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CALL FOR PAPERS

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(TAJWAGID)

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About the Journal

TAJWAGID is a peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary journal committed to advancing African-centred scholarship on women, gender and development. The journal examines the complex intersections of gender, diversity, equality, sexuality and power. It provides a platform for rigorous research, critical debate and praxis-oriented analysis centred on African women's lived realities, knowledge systems and agency.

The journal interrogates the gendered dimensions of development across the continent, challenges dominant paradigms and foregrounds African feminist and indigenous epistemologies. It welcomes work that bridges theory and practice by connecting academic inquiry with policy, advocacy and community transformation. TAJWAGID seeks to move beyond documenting challenges to illuminate African women's innovations, leadership and contributions to equitable and sustainable development.

1. Invitation to Contribute

The African Journal of Women and Gender in Development (TAJWAGID) invites scholars, researchers, postgraduate candidates, practitioners, policymakers and advocates to submit original, rigorous and socially relevant scholarship for consideration in its 2026 publication cycle. Contributions should deepen understanding of how gender shapes social, cultural, political and economic life in Africa and its global intersections, while advancing evidence, theory, policy and practice.

1.1. Aims and Scope

Submissions should be analytical, informative, ethically grounded and socially transformative. Manuscripts may adopt disciplinary, interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary perspectives and may focus on a single country, compare African contexts, examine regional or diasporic dynamics, or connect African cases to wider global debates.

Priority: The journal particularly values original work that centres African voices, demonstrates contextual depth, makes a clear scholarly contribution and identifies implications for policy, professional practice, advocacy or community action.

1.2. Thematic Areas

TAJWAGID welcomes original contributions on topics including, but not limited to, the following:

- i. Gender, identity and knowledge:** intersectionality; Indigenous knowledge and identity; African feminisms and global gender frameworks; feminist theory, women's empowerment, activism and epistemic justice.
- ii. Governance, leadership, law and peace:** women in governance and political representation; feminist leadership; gender and power; gender and law; women in peacebuilding, post-conflict reconstruction and transitional justice.
- iii. Culture, religion, rights and representation:** cultural rights and women's rights; harmful practices; gender and religion; gender representation in media, popular culture and public discourse.
- iv. Education, academia and knowledge production:** gendered educational experiences; girls and women in STEM; women's participation, promotion, publishing and leadership in academia; inclusive education.
- v. Health, well-being and care:** mental and physical health; sexual and reproductive health and rights; gender disparities in health systems; unpaid care work and the care economy.
- vi. Violence, safety and justice:** gender-based and intimate-partner violence; political violence; technology-facilitated gender-based violence; prevention, response, survivor-centred services and access to justice.
- vii. Economic inclusion, labour and productive resources:** gendered labour and economic inequality; women in informal economies, cross-border trade and vending; land tenure, inheritance, common property and access to productive resources; gender-responsive budgeting and social protection.
- viii. Technology, media and digital futures:** women's digital inclusion; artificial intelligence and gender; digital rights and safety; feminist data justice; technology design, governance and access.
- ix. Climate, agriculture and sustainable development:** gender and climate change; ecofeminism from African perspectives; agriculture, pastoralism, food security and environmental stewardship; the Sustainable Development Goals, Agenda 2063 and financing for gender equality.

- x. **Development policy and social transformation:** gender-responsive policy; community transformation; globalisation; diversity, equality and inclusion; manifestations of gender disparity across institutions and sectors.

1.3. Types of Contributions

The journal considers the following forms of scholarship:

- i. Original empirical research articles using qualitative, quantitative, mixed-methods or participatory approaches.
- ii. Conceptual or theoretical articles that advance African-centred gender and development scholarship.
- iii. Critical review essays or literature reviews with a clear analytical and scholarly contribution.
- iv. Practice-informed scholarly articles that connect evidence with policy, advocacy or community transformation.

2. Instructions to Authors

2.1. Core manuscript structure

- i. **Title:** A concise, descriptive title containing relevant search terms.
- ii. **Abstract:** A single-paragraph abstract of 200–250 words covering the objective or purpose, methodology, principal findings and conclusion. Do not include citations.
- iii. **Keywords:** Five to seven specific keywords placed directly below the abstract.
- iv. **Main text:** Use a logical structure appropriate to the manuscript. Research articles should normally include an introduction, literature review or conceptual framing where applicable, methodology, results and discussion and conclusion.
- v. **References:** Include only sources cited in the manuscript and ensure that every in-text citation has a corresponding reference-list entry, and vice versa.
- vi. **Length:** Manuscripts can range from 5000–8,000 words. Authors proposing other contribution types should confirm the applicable length with the editorial office before submission.

