

ARIN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, 2022

*"REBUILDING BETTER AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES
THROUGH A JUST TRANSITION FOR AFRICA- WHAT DOES COP
27 OFFER?"*

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INTRODUCTION

The World is on the verge of and amid several transitions structured by major social, economic, and environmental disruptions including climate change, COVID-19, and knowledge shifts. These disruptions are redefining new institutional cultures, governance, and decision-making processes, with implications on the people and particularly the poor and marginalized groups, including women, children, indigenous people and ethnic minorities among others. In the recent international debates, attention has been given to the concept of just transition – aimed at safeguarding the socio-economic rights and resilience of these vulnerable groups. However, it is possible that some of the processes and interventions underpinning the just transition agenda, if not well understood, might reinforce vulnerabilities or even create new ones especially for African communities. The ARIN International Conference 2022 seeks to interrogate pathways through which just transition processes in Africa could rebuild better and more resilient local communities.

ABOUT THE ARIN NETWORK

The African Research and Impact Network (ARIN) is an impact platform that brings together a network of scholars and policymakers across Africa. Modeled as a network, the ARIN seeks to leverage on the capabilities of African talented scholars in a flexible manner to leverage their knowledge and experiences in promoting research excellence and impact pathways. ARIN's core focus is to engage in peer learning and sharing good transformative research and impact practices. Areas of focus include natural resource management, climate change, cities and resilience, agriculture, forestry, energy and water. Every year, the ARIN International Conference brings together an international community of scholars, policy makers and practitioners to reflect on the implications of the global challenges on the African continent and options for responding to these challenges in an inclusive and sustainable fashion.



CONFERENCE THEMES

ENVISIONING A JUST TRANSITION FOR AFRICA

This theme will explore the fundamental elements that underpin just transition in Africa including how just transition discourse is framed and pursued by different groups. The theme will include a reflection on the COP 27 outcomes and implications for the just transition discourse in Africa and particularly the vulnerable groups.

BUILDING JUST AND RESILIENT COMMUNITY SYSTEMS

This theme will focus on the implications of transition processes on local community systems especially the vulnerable and marginalized groups. The processes and interventions of pursuing a transition in response to shocks/interruptions often have varied implications on the vulnerable with some becoming worse off.

DECOLONIZING POLICY RESEARCH TOWARDS RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

This theme will explore the pathways for decolonizing research and policies to support resilient communities. It will seek to understand the underlying drivers of knowledge, resource and institutional coloniality that reinforce vulnerabilities. It will explore the role of equitable partnerships in decolonizing opportunities for resilient communities.