honour of the UN International Decade for People of African Descent 2015-2024, the Anton de Kom University of Suriname (AdeKUS) Faculty of Humanities is hosting a virtual conference to connect inter-disciplinary experts as they explore how archaeological heritage, broadly defined, contributes to the UN International Decade themes of recognition, justice, and development.

RECOGNITION

What is the role of tangible and intangible heritage in the recognition of African diaspora studies? This session will explore how archival documents, ethnography, oral historical accounts, in addition to an array of analysis techniques are utilized in African diaspora archaeological studies.

JUSTICE

How can the heritage sector facilitate restorative justice for African diaspora peoples? This session will address matters which have required international mediation to foster metered and measurable litigious progress. We will explore ways in which the heritage sector has been used in other parts of the world to facilitate difficult conversations around restorative justice.

DEVELOPMENT

How does heritage contribute to the economic sustainment of African diaspora people? Targeting underserved and at-risk communities, this thematic session will focus on how interdisciplinary professionals, with a heritage scope of activities, facilitate cultural programs with the intent to advance knowledge and foster social inclusion and economic independence.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Virtual Conference

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

Please submit an abstract of no more than 200 words, with presentation title, your name, professional title, and affiliation.

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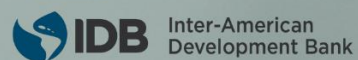
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RECOGNITION

What is the role of tangible and intangible heritage in the recognition of African diaspora studies?

We define recognition vis-à-vis material evidence, traditional knowledge, with practices that explain the heritage, historical experience, and contribution of African descent people globally. This session will explore how archival documents, ethnography, oral historical accounts, in addition to an array of analysis techniques are utilized in African diaspora archaeological studies.

Topics

- Methods in dating, geo-spatial technologies
- Material culture
- Plantation archaeology
- Maritime archaeology
- Materialities of ritual, symbolism and belief structures
- Archival and genealogy studies
- Oral histories and visual storytelling
- Built heritage
- Places of memory and the digitization of traditional territory
- Ethnobotanical research
- Indigenous and African diaspora knowledge sharing

JUSTICE

How can the heritage sector facilitate restorative justice for African diasporic peoples?

Moving forward, the 21st century heritage sector must contend with the growing agendas for African descent peoples who have historically experienced disenfranchisement from infrastructural and social inroads. In addition, the matter of reparations continues to gain traction across the Atlantic world. Efforts now include organs like, the University of West Indies Centre for Reparations Research, and the United States House Resolution (HR) 40 legislative bill to explore, via committee, the historical impacts of slavery on African Americans and to develop a reparations program to remedy those negative impacts. Further to this point, a needed correction of national legal structures has led the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), to issue a rights-based approach to human and land rights infringements of tribal Maroon traditional territory in South America. It is within this milieu that this session will address matters that require mediation to foster metered litigious progress. We will explore ways in which the heritage sector has been used in other parts of the world to facilitate difficult conversations around restorative justice.

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Topics

- Social responsibility/ social justice
- Rights based approach
- Reparations
- Restorative justice
- Climate change
- Human and land rights infringements
- Decolonization

DEVELOPMENT

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This thematic session will focus on how interdisciplinary professionals, with a heritage scope of activities, facilitate cultural programs with the intent to advance knowledge and foster social inclusion and economic independence. Heritage, when done by community members, can indigenize the historical narrative and generate profitable endeavours in the process. In order for this to occur, participatory measures must be active, and with free, prior and informed consent (FPIC), and foster the fair distribution of benefits resulting therefrom.

Topics

- Community based heritage
- Programmatic research programs/ curricula development
- Community based organizations
- Heritage management
- Museum studies
- Participatory research
- Heritage tourism
- Impact assessments
- Community development funds
- Youth perspective in heritage curricula