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**Tuesday - Wednesday**

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# Conference Program

The in-person components of this hybrid event will be held in the  
Amour J. Blackburn University Center  
Howard University Main Campus  
Washington, DC

## Tuesday, March 12, 2024

### Setup and Refreshments

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

### Opening Plenary

TUESDAY

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

#### **Welcome Remarks by Dr. Anthony K. Wutoh**

Provost and Chief Academic Officer, Howard University

#### **Opening Remarks by Prof. Paul Zeleza**

Senior Adviser to the President, Howard University

#### **Distinguished Guest Remarks by Mr. James Flynn**

International President, Global Peace Foundation

#### **Distinguished Guest Remarks by Ms. Angela Melo**

Director of the Division for Research, Ethics and Inclusion, UNESCO

#### **Keynote Speaker Remarks by Ms. Denyse Kirkpatrick**

U.S. State Department

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Concurrent Panels I, II, III & IV

## Panel I

TUESDAY

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

### PEOPLE-GUIDED AND DEVELOPMENT-CENTERED GOVERNANCE IN 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY AFRICA

1. Dr. Damilola Olorunshola, University of Bayreuth, Germany, and
2. Dr. Temitayo Odeyemi, University of Leeds, United Kingdom. *"Political Institutions as Economic Actors: Legislatures, Legislative Actions and Post-pandemic Recovery for Small Businesses in Nigeria."*
3. Mr. Curtis Smith, *"Decolonizing Democracy: Reevaluating Governance in Africa through an Indigenous Lens."*
4. Mr. Gábor Sinkó, University of Óbuda, Hungary. *"The Potential Effects of Lifting the Arms Embargo on the Somali Government at the Local and Regional Levels."*
5. Ms. Damie Omole, *"Promoting the Rule of Law in Nigeria: Challenges and Recommendations."*

## Panel II

TUESDAY

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

### WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT AND THE ASSERTION ON AFRICANNESS

1. Dr. Maame Efua Addadzi-Koom, Howard University, USA. *"Empowering African Women through the Courts: The Contribution of the ECOWAS Court."*
2. Mr. Kelvin Acheampong, and
3. Ms. Edidiong Ibanga, *"Profanity and Lustfulness: Contravening Norms of Sexuality and Africanness among (African) Women."*
4. Dr. Arthur Muhia, University of Pécs, Hungary. *"Danger of a Single Narrative Regarding Female Characters in Memories We Lost and Other Stories."*
5. Ms. Danielle Agyemang, Human Rights Professional. *"Beyond Invisibility: Self-Empowerment among Rural Jola Girls in The Gambia."*

## Panel III Roundtable

TUESDAY  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

### RECLAIMING A LOST VOICE: RETELLING THE HISTORY OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FROM A HIGHER EDUCATION PERSPECTIVE

1. Panel Chair: Prof. Francisca Oladipo. Vice Chancellor, Thomas Adewumi University, Nigeria.
2. Discussant: Prof Wahab Egbewole, Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Nigeria. *"Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow-AU Agenda 2063 in Search of True African Identity."*
3. Prof. Noah Yusuf, Vice Chancellor, Al-Hikmah University, Nigeria. *"The Role of Universities in Fostering Enduring Peace and Security in Africa: A Historical Perspective."*
4. Prof. Jaleel Ojuade, Vice Chancellor, Ojaja University, Nigeria. *"African Collectivism Virtues: Solidarity and Synergy as Effective Tools for Higher Education Delivery."*
5. Prof. Abiodun Musa Aibinu, Vice Chancellor, Summit University, Nigeria, and Dr. Azubike Onuora-Oguno, University of Ilorin. *"Democratizing Indigenous Science and Technology for Sustainable Development and Reinvigoration of Africa's Scientific Heritage."*

## Panel IV Roundtable

TUESDAY  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

### REIMAGINED AFRICA-POLICY, LAW AND SOCIAL-LEGAL LENS TO THE AFRICA WE WANT

1. Panel Chair: Prof. Wahab Egbewole, Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Nigeria.
2. Discussant: Prof. Yusuf Olaolu Ali, Federal University, Nigeria.
3. Dr. Michael Addney, University of Energy Resources, Ghana, and Marus Gbomagba, Wuhan University, China. *"Climate change, cultural heritage and the law in Africa."*
4. Prof. Mahfouz Adedimeji, Vice-Chancellor, Ahman Patigi University, Nigeria, and Dr. Gerrad Kamga, University of Free State, South Africa. *"Military and constitutional coup d'etats: insights into the recent (dis)integration of colonial structures in Francophone Africa and its Development challenges."*
5. Dr. Chianara Ike, University of Washington, and Dr. Carol Ngang, National University of Lesotho. *"Silence the Guns that Contravene Women's Right to Sustainable Development in Africa."*
6. Dr. Opeyemi Ekundayo, University of Ife, Nigeria, and Nice Nyemba, University of Pretoria, South Africa. *"Towards a Socio-Legal Paradigm Shift: Addressing Challenges for a Transformative Educational Framework in Nigeria and DRC."*

