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State Award for the Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences I.O. Abramova

September 10, 2020 by the Decree № 552 of the Russian Federation President V.V. Putin "For a great contribution to the development of Science and many years fruitful activity" the Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS), Member of the Presidium of RAS, Corresponding Member of RAS, Doctor of Economics, Professor I.O. Abramova was awarded a medal "Order of Merit for the Fatherland", II degree. This state award is a reflection of the important research results for the Fatherland, fruitful organizational and expert activities of I.O. Abramova in the

African direction and high assessment of her significant contribution to the preparation and holding of the Russia-Africa Summit and Economic Forum in October 2019. We sincerely congratulate Irina Olegovna and wish new scientific and practical achievements in deepening Russian-African cooperation!



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Announcement of Gratitude by the President of the Russian Federation to L.L. Fituni and K.A. Alyoshin

In connection with the successful holding of [the Russia-Africa Summit and Economic Forum in October 2019](#) the Deputy Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Corresponding Member of the RAS, Doctor of Economics, Professor L.L. Fituni in accordance with the [Order of the President of the Russian Federation V.V. Putin № 210 was awarded "For merits in scientific activity and work "](#). By the same Order, the President of the Russian Federation expressed gratitude to a member of the Directorate, head of the applied research group, senior researcher at the Institute for African Studies of the RAS, Ph.D. K.A. Alyoshin. We sincerely congratulate our colleagues on the award ceremony and wish them new creative successes!

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I.O. Abramova and L.L. Fituni made presentations in Defense and Security Committee of the Federation Council

July 23, 2020 at the Defense and Security Committee, Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of Russia a [round table was held on providing humanitarian tasks of the defense of the Russian Federation](#). On the round table reports were made by the Director of the Institute for African Studies (RAS), Corresponding Member of the RAS, Doctor of Economics, Professor I.O. Abramova and Deputy Director of the Institute, Corresponding Member of the RAS, Doctor of Economics, Professor L.L. Fituni. [More](#)



Meeting of the Director I.O. Abramova with the President of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs A. N. Shokhin

On September 7, 2020, a meeting of the Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, member of the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences I.O. Abramova with the President of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP) A.N. Shokhin was held. The state of interaction between the Institute and the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs was discussed, and also were clarified the issues of further coordination of efforts of organizations in order to implement agreements reached by the leaders of Russia and the states of the continent during the October 2019 Russia-Africa Summit. [More](#)

Meeting of the Director I.O. Abramova with the CEO of "Russian Export Center" V.O. Nikishina

On September 9, 2020, a working meeting of the Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, a member of the Presidium RAS, Corresponding Member of RAS I.O. Abramova with the General Director of "Russian Export Center" (REC) V.O. Nikishina was held. Topical issues of cooperation between Institute and REC were discussed. Mutual interest was confirmed in further joint work on expanding Russian-African trade and investment cooperation. [More](#)

The participation of the Director I.O. Abramova in the presentation of the "Russia-Africa Forum" and the Association for Economic Cooperation with African Countries Secretariat

On September 9, 2020, a presentation of the Secretariat of the "Russia-Africa Forum" Partnership took place in Moscow, established by the Russian Foreign Ministry in accordance with the decisions adopted at the first ever Summit of Russia-Africa in October 2019 in Sochi, as well as the Association of Economic cooperation with African countries. The event was attended by representatives of the Presidential Administration of the Russian Federation, the Federation Council and the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Russian ministries and departments, business, scientific and public circles, clergy, media, as well as heads of the diplomatic missions of African states accredited in Moscow. [More](#)



"Interview with a professional"

July 9, 2020, on the site of the Moscow House of Nationalities as part of the Cycle "Interview with a professional" an interview with Deputy Director of the Institute for African Studies (RAS), Director of the HSE International Center for Anthropology, Professor of Social Anthropology, Russian State University for the Humanities, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Historical Sciences Dmitry Bondarenko was held. In a live broadcast time D.M. Bondarenko answered questions about the 60th Anniversary of the Institute for African Studies, scientific schools, projects and expeditionary activities of the Institute; he spoke about mentoring, professionalism and work with students, as well as modern problems of Russian-African relations. [More](#)

Online Conference "Africa and Latin America: New Approaches to Cooperation"

July 10, 2020, the Zoom platform hosted a remote online conference "Africa and Latin America: New Approaches to Cooperation". The conference was organized by the Council of Young scientists of the Institute for African Studies (SMU IAfr RAS) and the Council of Young Scientists of the Institute of Latin America RAS (SMU ILA RAS). The event brought together more than 20 participants, including representatives of St. Petersburg State University, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, Voronezh State University, as well as the expedition "Meridian". [More](#)

Participation of E.V. Kharitonova in a discussion dedicated to the Anniversary of the tragedy in Hiroshima and Nagasaki

