CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS
[EDITED BOOK]

Community Development Practice in Africa: Putting Theory into Practice

TIMELINE OF PROJECT
The following is a tentative outline of submission deadlines:

Proposals of Intent:
March 31, 2022

Email Acceptance of Proposals:
On or before May 31, 2022

Chapter Draft of 4,000-5,000 words to Editors for Review:
October 31, 2022

Editorial Feedback on Chapter Drafts to Authors:
January 31, 2023

Final Chapter Drafts:
April 15, 2023

Tentative Publication Date:
August, 2023

Email submissions of **Proposals of Intent** (between 400-600 words) should be sent as attachment in Word format to:

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Proposals are currently being sought for chapter contributions for volume titled **Community Development Practice in Africa: Putting Theory into Practice**.

Description/Introduction
This project seeks to broaden the theoretical and practical understandings of community development by investigating community development through an African lens. Whereas most of the community development books used by professors in Africa are mostly focused on community development in the global north, there is a need to develop, collect, and promote scholarship on community development that are more transnational and reflective of the realities of the unique context of Africa. This edited volume, therefore, seeks to expand our global understanding of community development by exploring the specific forms community development takes in African contexts, the implications of African community development practice for theories and models of community development, and how such theory is integrated into practice within local African communities.

Objectives of the Book
The motivating goal of this edited book is to provide a space to examine the specific contextual factors that impact the history, theory and practice of community development in Africa. Community development should reflect the local context in which it is practiced. This collection is the first to compile and present diverse African perspectives on community development. The contributions included in this edited book will provide a valuable resource for professors, researchers, and practitioners, presenting a range of historically, culturally, and socially situated critical perspectives. In summary, this

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collection seeks to highlight African context specific literature in the field of community development.

Specifically, we are seeking chapters (sole or co-authored) for the following chapter themes:
Suggested Chapter Themes:

- Implications of African community development practice for the conceptualization and theorization of community development globally.
- Histories of community development in Africa.
- Community Entry Techniques
- Ideological shifts in frameworks for achieving development and their impact on African community development practice.
- The engagement of African community development projects with individuals, families, groups, or organizations.
- Explications of specific, locally informed models of community development practice.
- Contributions of African traditional knowledge to community development theory and practice.
- Interactions of community development with legal and political frameworks, including implications for policy development or legal reform.
- Reflections on the contextual factors affecting community development outcomes, both broadly and within specific local contexts;
- Explorations of how community development in Africa is situated in relation to global economic and political forces, and how these impacts specific community development projects;
- Analyses of how and why specific African community development projects support or fail to support social and economic justice.
- Implications of African community development for ethical and professional practice;
- The bi-directional impacts of community development research and practice;
- Climate change and sustainability of community development projects in Africa;
- Social Media and networking and Community development in Africa;
- Future directions for African community development theory and practice