

Editorial

International Diplomatic Review Journal (IDRJ), Volume 1, Issue 1, 2021 is the new edition of the IDRJ which comprises five well selected articles which cover a wide range of issues including: national and international security, international relations, conflict resolution and international trade. Authors have managed to critically analyze and provide insights which do not only contribute to the body of knowledge but also provide practical options to tackling various real-life questions. Although each of the five articles stands dependably on its own merits, we have made an attempt to impose a rough thematic structure and logical flow in their ordering, motivated by an interest in emphasizing some of the methodological similarities and differences.

In the first article on Global Perspective of Transnational Crimes and National Security, the author tried to link technological advancement and upsurge in transnational crimes. The study analyses the impacts of transnational crimes on national security and concludes that transnational crime is a global security threat that calls for regional multijurisdictional taskforces and joint operations. The second article, European Union's Externalization for Migration Control Strategy through its Emergency Trust Fund for Africa discusses the Valetta European Trust Fund (EUTF) for Africa as one of the European Union (EU) externalization migration control strategies. The study revealed the criticisms directed towards the initiative including the EU's hastiness prompted by its quick-fix mentality, the political agenda revolving around the EUTF projects and programs which are against the norms of official development aid mechanisms as well as lack of Africa's ownership of such projects. The author urges that despite the immediate benefits likely to be reaped by African countries from the EU's financial support, it is imperative to analyze the long-term consequences of the initiative in order to avoid further devastation to these struggling nations.

In the third article on Influence of Foreign Aid on Elections Management and Administration in Tanzania, 1995-2010, the author assessed the

impact of foreign aid on the general election of 1995, 2000, 2005 and 2010. The study revealed that the extent of donors' encroachment on election management and administration depended on the magnitude of foreign aid received by elections management bodies (EMBs). Hence, it is recommended that, management and administration of elections ought to be controlled by the EMBs. Further, in the fourth article on The Role of SADC Free Trade Area (FTA) in Ensuring Market Availability for Tanzania's Products, the author analyses the competitiveness of Tanzanian products in the SADC market. The results affirm that Tanzania enjoys a sound comparative advantage over its trading partners on several products. It is urged that deliberate measures ought to be taken to promote local technology by improving infant industries, and there is a need to ensure that the financial sector provides easily accessible friendly financial assistance to traders. Finally, the fifth article on The Traditional Methods of Conflict Transformation in Africa: The Case of Gacaca Courts in Rwanda provides the historical facts on post-genocide conflict transformation in Rwanda. The study describes traditional ways employed by the Gacaca court in Rwanda. The article concludes that the traditional methods of conflict transformation help to build sustainable peace.

The IDRJ editorial management hopes the readers of this journal will find this new issue to be an informative and useful collection of articles and thus spread the news about its existence to the wider global community. Finally, we welcome submissions of articles for the forthcoming issues of this journal.

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