2.2. Formatting and presentation

- 1. Submit an editable Microsoft Word or LaTeX file.
- 2. Use 12-point Times New Roman, with double line spacing and numbered pages.
- 3. Use clear heading levels and avoid manual formatting that obscures the document hierarchy.
- 4. Write in high-quality academic English. Professional language editing or proofreading is strongly recommended where needed.
- 5. Number and title all tables and figures, refer to each one in the text and provide source notes where applicable. Images should be supplied at a minimum resolution of 300 dpi.
- 6. Provide active, clickable DOI links in the <https://doi.org/> format whenever available, and check all URLs before submission.

2.3. Citation and reference style

All submissions must follow the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (7th edition). Key conventions include:

One author: (Surname, Year).

Two authors: (Surname & Surname, Year).

Three or more authors: (Surname et al., Year) from the first citation.

Narrative citations: Surname (Year), Surname and Surname (Year), or Surname et al. (Year).

Arrange the reference list alphabetically by the surname of the first author; do not number the entries; and use a hanging indent.

Example:

Journal article: Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year). Title of article in sentence case. *Title of Journal*, volume(issue), xx–xx. <https://doi.org/xxxxx>

Book: Author, A. A. (Year). *Title of book in sentence case*. Publisher.

Chapter in an edited book: Author, A. A. (Year). Title of chapter. In E. E. Editor (Ed.), *Title of book* (pp. xx–xx). Publisher. <https://doi.org/xxxxx>

3. Research and Publication Ethics

TAJWAGID adheres to the principles of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). Authors must uphold the highest standards of research integrity and provide the following declarations, as applicable:

- i. Originality and exclusive submission:** Confirm that the work is original, has not been published previously and is not under consideration by another journal.
- ii. Authorship:** List only contributors who meet accepted authorship criteria. All submitting authors are required to provide an ORCID iD.
- iii. Ethics approval and informed consent:** State the approving body and reference number for research involving human participants, where applicable and confirm that informed consent and safeguarding requirements were met.
- iv. Competing interests:** Disclose any financial, professional or personal relationships that could influence, or reasonably be perceived to influence the work.
- v. Funding:** Identify all funding sources and grant numbers, or state that no specific funding was received.
- vi. Data transparency:** Provide an appropriate data-availability statement while protecting confidentiality, privacy and community rights.
- vii. Use of generative artificial intelligence:** Disclose any substantive use of generative AI in research or manuscript preparation, including the tool and purpose. AI tools cannot be credited as authors, and authors remain fully accountable for accuracy, originality, confidentiality and citation integrity.

4. Editorial Screening and Peer Review

Every submission is screened for alignment with the journal's scope, completeness, ethical compliance, originality and minimum scholarly quality. Manuscripts that pass editorial screening proceed to rigorous double-blind peer review by independent subject specialists. Authors will normally receive an editorial decision and reviewer feedback within approximately two months of submission. Timelines may vary depending on reviewer availability and the extent of revisions required.

5. How to Submit

All manuscripts must be submitted electronically through the journal's online submission system.

Register or sign in to the [Online Submission System](#). Start a new submission and select the appropriate journal section or contribution type. Complete the submission checklist and required ethical declarations, then submit the manuscript for editorial consideration.

6. Key Dates

Stage	Indicative timeline
Call for papers opens	July 2026
Manuscript submission (priority deadline)	15 September 2026
Manuscript submission	Rolling throughout the year- no fixed deadline
Submission acknowledgement	Within 3 working days
Initial editorial screening	Within 7–10 working days
Assignment to peer reviewers	Within 10 working days after screening
Double-blind peer review	4–6 weeks
First editorial decision	Approximately 8–12 weeks after submission
Author revisions	2–4 weeks, depending on the decision
Final editorial decision	Within 2–3 weeks of receiving revisions
Copyediting and author proofing	3–4 weeks
Online-first publication	Approximately 4–6 weeks after acceptance
Issue allocation	Next available scheduled issue

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