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#### **African Studies Student Congress**

AFRIKAM organized African Studies Student Congress on the 19th of April 2017, at Florya Campus. Young students and researchers in Turkey gathered together and shared their mosta studies in Turkey.

Congress was started with the opening speech of Prof. Dr. Yadigar İzmirli, Rector of Istanbul Aydın University. Mr. Tamer Taşkın, Coordinating Chairman of Turkey-Africa Business Councils and Hakan Aydın, Director of Africa Studies Application and Research Center at Kırklareli University gave speeches at the openning session, which was moderated by Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sedat Aybar.

Twenty students from Anadolu, Ankara, Ege, Hitit, Istanbul Aydın, Koç, Marmara and Nevşehir Hacı Bektaş Veli, Uludağ and Trakya Universities, entitled to attend the Congress made presenetations during the sessions "Africa Delili of Bandırmalı- Zâde Mehmed Muhsin", "Turkey-Africa Relations under Turkey's Foreign Policy Towards Africa", "African Trade & Business", "Macro Economic Performance in Africa", "State and Region Building in Africa", "Social and Cultural Perspectives".



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## 23rd Anniversary of the Genocide Against Tutsis Commemorated

23rd Commemoration of the Genocide perpetrated against Tutsis was hosted by Istanbul Aydın University Africa Application and Research Center, in cooperation with the Rwanda Embassy in Ankara, on the 10th of May 2017.

Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sedat Aybar, AFRIKAM Director has also attended the ceremony and the march organied by Keçiören Municipality and made a speech to commemorate the Genocide against Tutsis.



Please visit our web site at afrikam.aydin.edu.tr for the texts of the speeches made during the Commemoration.



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## Business Community-African Students Meeting

AFRIKAM organized the "Business Community-African Students" meeting on the 19th of April 2017, at IAU and brought together Turkish business organizations and companies that are doing or planning to do business with Africa and would like to employ students from African countries.

#### Seminar on Doing Business in Africa

Mr. Tamer Taşkın, Coordinating Chairman of Turkey-Africa Business Councils at DEIK gave a seminar on the business environment in Africa and shared his experiences with regard to entrepreneurship with our students on the 8th of March.

We thank Mr. Tamer Taşkın, Coordinating Chairman of Turkey-Africa Business Councils / DEIK for the rhino statue that he presented to our University!



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## Turkey-Guinea Business & Economy Forum Attended



AFRIKAM coordinated the participation of IAU Students from African countries to Turkey-Guinea Business and Economy Forum, organized by DEIK, with the participation of the President of Guinea and accompanying business delegation, on the 28th of December, at Conrad Hotel. Our students provided interpretation services during business to business meetings during the Forum.



#### Africa Week Attended by IAU Students

AFRIKAM coordinated the participation of IAU Students from African countries attended Africa Week organized by Turkish Airlines and the close meeting with the Director of Turkish Airlines Social Responsibility Projects Department.



#### Support to the Turkish Airlines' Computer Classes in Africa Project

Two of our students, on from Tanzania and the other from Democratic Republic of Congo took part voluntarily in the Computer classes project, implemented by Turkish Airlines in a certain number of African countries. Our students attended the trainer training in December 5.



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## Hece Special Africa Issue published

Turkish literary journal, Hece, has brought out a special issue on Africa that aims to celebrate the continent's diverse culture and rich history. The issue of the Ankara-based monthly magazine HECE is titled "Africa: Beyond 500 years of colonialism and conflicts", and is now available in several cities of Turkey, featuring over 50 articles by leading African experts and scholars from around the world.

HECE's special issue features articles from several experts, including Achille Mbembe, V. Y. Mudimbe, Wole Soyinka, Johannes Fabian, Nathan Nunn, Edward A. Alpers, Harry Garuba, Koffi M. Kouakou and Prof. Dr. Sedat Aybar, AFRİKAM Director, entitled "Economic Development, Security Architecture and the New Scramble for Africa".

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#### Sahra Altı Afrika Enerji Yatırım Ortamı Değerlendirmesi



## Energy Investment Environment in Sub-Saharan Africa Report Published

Energy Business Council / DEIK has published Energy Investment Environment Report, which was completed under the "Sub-Saharan Africa Project". The report includes the analysis and recommendations with regard to the investment capacity of players in the Turkish energy market.