

IS AFRICAN SOCIALISM A SOLUTION FOR AFRICA'S PROBLEMS?

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The panel is open to individual paper presentation. Those interested in presenting a paper in the panel are invited to submit an abstract of 200-300 words before October 31, 2023, by filling-in the online form at <https://forms.gle/9JychuBgtztUsHNJ8>

Introduction to the Panel

Africa is facing a crucial moment; a wind of renewal blows in the continent. It seems that African leaders and people are eager to overcome the subordination from the 'west'.

Kwame Nkrumah, Patrice Lumumba, Amilcar Cabral, Leopold Senghor, Julius Nyerere, Thomas Sankara... all these leaders had a 'dream' and an ideal: to free Africa from colonial and neo-colonial subordination and make it self-reliant. Is their memory and legacy still alive, especially among the youths? Can their ideals and experiences represent an answer and a solution to the challenges Africa is facing?

The panel aims to trace the history of African socialism and raise a debate about its effective capacity to shape the path towards empowerment and development.