Abridged draft

International Scientific Conference "Assessing the Damage from the Transatlantic Slave Trade and Colonialism in Africa: Political, Economic, and Legal Aspects"
(November 13, 2026, Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences)

Opening remarks (10:30 – 11:00) MSK (UTC+03:00)

- Irina Abramova, Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IAS RAS), Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences
- Ilya Rogachev, Special Representative of the President of the RF, Ambassador-at-Large
- Jane Mufamadi (South Africa), Chair of AUCER

Presentation of conference participants' book exhibition. *Artur Grigoryan (press-secretary, IAS)*

Part 1. Key Historical Injustices

A. Slave trade, genocide, anti-colonial uprisings: crimes against humanity (**11:00 – 12:00**)
Moderator: *William Ahadzi (Ghana); Tatiana Denisova (IAS RAS)*

Questions for discussion:
- ✓ Accurate estimates of the number of victims
- ✓ Direct and indirect human losses
- ✓ Are compensations for human lives appropriate?

- Lawoetey Pierre Ajavon (Togo/France) – Slave Trade and Reparations
- Cletus Likuwa (Namibia) – Nama / Herero genocide
- Blaise Yanji (CAR, online) – Kongo-Wara Rebellion

Discussion*: Macharia Munene (Kenya, online); Zelalem Teferra (Ethiopia, online); Andrey Belinsky (INION RAS); Mikhail Nikitin (INION RAS); Alexander Shipilov (IVI RAS)*

B. Prospects for Cultural Restitution (**12:00 – 13:00) MSK (UTC+03:00)**
Moderator: *Robert Ojambo (Uganda); Nikolay Dobronravin (Kunstkamera)*

Questions for discussion:
- ✓ Accelerating Cultural Restitution: Key Approaches
- ✓ How and who should establish conditions for storing exhibits in Africa?

- Alexandre Kouma Ndumbe III (Cameroon), AUCER – the Cameroonian experience
- Johannes Adigekh Gelaw (Ethiopia) – The Ethiopian Experience
- Olga Folomeykina (IAS RAS) – cultural restitution from the EU
- Jakub Himmi (Algeria, online) – restitution of Algerian archives from France

Discussion*: O. Oluwaseun (RUDN); G. Otieno (Uganda, online), N. Voronina (IAS RAS)*

Coffee break – 13.00 – 13.25

Presentation of the web-portal reparations.inafran.ru (Knowledge base on historical injustices in Africa). *Denis Degterev, Nikita Dynkin*

C. Theories and Methodologies for Reparative Justice (**13.30 – 14.30**) **MSK (UTC+03:00)**
Moderator: *Akil Kokayi Khalfani (USA, AUCER); Denis Degterev (IAS RAS)*

Questions for discussion:
- ✓ Basic methods for documenting and assessing injustices
- ✓ The reparations agenda and Pan-Africanism
- ✓ The Right to Development and Reparations: Prospects for Integration

- Robert Ojambo (Uganda) – Methodology – in person
- Nafissa Douida (Algeria, online) – use of medical and audio archives
- Carol Ngang (Lesotho, online) – Right to Development and Reparations
- Gnaka Lagoke (Ivory Coast/USA, video) – Pan-Africanism and reparations

Discussion: *Méchak Mbani (Republic of Congo, online); Alexey Andreev (RISS); Elizaveta Nikulina (IAS RAS); Olga Ragunshtein (Kursk State University, online)*

Part 2. Debate: Problems and Prospects of Reparative Justice (14.30 – 15.30) UTC+03:00

Questions for discussion:
- ✓ Translating the reparations agenda into a legal framework
- ✓ What international standards require revision?
- ✓ What practical difficulties will arise when filing claims?

	Moderator: Catherine Stella Namakula, Uganda, Vice-President of AUCER; Anatoly Kapustin, President of Russian Association of International Law	
Selma Sassi-Safer (Algeria, Vice President of AUCER)	**VS**	Vladislav Tolstykh, IOS RAS; Shenzhen MSU-BIT University (online)
Atiki Yussouf, Comoros, member of AULER		Yao Nikez Adu, RUDN / Côte d'Ivoire

Discussion: *Maya Sahli-Fadel (Algeria, online); Innokentiy Karandashov (SpbSU); Anna Kashina (IAS RAS); Anna Vladykina (KAFU, online); Nora Wittmann (Austria/Jamaica, video)*

Lunch – 15.30 – 16.30

Part 3. Persisting structural inequality

Presenter: Director of the Institute of Scientific Information on Social Sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences (INIOS RAS), Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences Alexey Kuznetsov

A. Postcolonial land disputes **(16.30 – 17.20) MSK (UTC+03:00)**

Moderator*: Cletus Likuwa (Namibia); Daria Zelenova (IAS RAS)*

Questions for discussion:
- ✓ Does land distribution during the colonial period influence the current situation?
- ✓ What restorative measures are appropriate?

- ➢ Claire Amuhaya (RUDN/Kenya) – Origins of Land Disputes in East and Southern Africa
- ➢ Jacqueline Namukasa, Francis Okedjeno (Uganda, online) – Buganda Treaty of 1900
- ➢ Nina Gavrilova, Lyudmila Kalinichenko (IAS RAS) – Cacao lands in Côte d'Ivoire

B. Structural injustices of our time **(17.20 – 18.20) MSK (UTC+03:00)**

Moderator*: Asiimwe Frank Patrick (Uganda); Andrey Fedorov (IAS RAS)*

Questions for discussion:
- ✓ Unequal economic agreements in the 21st century and approaches to their assessment
- ✓ International Tax System, International Sanctions, and Africa
- ✓ African debt crisis: restructuring options

- ➢ Sseruburi Uhuru (Uganda) - Contemporary Structural Inequality and Africa
- ➢ Attia Waris (Kenya, video) – International Taxation and Africa
- ➢ Redge Nkosi (South Africa) – African debt restructuring

Discussion: *Elena Dovgan (Belarus, video); Mikhail Gusev (IEF RAS, online)*

18.20 – 18.30 – Closing comments, end of the conference