

# Africa Regional Sexuality Resource Centre

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Dear Sir/Madam,

## *SEXUALITY IN AFRICA MAGAZINE AND MONOGRAPHS AND THE JOURNAL OF SEXUALITY IN AFRICA: CALL FOR PAPERS*

On behalf of the Africa Regional Sexuality Resource Centre (ARSRC), I would like to kindly invite you to contribute an article to the Sexuality in Africa Magazine and Monographs, and the Journal of Sexuality in Africa which are peer-reviewed.

The objective of these publications is to facilitate research on issues related to gender and sexuality, with particular focus on African society and culture, and to publish related findings. The publications also aim to contribute to the promotion of healthier and positive sexuality attitudes, practices and policies especially on the African continent.

The Sexuality in Africa Magazine & Monographs is published in both print and online editions. 20 editions of the Sexuality in Africa Magazine have so far been published and the print version is currently made available to over 4,000 readers in Africa alone. Past issues of the Sexuality in Africa magazine can be viewed at <http://www.arsrc.org/publications/sia.html>.

### **FACILITATION**

In view of the importance attached to this project by the funders, article contributions to the Sexuality in Africa Magazine will be facilitated according to the plan below:

- Selected contributors whose abstracts have been accepted will be provided with a sizable honorarium on submission of their final write up at their respective locations.

### **THEMES**

Contributions are currently invited on (but not limited to) the current themes.

- AGE AND SEXUAL VULNERABILITY OF YOUNG WOMEN IN AFRICA (Vol. 7, Issue 1)**

This issue will examine the social, cultural and economic factors that prevent young women from making healthy decisions and contribute to their vulnerability, to poor sexual and reproductive health outcomes, exposure to HIV, sexual violence and undesired pregnancy. Focus should be on:

- Identifying strategies to challenge social stigmas that prevent services from meeting their needs;
- Exploring how to bring to scale promising initiatives that address gender and economic inequalities; and
- Applying an integrated approach to HIV/AIDS and sexual and reproductive health.

- COMMUNICATING SEXUALITY IN AFRICA (Vol. 7, Issue 2)**

While sex is often regarded as a “universal language,” this edition explores the peculiar ways by which different ethnicities and different societies communicate sexuality? What are the peculiar terms for sex and sexuality? What are the verbal signs and the non-verbal body (kinetic, vestment and olfactory) cues? What are the underlying communication principles (e.g. to communicate “it” or not to communicate “it”), and what are the taboos or special challenges? Is the so called theory of African silence on matters of sex and sexuality myth or reality? Do

certain languages inhibit or promote sexual communication and the communication of sexuality. Are some sexual terms truly nonexistent in some languages? Etc.

Contributors are encouraged to distinguish between potentially confusing discursive binaries, for example between the communication of sexuality (where sexual orientation – i.e. heteronormative and queer sexualities - is a key issue), and sexual communication (where sexual orientation is already taken for granted).

We also ask for specific contributions on the following, among others:

- Verbal and non-verbal sexual communication, with focus on specific African communities
- Overt and covert sexual communications
- Public and private sex talk
- Gender and sexual communication: Communication of sexual consent and sexual dissent
- Communication across ethnic and social boundaries, including age and class.
- Sex talk from eye contact to coition, and beyond
- Queer sex communication
- Communication and sex education
- Sexual communication in literature and popular culture

## **GUIDELINES:**

### **ABSTRACT**

- Contributors are requested to forward an abstract of not more than 250 words by electronic attachment to the email address indicated below. The name, contact address, phone numbers, email addresses and short personal bio of the contributor should also be submitted.

Length of Articles:

### **MAGAZINE AND MONOGRAPH EDITIONS**

1, 500 – 2,500 words

### **SEXUALITY IN AFRICA JOURNAL**

5,000 – 8,000 words

- It will also be appreciated if references could, as much as possible, be from the last five years.

### **SUNDRY CONTRIBUTIONS**

- The journal also welcomes poems, anecdotes, pictures, cartoons and other aesthetic forms depicting sexuality in Africa situations. Appropriate credit will be given for all materials used.

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Yours sincerely,



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