

# THE HACSA SUMMIT

LEGACY · COMMUNITIES · INNOVATION

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400  
YEARS ON

Linking, Reconciling and Reuniting  
Communities 400 Years after the  
start of the Transatlantic Slave Trade

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### The HACSA Summit 2019

#### 400 YearsOn: Legacy ~ Communities ~ Innovation

Within the context of the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024) and Ghana's national 'Year of Return', The Heritage and Cultural Society of Africa - HACSA, is organising an international summit and conference to commemorate the 400 Year Anniversary of the beginning of the triangular, transatlantic slave trade.

Ghana, a country on the West African Coast was arguably the epicentre of the transatlantic slave trade. This flagship Summit will bring together Heads of State, opinion leaders, practitioners, academics and participants from Africa and the diaspora to have open and meaningful debate on the 400 Year legacy of the transatlantic trade in enslaved African people, link, reunite and reconcile affected communities and share examples of innovation and creative strategies to overcome its debilitating and persisting effects.

The extent of its extreme inhumanity, the enormity of its impact, the shared legacies, and the cross-contact productions surrounding the transatlantic slave trade have continuously motivated academic research. Who owns this tragic past? Whose perspective of the narrative is accurate? How do the disciplines under science, technology, humanities and the creative arts give insight into the communities involved and the legacies of the transatlantic slave trade 400 years on? What innovations can help the continent and peoples of African descent in the diaspora, overcome its debilitating effects and create hope for new outcomes in the future?

The slave trade remains relevant today as it shaped the world, as we know it, contributing to the development of western economies and affecting race relations. Identity politics hold root in Diasporan communities as well as among continental Africans. Yet the dominant narrative has limited synergy across affected communities. This raises questions as to which perspectives are accurate. There is also need for exploration of how the legacies of the transatlantic slave trade are

apparent in the disciplines of science, technology, humanities and the creative arts. In the year marking the 400 Years since the beginning of the transatlantic slave trade, the HACSA Summit 2019 will provide a forum for up to date research findings to be shared in breakout academic presentations.

We welcome participation from all disciplines at this unique Summit. A peer review board will be set up both for the selection of academic presentations and for a special peer-reviewed HACSA publication of a selection of the papers presented at the Summit. We encourage the submission of proposals that engage our themes of:

### **Legacy**

Scholarly works that interrogate the social, economic and psychological impact of the transatlantic slave trade 400 years on.

### **Communities**

Scholarly works that interrogate how colonising, descendant and settlement communities have been transformed by the transatlantic slave trade, whether there is a need for truth and reconciliation and whether divided and alienated communities can be reunited.

### **Innovation**

Scholarly works that interrogate how the creative arts and sports contribute to discourse, reconciliation and healing? How innovation can create opportunities to reverse the debilitating socioeconomic effects that still persist in Africa and the diaspora?

We seek scholarly works submitted either as panels, individual papers, documentaries or films with the potential to impact society under our summit themes. Papers may be submitted by established researchers and scholars, early career faculty and graduate students. All individuals submitting proposals must be registered for the Summit to be eligible for selection.

### **Registration and Submission Guidelines:**

Abstract submission should not exceed 250 words.

Deadline for abstracts: May 31st, 2019

Notification of acceptance by: June 30th, 2019

To register for the Summit and submit your abstract visit [www.thehacsa.org](http://www.thehacsa.org)

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