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### The ASRF's Recommitment to Human Resource Development in Africa

Since its establishment in 1996, the African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF) has made human resource development in Africa a top

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organizational priority. For example, in 2002, the ASRF conducted a seminar on "Democracy in Africa" at the University of Ibadan. Six years later, the ASRF established "The Summer Institute" as the formal vehicle through which it will sponsor seminars on various topics for faculty and graduate students at various universities on the African Continent.

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and centers on the African Continent, to collaborate on various training projects for faculty and graduate

students at tertiary institutions. While the ASRF will singularly

sponsor some training projects through its "Summer Institute, it recognizes the fact that others

will require collaborating with research entities that are based on the African Continent. In sum the development of Africa's human resource, the linchpin of the forthcoming "African Renaissance," will require both singular and collective efforts. Hence, the

## ASRF Postpones Its 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference ELECTS NEW CORPS OF OFFICERS FOR 2020-2022

The Executive Committee of the African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF) has postponed the holding of the organization's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, which was scheduled to be held from March 26-28, 2020, in Cape Coast Ghana. The decision was made against the backdrop of the outbreak of COVID-19, and its rapid global spread. Under the theme "The African Condition," the Conference was expected to featured panels and roundtables covering the broad gamut of the condition on the African Continent.

Meanwhile, once the COVID-19 pandemic is brought under control, the new dates for the Conference will be announced. As well a new "Call for Papers" will be issued. The plan remains to hold the Conference in Cape Coast, Ghana.

ASRF must continue to do its part in contributing to the

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building of a “New Africa” that will be the envy of the world! Let us remember that the building of a better Africa is VERY POSSIBLE!!!

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## **ASRF Postpones Its Research Conference on “Elections and Democracy in Africa”**

The ASRF’s Research Conference on “Elections and Democracy in Africa,” which was scheduled to be held from December 3-6, 2020, in Abuja, Nigeria, has been postponed by the Executive Committee. The thrust of the Conference is to examine various aspects of elections and the state of democracy, and the elections-

democracy nexus on the African Continent. Several Africanist scholars, especially those based at various universities on the continent, were expected to present papers.

Meanwhile, once the COVID-19 pandemic has been brought under the control, the new dates for holding the conference will then be announced. In addition, a “Call for Papers” will also be issued. The plan remains to hold the Conference in Abuja, Nigeria.

## **MEMBERS’ SCHOLARLY AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

*E. Ike Udogu (Appalachian State University)*

### **PUBLICATION**

#### **Book**

*Human Rights in Islamic North Africa: Clashes Between Constitutional Law and Penal Code.*  
McFarland Publishing Company, 2020.