
Title: Criminality and Insecurity: Protecting the African Society through Developmental Initiatives

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Proposal

Crime and insecurity are global issues that are wreaking havoc on African society's peaceful coexistence. Although this recurring problem affects regions globally, the level to which it has characterized and ravaged Africa is worrisome and necessitates a thorough inquiry to protect Africa from criminals' hold. Africa's society must be safe, conducive, and peaceful to attract investments, which will help the continent thrive. Africa remains one of the world's least developed continents, owing to increased crime and instability, among other factors. Sustainable Development Goal 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) was globally declared to address this problem to ensure a just, peaceful, and inclusive society. Despite the possibility of achieving this aim, Africa continues to be plagued by crime and insecurity. Poverty, corruption, inequality, unemployment, greediness, poor policing, terrible governance, weak policies and programs, gender inequality, and, most recently, Covid-19 is one of the causes of criminality and insecurity in Africa. These factors have collectively underdeveloped Africa, thus necessitating the call for scientific interventions to advance new knowledge on the management of crime and insecurity in Africa.

The International Journal of Criminology and Sociology is one of these interventions. IJCS has continually addressed and advanced knowledge on the management of crime and insecurity in Africa through its multiple volumes of scholarly papers. It does so by publishing well-researched articles on different topics related to crime, insecurity, development, and society. These articles are peer-reviewed according to a set of guidelines.

This special edition reflects themes like criminality, insecurity, and development. The socio-economic effects of Covid-19, corruption in Covid-19 vaccination, discrimination and violence against women, civil society and anti-corruption efforts, monetary policies for empowerment and rapid socio-economic growth, protecting women and disabled people from criminals, leadership, and development, promoting quality education, and empowerment through technology are just a few of these issues.

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