

### Call for Abstracts

Abstracts are invited for research, theory, or professional practice that reflect the overall conference theme; however they must be about one of the outlined sub-themes

**Submission deadline**  
15<sup>th</sup> February 2010

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## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

### Pan-African Family Strength International Conference in Africa

July 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> of 2010

The North Coast Beach Hotel -Mombasa  
www.Panafrican.familyconference.com

[http://www.ku.ac.ke/pdfs/pan\\_african\\_family.pdf](http://www.ku.ac.ke/pdfs/pan_african_family.pdf)



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## Conference Theme

### African Family Strengths: Opportunities in the Context of Change

#### Conferences objectives

Identify strengths of African families and communities through scholarship, research, and professional practice

Explore similarities and diversity in strengths between African and other families globally

Provide a rationale and pathways for collaboration between family scholars, researchers, practitioners, and policy makers in Africa and other countries in addressing issues facing families in Africa

Establish working teams and mentoring partnerships between young and well established scholars in Africa and in other parts of the world with a view to enhance family scholarship, research and practice

Collaborate in publishing research and conference presentations from the conference in a scholarly and peer reviewed outlet

#### A. Trends in family formation and structure

- Premarital interactions, dating, arranged marriages, and cohabitation in the context of the African culture
- Marriage: Marital quality and satiability
- Fertility, family size and reproductive health
- Marital conflicts and the law

#### B. Family values and rituals in the changing cultural context

- Widow inheritance, woman to woman marriage,
- Bride wealth, and dowry
- Cross-cultural or inter ethnic marriages
- Rites of passage

#### C. Parenting and child wellbeing

- Child rearing practices
- Roles of mothers and fathers or Gender issues and parenting
- Traditional vs. modern based-approaches to parenting
- Socialization and acculturation

#### D. Technology and family relationships

- Media, ICT and the Internet
- New communications and learning

#### E. Family involvement in schooling

- Influence of parents and the community

- Teaching civic responsibility and citizenship

#### F. Family and community functioning in the era of HIV/AIDS

- Kinship relationships and grandparents raising grandchildren, children raising children
- Orphan care: Family community and global response

#### G. Aging and families: Trends and responses

- Changing roles of older persons
- Gender and intergeneration dynamics
- Family, community, and policy in care giving

#### H. Family finance and wellbeing

- Control and management of family resources
- Family adaptation and resiliency to poverty and economic tough times
- Income generation and family functioning
- Effect of informal business on family well being

#### J. The future of the African family and community

- Predicting trends and development of African families and communities