## Tea Break

11:30 AM – 11:40 AM

11:40 am - 1:10 pm

Concurrent Panels V, VI, & VII

### Panel V

TUESDAY

11:40 AM - 1:10 PM

#### OUT OF THE IVORY TOWER: SCHOLARSHIP FOR AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT IN THE 21ST CENTURY

1. Dr. Gallous Atabongwong, University of Pretoria. *"Africa and the Challenge of 'Ethnic Chauvinism' and 'Politics of the Belly'."*
2. Dr. Kofi Tayi Asante, University of Ghana. *"The (Geo)Politics of Crisis Mobilization and COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout in Ghana."*
3. Dr. Thokozane Princess Dyosini, University of South Africa. *"Educational Empowerment: Unveiling the Narratives of First-generation African Women with Doctoral Degrees in Shaping Community Advancement."*
4. Prof. Michael Walsh, Howard University, USA. *"Orientalist Discourses: Geographic Bias in African Affairs Coverage of a Prominent American Think Tank."*
5. Prof. Fatima Arib, Université of Cadi Ayyad, Morocco. *"Substantive Opportunities and Prospects that Africa Can/Must Leverage to Fully Succeed and Become a World Power in the Twenty-first Century".*
6. Dr. Anurag Hazarika and Mr. Samikshya Madhukullya, Tezpur University, India. *"India-South Africa Relations and the BRICS: A Defining Partnership in the Millennium and Ways Ahead."*
7. Dr. Richard Iroanya, University of Namibi. *"Judicialization of Politics and the Question of Electoral Integrity and Security in Africa."*

## Panel VI

TUESDAY  
11:40 AM - 1:10 PM

### TERRORISM, MILITARIZATION, AND THE QUEST FOR SECURITY AND STABILITY IN 21ST-CENTURY AFRICA

1. Dr. Bukola Oyeniyi, Missouri State University, USA. *"Financing Terror: Unveiling the Fiscal Networks of Boko Haram and ISWAP."*
2. Dr. Bright Nkrumah, University of Ghana, and
3. Mr. John Assifuah-Nunoo, Renmin University of China. *"The Security Implications of China's Military Aid to West Africa: A Case Study of Ghana."*
4. Mr. Olayinka Iseoluwa Raphael, Dr. Tai Solarin University of Education, Nigeria. *"Recurring Military Coups in Africa: The Imperative of Reconceptualizing the Dichotomy between Electoral Democracy, Democratic Legitimacy and Democratic Governance in Africa."*
5. Dr. Bamba Ndiaye, Emory University, USA. *"Democratic Backsliding, Political Instability, and Electoral Challenges in Senegal."*

## Panel VII

TUESDAY  
11:40 AM - 1:10 PM

### TRANSCENDENTAL AFRICANITY IN SCHOLARSHIP AND CIVIC ACTIVISM

1. Ms. Ann-Marie Waterman, Coppin State University, USA. Panel moderator/discussant.
2. Dr. Molefi Kete Asante, Temple University, USA. *"The Legacy of a Generation: 100 books Published to Frame, Center and elevate Global Africa."*
3. Dr. Ayo Sekai, Universal Write Publications, USA. *"Breaking the Invisible Glass Ceiling: Using the Power of Academic Publishing to Harness the Power of Black Narratives by Dismantling the Language of Oppression."*
4. Mr. Paul Coates, Black Classic Press, USA. *"Publishing for a Purpose: The Publishing Ecosystem and the Future of Black Activism."*
5. Dr. Nah Dove, Temple University, USA. *"Being Human Being: The Foundational Concepts of Global Africa is Strengthened through Afrocentric Teachings and Afrikan Mothers."*
6. Dr. Mohamed Saliou Camara, Howard University, USA. *"Transcendental Africanity in the Age of Hysterical Afrophobia: A Critical Exploration."*

