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This is the maiden issue of *Zamani: A Journal of African Historical Studies*. It charts the beginning of a continental journal that is based in an African higher education institution within Africa. It breaks away from the traditional historical journals in Africa of being national or regional and at best being owned and operated by scholars and institutions from Europe and North America. With this maiden issue, the journal seeks to demonstrate that it is part of the bigger knowledge decolonization movement. It seeks to influence historical writing and research by giving more Africanness in ownership, operations, production and knowledge debates and discussions while giving equal chances to scholars based within and without the African continent. The journal encourages all Africanists to publish within the continent because that is where their larger body of research consumers are located. Publishing in Africa, and especially with *Zamani*, is also a way of sharing knowledge and research output to populations that are the subject and sources of historical research.

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As a maiden issue, the editors are pleased to present to you a special issue on a theme of future making. It is their hope that the readers, who are entirely first-time readers, will enjoy this maiden issue of *Zamani: A Journal of African Historical Studies*.

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