

**SURVIVING CHANGE THROUGH INTERCONNECTION:  
AFRICAN DEAF ECOLOGIES IN TRANSITION**

**Call for Papers and Presentations**

We are pleased to announce this Call for Papers and Presentations for our second African Deaf centered forum, a symposium on the theme of ***Surviving Change through Interconnection: African Deaf Ecologies in Transition***, held October 6-8, 2019 at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC.

**Symposium focus:**

This symposium focuses on the challenges facing African Deaf communities and the important role that relationships between African Deaf communities and networks play in addressing such challenges. Over the last decade, there has been a surge in discussion and critique of African economic development and environmental sustainability among development sector experts, social and natural science researchers, and economists, among others. African Deaf communities have also led and participated in numerous initiatives related to economic development and environmental sustainability, and Deaf community members have been involved in action related to education, language recognition and training, public health and wellness, gender equity, as well as research examining many aspects of African Deaf life, culture, and languages. However, these activities are rarely reflected within mainstream academic, development, or innovation reporting. This symposium--and the related conference to be hosted in Abuja, Nigeria in 2020--aims to boost circulation of African Deaf research, policy, and community action knowledge that contributes to broader social understanding of, responses to, and innovation towards African Deaf ecological sustainability.

**Paper and Presentations are invited on a range of topics:**

Deaf Sustainable Development  
Education Across the Lifespan  
Employment & Entrepreneurship  
Communication, Interpretation, and Translation  
Biodiversity & Climate Change  
Deaf Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Management  
Gender Equity  
Health and Wellness  
Innovations in Science & Technology  
Political Participation & Leadership  
Sign Language Documentation, Research, & Recognition  
Deaf Cultural Vitality & Arts

**Symposium (and 2020 Conference) organized by:** Khadijat K. Rashid (Gallaudet University; Dean, School of Education, Business, and Human Services) and Audrey C. Cooper (Gallaudet University; Program Director, MA Program in International Development)

**Paper and presentation abstracts:**

Abstracts are welcome in the following formats: 200 words in written English, French, or Spanish; and a 2 minute video in American Sign Language, International Sign, or your country's sign language.

**Submission deadline:** July 1, 2019

Send abstract submissions to: [https://easychair.org/cfp/SCTI\\_ADET2](https://easychair.org/cfp/SCTI_ADET2)

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