## Lunch Break

1:10 PM – 2:00 PM

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Concurrent Panels VIII, IX, & X

### Panel VIII

TUESDAY  
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

#### AFRICAN RENAISSANCE: KEY TO CONTINENTAL PEACE AND EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT

1. Rev. Fr. Canice Chinyeaka Enyiaka, Ph.D., Global Peace Foundation. *“International Program Development Specialist; Regional representative for Africa.”*
2. Dr. Mohamed Saliou Camara, Howard University. *“African Renaissance and Afrophobia”*
3. Dr. Cosmas U. Nwokefor, Bowie State University. *“Leveraging Communication for Sustainable Peace in Continental Africa: A Conceptual look at the role of Communication in Peacebuilding and Development in Africa.”*
4. Dr. Phillip Mutisy, North Carolina Central University. *“Conceptual Framework on Dialogue for PEACE Advocacy Agency for Change in Conceptualizing: African Renaissance Capacity Building.”*
5. Dr. Marcellina Ndidi Oparaoji, CCRP. *“The Role of Youths in the Call to Action for Modern African Renaissance: A Case Study of Nigeria.”*

### Panel IX

TUESDAY  
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

#### AFRICA’S OLD AND NEW DIASPORA

1. Dr. Krista Johnson, Howard University. *“Revisiting the 1979 HU Conference on the African Diaspora - Continuities and Change.”*
2. Dr. Bob Wekesa, ACSUS, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa. *“Old and New Diaspora: Before, During and After COVID-19.”*
3. Dr. Asad El Malik, ACSUS, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa. *“Distant Cousins: African Americans Finding ‘Home’ in South Africa.”*
4. Mr. Yaw Asare, Howard University.
5. Ms. Alicia Clark, Center for Global Africa.

## Panel X

TUESDAY  
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

### CULTURE, EDUCATION, AND COLLECTIVE SELF-EMPOWERMENT

1. Dr. Timothy Adeyemi Akanbi, Ekiti State University, Nigeria. *“The Pedagogical Value of Yorùbá Moonlight Takes: A Veritable Tool for Teaching in Primary Schools in Southern Nigeria.”*
2. Dr. Kwame Brenya, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana. *“Edin, Kasa, Nimdee, Ne Nyansa: Ethymology and Memory in Social Connection.”*
3. Ms. Toyibat Nike Ogunbona, Adeyemi Federal University of Education, Nigeria. *“Women as Professionals: Changing Tides for Yoruba Muslim Women in the 21st Century.”*
4. Dr. Kefilwe Rantlhoiwa, Goa University, India, and
5. Ms. Danisha Fernandez, *“Redefining African Autonomy in the Global South: Lessons from Niger.”*



# Wednesday, March 13, 2024

## Setup and Refreshments

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

### Opening Plenary

WEDNESDAY  
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Distinguished Guest Remarks by the AU Ambassador  
Distinguished Guest Remarks by the Dean of West Africa Ambassadors  
Distinguished Guest Remarks by the Dean of East Africa Ambassadors  
Distinguished Guest Remarks by the Dean of Southern Africa Ambassadors  
Distinguished Guest Remarks by the Dean of Central Africa Ambassadors  
Distinguished Guest Remarks by the Dean of North Africa Ambassadors

10:00 am-11:30 am

Concurrent Panels XI, XII, & XIII

### Panel XI Roundtable

WEDNESDAY  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

#### NEW CURRENTS IN PAN-AFRICAN THOUGHT: REVITALIZING THABO MBEKI'S AFRICAN RENAISSANCE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

1. Dr. Omowumi Olufunmbi Elemo-Kaka, Assistant Professor, Michigan State University, USA.
2. Steven Hanson, Vice Provost and Dean International Studies and Programs, Michigan State University, USA.
3. Dr. Monique Kelly, Assistant Professor, Michigan State University, USA.
4. Dr. Carolyn Logan, Associate Professor and Director of Analysis, Afrobarometer, Michigan State University, USA.
5. Ms. Deniece Laurent-Mantey, Executive Director President's Advisory Council on African Diaspora Engagement in the United States.
6. Dr. Paul Zeleza, Senior Advisor to the President for Strategic Initiatives, Howard University, Washington DC, USA.
7. Mr. Max Boqwana, CEO Thabo Mbeki Foundation, Johannesburg, South Africa.
8. Dr. Omowumi Olufunmbi Elemo-Kaka, Assistant Professor, Michigan State University, USA.

