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Africa Research and Impact Network (ARIN) Preparatory Seminar Series

Towards

THE ARIN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

*'AFRICA IN THE POST-COVID-19 WORLD: LESSONS FOR
RESEARCH AND POLICY'*

About the Seminar Series

[The Africa Research and Impact Network \(ARIN\)](#) has organized a series of monthly research seminars scheduled between August and October 2020, focusing on building Africa's resilience in the post COVID-19 world. These are preparatory seminars aimed at stimulating discussions and debate to inform the upcoming ARIN International Conference titled *'Africa in the Post-COVID-19 World: Lessons for Research and Policy'* scheduled for **18th – 20th November 2020**. The preparatory seminars are organized around the three conference themes: *Climate Action and Sustainable Energy; Cities and Resilience; Science Technology and Innovation*. These are critical areas for Africa's transition to sustainable developed economies in line with the Sustainable Development Goals. The seminars will involve presentations on cutting edge research taking place in various parts of Africa, panel discussions, and expert opinions. The overall output of the preparatory seminars and the main conference will be a book volume under the same title, that will be edited by Prof. Mark Pelling & Dr. Joanes Atela. Please find more details on the book volume [here](#).

The Africa Research and Impact Network hereby invites you to the 3rd webinar themed: *Low-carbon Development and Climate Resilience in the Post-COVID World*. This will be the final seminar of the three preparatory seminar series ahead of the upcoming ARIN international Conference on 18th – 20th November 2020.

Seminar 3: Low-carbon Development and Climate Resilience in the Post-COVID World

Date: 30th October 2020

Time: 1400 - 1600 Hrs East African Time

Venue & Registration details: Zoom (Register [here](#))

Background

The COVID-19 pandemic has put enormous strain on global economies, social settings, the ecological environment, as well as the energy supply and access systems that support them. This is in addition to the already significant impacts of climate change, which include changing weather patterns, rising sea levels, and more extreme weather events. The poorest and most vulnerable people in the developing world especially the African continent are being affected the most. Heightened climate action is therefore pertinent to overcoming the apparent development crisis in the world in general, and Africa in particular, towards low-carbon development and climate-resilient pathways.

As governments try to resuscitate the global economy by injecting billions, if not trillions of dollars, there is an emerging debate on how these funds should be used. Some have noted the need to shift the huge financial stimulus to investing in clean energy, as opposed to supporting fossil fuel energy. Others have noted the need to invest in strengthening the resilience of societies to the impacts of climate change. These debates call for deeper reflections into the COVID-19 nexus. It is within this context that ARIN is convening the *Low-carbon Development and Climate Resilience* webinar, on 30 October, 1400-1600 Hrs East African time.

Seminar Structure

1400-1410: Welcome and Introduction

1410-1440: Panel Presentations

1440-1500: Question & Answer Session I

1500-1510: Regional Reflections I

1510-1530: Question & Answer Session II

1530-1540: Regional Reflections II

1540-1555: Question & Answer Session III

1555-1600: Conclusion

Seminar Series Schedule & Upcoming Events

Date	Theme	Title	Event Type
3rd September 2020	Cities and Resilience	Resilient African city' beyond COVID-19.	Seminar
25th September 2020	Science Technology and Innovation	Harnessing the applications of science technology and innovation in the fight against COVID-19, lessons for science policy.	Seminar
30th October 2020	Climate Action and Sustainable Energy	COVID-19 and climate change: lessons and opportunities	Seminar
18th – 20th November 2020		Africa in the Post-COVID-19 World: Lessons for Research and Policy.	Annual Conference