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**JOURNAL DESCRIPTION**

The Journal of African Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Skills Development (JAEESD) is an interdisciplinary, continental and peer-reviewed Academic and Research Journal with the objective of publishing insightful, persuasive, original articles that have constructive evidence-based analysis on the subject of employment, entrepreneurship, innovation and skills development across the continent of Africa. The ARUA, Centre of Excellence for Unemployment and Skills Development Centre (ARUA, CoE-USD) engenders strong collaborations among researchers and experts in Africa and globally with the primary interest of resolving the menace of unemployment (especially youth unemployment) by leveraging entrepreneurship, innovation, and skills development research output to galvanize opportunities for decent jobs in Africa. At present, ARUA, CoE-USD is funded by the UKRI through the Partnership, Research, and Capacity-Building for Youth Unemployment Solutions in Africa (PRAC-4-YUSA). The Centre is passionate about researches that explore methods and techniques that can equip the African youth and its entire populace with the indispensable and phenomenal innovative skills, risk taking abilities, creativity and business management skills that will help African youth become employers of labour rather than employees of labour.

**AIMS AND SCOPE**

It is the aim of JAEESD to publish articles that focus on deepening understanding of the youth unemployment crisis in Africa, with strong research outputs that proffer innovative policy solutions while leveraging the tools of entrepreneurship and innovation for enhanced skills development across the continent of Africa. JAEESD accepts rigorous research papers, case studies, research letters and research notes that are quantitative or qualitative and examine any of the following areas of research focus:

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- Youth unemployment in Africa
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- International entrepreneurship, business development, and born global
- Family business, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), and gender entrepreneurship

- Micro financing, angel financing, and Venture Capital
- Social entrepreneurship and informal sector
- Employment relations, Graduate unemployment, and Talent Management
- Agropreneurship, Healthpreneurship, and Artpreneurship
- Future of Work and Decent Jobs
- The 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution

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It gladdens our hearts at the ARUA CoE for Unemployment and Skills Development Centre to present in three rolls, brilliant articles that are products of ‘*Best Paper Awards*’ from our 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, titled: ‘*Sustainable and Workable Solutions for Youth Unemployment in Africa*’. This 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Edition comprises of the best papers from the different Authors who featured in the conference and won in each of the tracks’ categories. These set of papers in this edition have actually received a GBP200 each for the outstanding research and understanding of the various issues that were the sub-themes of the conference. These award winning articles were peer-reviewed, accessed by subject matter experts of the conference tracks and passed through many integrity tests of the JAEESD’s system of review before finally qualified to be published as scholarly articles of our Centre. This Special Edition only has in it the best articles of the conference that actually received the awards.

The ARUA, Centre of Excellence for Unemployment and Skills Development (ARUA, CoE-USD), through its grant from United Kingdom Research and Innovation (UKRI) in Partnership with the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA), titled; Partnership, Research and Capacity-Building for Youth Unemployment Solutions in Africa (PRAC-4-YUSA) has continued to pursue activities that support Africa to leverage research and innovative endeavours to overcome the menace of Youth Unemployment. The first International Conference led to the birth of the maiden edition of “*The Journal of African Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Skills Development (JAEESD)*”, with focus on employment, entrepreneurship, innovation and skills development across the continent of Africa. JAEESD also has the objective and purpose of engendering quality research knowledge that will focus on resolving the menace of unemployment, through; leveraging entrepreneurship, and skills development research outputs for galvanizing opportunities for decent jobs in Africa. There is no doubt that entrepreneurship is an emerging area of discourse in the world over, and JAEESD is the best journal to acquaint researchers, youths and all stakeholders interested in economic growth with the best practices in entrepreneurship development for sustainable Africa.

I have no doubt that this 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Edition marks the box of sustainability for JAEESD having been consistently published for three years with quality articles. The contents in this Special Edition are good resources for Postgraduate Students and their teachers in pursuing quality understanding on issues related to identification of workable solutions to the menace of youth unemployment in Africa. I acknowledge the hard work of each of the authors that won the awards that qualified their articles to appear in this very scholarly edition

The Centre thank sthe United Kingdom Research and Innovation (UKRI) Global Challenges Research Funds (GCRF) as well as the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) for providing the grant for PRAC-4-YUSA which is the foundation for having fund to publish JAEESD regularly. For this, we are sincerely grateful. ARUA, CoE-USD also appreciates the research friendly ecosystem created by the Management of the University of Lagos to host this

International Centre. It is our hope to continue to use JAEESD as a medium to reach the larger society of Africa and the global communities on the various issues associating with the crisis of youth unemployment in Africa.

**Professor Sunday Abayomi, Adebisi**  
**Director, ARUA CoE USD**  
**Editor-in-Chief**  
**December, 2022**

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