August 6, 2020 at the site of the [Russian International Affairs Council](#) (RIAC) within the format "City breakfasts" was hosted a cyber breakfast dedicated to the anniversary of the tragedy in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The event was organized jointly with the International Committee of the Red Cross. Member of the Institute for African Studies, Ph.D. E. V. Kharitonova reported on activities of the World Federation of Scientists, formed in 1946 on the initiative of Frederico Joliot-Curie in response to the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Emphasis was also placed on "Libyan precedent": the history of Gaddafi's atomic project and the consequences of its termination in 2003. [More](#)

"Actual commentary"

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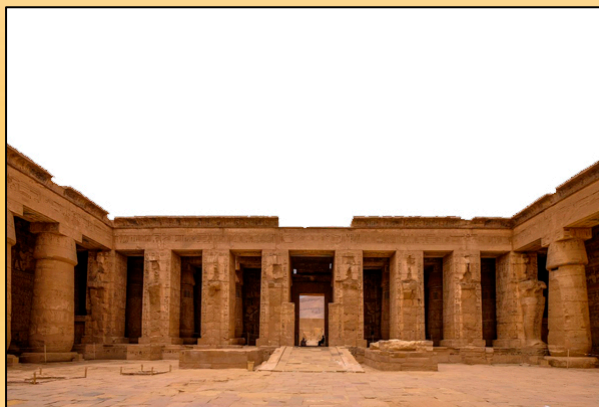
Burundi elections 2020

Burundi is a Unitary Presidential Republic with fixed ethnic quotas in the highest executive and legislative bodies (60% - representatives of the Hutu people, 40% - Tutsi people), in the armed forces and the police (50% each). The Institutions of the first (Tutsi) and second (Hutu) vice presidents operate in the country. Such norms were introduced into the Constitution in 2005 after the end of the civil war (1993-2000) and transition period (2000-2004). President of the country was elected by direct universal suffrage. According to amended in May 2018, the presidential term was increased from five to seven years, allowing the President P. Nkurunziza to run for a new term in the 2020 elections. However he did not agree to this, and the ruling party National Council for Democracy - Forces in Defense of Democracy "(SNDD-FDD) nominated E. Ndayishimiye as its candidate for these elections, who won in January of this year in the competitive internal party struggle for the post of general secretary of the SNDD-FDD P. Nyabenda (President of the National Assembly). In may 2020 in the Republic of Burundi the presidential and parliamentary elections were held. Seven candidates from different parties competed for the presidency (more than 40 parties are registered in Burundi). [More](#)



Egyptian National Wealth Fund

Creation of a National Wealth Fund in Egypt is one of the many elements of deep economic reform by the president Abdel Fattahom al-Sisi. Obviously, similar institutions are used as a tool of global investment, as well as maintaining financial stability during the period of economic crises. For the first time information about the plans to create in Egypt sovereign Wealth Fund was officially announced in March 2015 at the International Conference on Economic development and investment in Sharm El Sheikh. Unlike a number of other economic reform measures, the implementation of the plan to create this financial institution, called the The Egypt Fund, dragged on for several years. [More](#)



Snap elections in the Republic of Malawi

In the political life of the Republic of Malawi on February 3 an unexpected event occurred: the Constitutional National Court, consisted of five judges unanimously annulled some results of the next three-level elections (presidential, parliamentary and local governments), held on May 21, 2019. Specifically only the results of the presidential elections were canceled. Besides, in the decisions of the Constitutional Court raised questions about calling a snap presidential election within 150 days was the dissolution of the Constitutional Commission (mainly - the removal of its chairman, Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal Jane Ansah. [More](#)



Institute publications

Agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa: Achievements, Challenges, prospects. Digest of articles

A collection of articles on agricultural development in Africa south of the Sahara during the period of their political independence. Considered processes in agriculture, animal husbandry and other branches of agriculture, peculiarities of creating new value at agricultural enterprises, problems achieving food security, ending hunger and reducing the level of poverty of the population, prospects for improving management and development of new directions of agriculture, as well as the role of foreign economic relations of the region in strengthening the agricultural sector of its economy. [More](#)

**СЕЛЬСКОЕ ХОЗЯЙСТВО
В СТРАНАХ АФРИКИ
ЮЖНЕЕ САХАРЫ**
ДОСТИЖЕНИЯ, ПРОБЛЕМЫ,
ПЕРСПЕКТИВЫ

Economy of Africa in the era of the global technological revolution. Digest of articles

The articles cover a wide range of problems in Africa during the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Special attention of the authors is paid to the most important spheres and sectors of the economy (industry, agrarian, information and communication sectors), as well as the prospects for the development of human capital and the possibilities of using benefits of intra-African and international cooperation in the interest of realizing the potential of the new technological revolution. The modern conditions for the introduction of new technologies in leading economies of the continent are described. The book is addressed to researchers, undergraduate and graduate students studying the world economy and politics, as well as everyone interested in the latest problems of Africa's socio-economic development. [More](#)

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