



AAPS

African Association of Political Science

WELCOME GUIDE

FOR PARTICIPANTS AT THE 18TH AAPS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 2025

📍 DAKAR, 7–10 DECEMBER 2025

The State, Citizens, Sovereignty and Africa in Global Politics

GALOYA COMPLEX (CORNICHE, NEAR THE RADISSON BLU) &
CHEIKH ANTA DIOP UNIVERSITY (UCAD)

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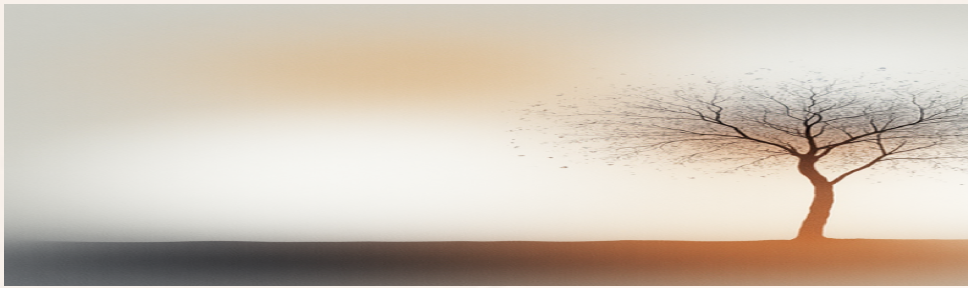
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Dear participants, welcome to Dakar!

It is an honor and a great pleasure to welcome you to the 18th Biennial Conference of the African Association of Political Science (AAPS), themed: «Sovereignty, Peoples, and Power: Africa in the Reshaping of the Global Political System.»

Since the Treaty of Westphalia in 1648, sovereignty has been the foundation of international relations and the hallmark of state autonomy. However, in Africa, this principle is undergoing profound transformations, shaped by globalization, the rise of transnational actors, technological shifts, and the internal dynamics of societies.

The Dakar conference proposes to examine these changes through a collective reflection on state, citizen, and public sovereignty—and on the new spaces where power is exercised: digital networks, civil societies, social movements, and regional institutions.

By bringing together African and Africanist researchers, practitioners, and policymakers, this forum for dialogue aims to explore the contemporary challenges of sovereignty and to envision possible pathways for a more sovereign, just, and globally connected Africa.

This guide has been designed to facilitate your stay and participation in this important academic event. Here you will find practical information about activity venues, accommodations, transportation services, and useful contacts for the organizing team.

We wish you a pleasant stay in Dakar—a city of history, culture, and knowledge—and fruitful discussions during this conference.

Welcome to the 18th AAPS Biennial Conference!

The Organizing Team – AAPS 2025 Dakar, Senegal



GENERAL PRESENTATION

The 18th Biennial Conference of the African Association of Political Science (AAPS) will be held in Dakar from December 7 to 10, 2025, on the theme: “Sovereignty, Peoples, and Power: Africa in the Reshaping of the Global Political System.”

This conference will bring together researchers, practitioners, and civil society actors to discuss contemporary transformations of sovereignty in Africa and their implications for governance, democracy, and development.


It will provide a space for dialogue and collective reflection on the continent’s place in global politics and on new forms of autonomy, power, and solidarity in Africa

DATE AND PLACES

Date	Place	Main activities
Sunday, December 7, 2025	Galoya Complex, West Corniche (near the Radisson Blu)	Check-in Fondation de l’innovation pour la démocratie Special Panel POLIT ^É ELLES Special PANEL
Monday, December 8, 2025	Galoya Complex, West Corniche (near the Radisson Blu)	Opening ceremony, presentation of the programs, cocktail IPSA Special Panel and Neosoveignty and aid crisis special panel
Tuesday, December 9, 2025	Galoya Complex, West Corniche (near the Radisson Blu) Cheikh Anta Diop University (UCAD)	Conferences, scientific panels, exhibitions, intergenerational exchanges
Wednesday, December 10, 2025	Galoya Complex	Final round table, Gala night, Special Guest Lecture and closing.

LOCATIONS

Galoya Complex


-  Corniche Ouest, Fann Residence, Dakar
-  Close to the Radisson Blu Hotel and Sea Plaza Mall
-  15 min from the city center – 45 to 60 min from Blaise Diagne Airport
-  +221 786367108
-  Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar (UCAD)
-  Avenue Cheikh Anta Diop, Fann, Dakar
-  About 10 minutes from Galoya depending on traffic.

ACCOMMODATION

[Hotel Le Djoloff](#) | [Restaurant](#) | [Dakar](#)

- 5 to 7 minutes from Galoya (Fann-Hock, West Corniche)
- 2 min walk from Cheikh-Anta-Diop University

HOTELS NEAR GALOYA COMPLEX

Hotel	Distance	Category	Contact
Radisson Blu Hotel Dakar Sea Plaza	2 min walk	★★★★★	221 338 693 333
Terrou-Bi Hotel	5 min drive	★★★★★	221 338 399 039
Azalaï Hotel Dakar	7 min	★★★★★	221 339 232 300
Hotel Djoloff	5 min	★★★★	221 338 893 630
Fleur de Lys Almadies	10 min	★★★★	221 338 698 687
University House (UCAD Residence)	10 min		221 338 650 040
Hotel de Plage Les Miroirs	10 min	★★★★	221 338 693 333

EMERGENCIES & USEFUL NUMBERS

- Emergency Numbers
- Police / Gendarmerie: 📞 17
- Firefighters: 📞 18
- SAMU (Medical Emergencies): 📞 15
- Maritime emergencies (Corniche / Beaches): 📞 33 821 15 14

HOSPITALS NEAR GALOYA AND UCAD

Establishment	Type	Distance	Contact
Dakar Main Hospital	Military and civilian hospital	5 min	221 338 395 050
Madeleine Clinic	Private Clinic	10 min	221 338 899 470
Cape Town Clinic	Private Clinic	8 min	221 338 890 202
IMODSEN	Emergencies & Consultations	7 min	221 338 249 929
Fann University Hospital	National reference	10 min	221 338 691 818

📌 *A medical team will be available at the main locations for any light assistance.*

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COMMUNICATION & MEDIA COVERAGE

- Website: 🌐 www.laspad.org
- AAPS: 🌐 www.aaps2025.org/
- Social networks: @Laspad (X / <https://x.com/AAPSrising>)
- Official hashtags: #Laspad10Ans #AAPS #ResearchForChange #AfricaKnowledge

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- 🌡️ **Climate:** hot and dry (25–32°C)
- 💰 **Currency:** CFA Franc (XOF)
- 🏠 **Accepted cards:** VISA / Mastercard
- 🌐 **Working languages:** French & English (simultaneous translation provided)
- 📶 **Wi-Fi:** Available
- 💉 **Health:** Yellow fever vaccine recommended for international travellers
- 👤 **Recommended outfits:**
 - Professional or casual for panels
 - Traditional or formal for the ceremony
 - Traditional for the Gala night, December 10, 2025



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