## Panel XII

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

### AFRICAN UNITY AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND RELATABLE OPPORTUNITIES AND PROSPECTS FOR AFRICA IN THE 21ST CENTURY

1. Dr. Eve Nyemba, *"The African Continental Free Trade Area: A Game Changer or New Wine in Old Bottles?"*
2. Mr. Olawale Yemisi, University of Ilorin, Nigeria. *"Regional Integration Question in Africa's Economic Growth: ECCAS, ECOWAS, and EAC in Comparative Analysis."*
3. Dr. Edwin Yingji, University of South Africa. *"The African Free Continental Trade Area: What Difference Will It Make in a Continent Marred with Conflict?"*
4. Ms. Chinonso Ihuoma, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. *"Fourth Industrial Revolution and Technological Transfer: Prospects and Challenges for Nigeria's Indigenous Industrial Clusters."*
5. Ms. Aisha Udochi, Howard University. *"From Specious Statistics to Dependable Data: Constructing Retail Spending Estimates with Nigeria Transactions Data."*

## Panel XIII

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

### AFRICA'S MAJOR CHALLENGES IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

1. Dr. Khedidja Chergui, École Normale Supérieure de Bouzareah, Algeria. *"From the Interior of Africa to Agadez and Beyond: Precarious Journeys of African Migrant Trans-Saharan Crossing."*
2. Dr. Louis Mendy, Cheikh Anta Diop University, Senegal. *"Environmental Violence: Africa's Nightmare."*
3. Mr. Ajishola Omojeje, Adeyemi Federal University of Education, Nigeria; and
4. Clement Olawoye, Institute of African Studies, Nigeria. *"Challenges to Democratic Governance: Military Coups in Modern African History."*
5. Mr. Daniel Anguah, Howard University, USA. *"Navigating the Graveyard without Tombstones: Understanding the Dynamics of Human Cost of African Migration through the Mediterranean Sea."*
6. Prof. Michael Walsh, Howard University, USA. *"From the Sahel to the Middle East: Foreign Government Lobbying in the United States."*

## Tea Break

11:30 AM – 11:40 AM

11:40 AM – 1:10 PM

CONCURRENT PANELS XIV, XV, & XVI

### Panel XIV

WEDNESDAY  
11:40 AM - 1:10 PM

#### LEVERAGING AND ELEVATING AFRICAN WAYS OF KNOWING FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE 21ST CENTURY

1. Ms. Greta McHaney-Trice, It Takes a Village Educational Consulting, Lansing, MI, USA.
2. Mr. Robert McCathern, Urban Renaissance Center in Flint, MI, USA.
3. Mr. Charles Ezra Ferrell, James and Grace Lee Boggs Center, Detroit, MI, USA.
4. Ms. Halla Jones, Michigan State University, USA.
5. Dr. Upenyu S. Majee, Michigan State University, USA.

### Panel XV

WEDNESDAY  
11:40 AM - 1:10 PM

#### GLOBAL AFRICA IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

1. Dr. Oumar Dieng, The College of Wooster, USA. *"Re-imagining Africanity in the Diaspora."*
2. Ms. Maluchi Chukwuemeka, University of Lagos, Nigeria. *"Bridging Continents, Uniting Visions: The African Union's Six Region and the Global Africa of the Twenty-first Century."*
3. Dr. Mesi Bakari-Walton, Howard University, USA. *"Migrations of Afro-Venezuelan Music and Culture."*
4. Mr. Yaw Mankatah Asare, Howard University, USA. *"Examining Ghana's Diaspora Engagement Policy."*
5. Dr. Meyre Ivone Santana da Silva, *"Imagined Journeys: Afro-Brazilian Women Experiences in the Works of Conceição Evaristo and Ana Maria Gonçalves."*

## Panel XVI

WEDNESDAY  
11:40 AM - 1:10 PM

### UNDERSTANDING THE EXPECTATIONS OF SECOND- GENERATION AFRICAN DIASPORANS IN THE GLOBAL NORTH

1. Dr. Mikal Woldu, University of London.
2. Dr. Kirstie Kwarteng, University of London.
3. Dr. Kassahun Kebede, Eastern Washington University.
4. Dr. Beka Guluma, University of Maryland, College Park.

## Closing Remarks

WEDNESDAY  
1:10 PM - 1:20 PM

**Dr. Mohamed Camara, Chair of the Department of African Studies**

## Reception

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

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