

CALL FOR PAPERS
KITUO CHA SHERIA -LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE'S LEGAL
EMPOWERMENT JOURNAL

The Inaugural Edition of the Legal Empowerment Journal

A. ABOUT THE JOURNAL

Kituo Cha Sheria-Legal Advice Centre (hereinafter "KITUO") is the oldest, most experienced legal aid-providing and human rights non-governmental organization in Kenya, across the East, Central and the Horn of Africa region. It exists to empower the poor and marginalized and to enhance equity and access to justice for all. In line with our plan to generate and share knowledge and learning that will further access to justice, we are developing ourselves into a resource hub for human rights knowledge and practice through documentation of best practices, capacity building, knowledge sharing and management.

In line with this, KITUO is launching its annual Legal Empowerment Journal whose inaugural edition is themed "**LEGAL EMPOWERMENT: LINKING THEORY AND PRACTICE**" which will involve case studies and sharing of experiences from renowned experts, scholars, practitioners and beneficiaries across the world. The Journal is one of the flagship activities marking KITUO's 50th anniversary.

The Editorial Board welcomes commentaries or opinion pieces, case studies, book reviews, articles and short stories. The authored works should be original. The various works can address specific theoretical and conceptual concerns related to the theme.

B. PROCESS OF PUBLISHING PAPERS

- i) This call for papers is made to the general public to write commentaries or opinion pieces, case studies, book reviews, articles and short stories on the specified theme of the issue.
- ii) Authors will be required to submit abstracts of their papers by **September 1, 2023** and the full paper by **September 29 2023**.
- iii) All abstracts and papers will be peer-reviewed by the Editorial Board before being accepted.
- iv) Authors of the peer-reviewed accepted papers will be notified by **October 23 2023** and required to do any specified corrections and resubmit by **November**

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- v) Authors of final approved papers will be notified by **November 17 2023.**
- vi) The Legal Empowerment Journal, with approved papers will be published by **December, 2023** and distributed to members, stakeholders and the public.

C. INSTRUCTIONS

1. The submissions shall be in the English language.
2. Case studies sharing of real experiences on the relevant subject areas are highly encouraged.
3. This is not an academic publication and therefore stringent academic writing style will not be strictly required. However, authors must strictly adhere to basic standards of professional and ethical writing.
4. The word count for commentaries, opinion pieces and book reviews should be between 500-1500 words, articles be between 3000-5000 words and short stories be between 300-1000 words including any figures, footnotes, references and appendices.
5. The reference style to be adopted in writing shall be OSCOLA reference style
6. The paper should be in soft copy word format document (.doc) or (.docx). Zipped documents, PDF and other formats will not be accepted.
7. Do not insert headers, footers or page numbers.
8. Do not refer to page numbers in your text as these will be changed.
9. Title of the paper should be in bold, left aligned, at the top of the first page only.
10. Maximum three levels of heading and use the numbering convention
11. Use normal capitalization within the text and do not use bold face for emphasis.
12. Bulleted or numbered lists are acceptable.
13. Figures and tables should be placed as close to their reference point in the text as possible. All figures and tables must have titles and must be referenced from within the text.
14. Submissions must be carefully revised for typographical and grammatical errors.
15. Submissions should be accompanied by an abridged profile of the author, of not more than 50 words plus a recent coloured passport photo size of the author.
16. All submissions should be accompanied by a statement that the material is not under consideration elsewhere and that it has also not been published or pending publication elsewhere.
17. All correspondence should be channelled to the Editor at research@kituochasheria.or.ke. In case of any inquiries, please contact us on +254727773991 or the above-mentioned email address.

D.IMPORTANT DATES

ITEM	DATE
Abstract and Paper submission by authors	September 1 and September 29 respectively, 2023
Notification of authors of peer-review accepted abstracts	October 23, 2023
Resubmission of reviewed papers	November 3, 2023
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The Editor reserves the right to edit submitted Papers.