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Brigham Young University, United States



# PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, 19 MAY 2019

15:00 - 17:45

REGISTRATION  
The Grand Palm, GICC Training Facility

17:00 - 17:30

MEETING FOR SESSION CHAIRS PRIOR TO OPENING  
The Grand Palm, Moremi 3

18:00 - 18:30

OPENING AND WELCOME  
The Grand Palm, GICC Training Facility, Suite C

Co-Chairs:

**W. Cole Durham, Jr.**, Susa Young Gates Professor of Law and Founding Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, United States

**His Majesty Dr. Nii Okwei Kinka Dowuona VI**, Osu Mantse and President, Osu Traditional Council, Ghana

WELCOMING ADDRESSES

**Andy Chebanne**, Dean - Humanities, University of Botswana

**David Norris**, Vice Chancellor, University of Botswana

**Nonfo Molefhi**, Minister for Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration, Botswana

18:30 - 19:15

GREETINGS FROM GOVERNMENT AND RELIGIOUS DIGNITARIES  
The Grand Palm, GICC Training Facility, Suite C

**Fidelis Nkomazana**, Professor and Head, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Botswana

Speakers:

**Bridget Lorato Mphusu**, CEO, Botswana Christian AIDS Intervention Program, Botswana

**Abednico Phili**, Chairperson, Botswana National Religious Education

**Panel Master Matlhoape**, Advisory and Arbitration Council Member, Ministry of Nationality, Immigration and Gender

**Shaykh Edwin Saidoo**, Secretary General, Botswana Supreme Muslim Council

**Sebonego Dellah Barungwi**, member of the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Botswana; Deputy Manager, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

**Marcus B. Nash**, Africa West Area Presidency, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

19:15 - 19:30

BREAK  
The Grand Palm, GICC Training Facility, Suite C

19:30 - 20:30

KEYNOTE SESSION  
The Grand Palm, GICC Training Facility, Suite C

Chair:

**Johan D. van der Vyver**, I.T. Cohen Professor of International Law and Human Rights, Emory University School of Law, United States; Extraordinary Professor, Department of Public Law, University of Pretoria, South Africa

Speaker:

**Navanethem Pillay**, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, South Africa  
"Reflections on Law, Religion and the Environment from an International Judge and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights"

20:30

GROUP PHOTO  
Stairwell in GICC main foyer

20:30 - 22:00

OPENING RECEPTION  
The Grand Palm, GICC Training Facility, Suite C, outside

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**MONDAY, 20 MAY 2019**

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8:00 - 8:15

REGISTRATION  
The Grand Palm, GICC, Tsodilo outside

8:30 - 10:00

SECOND PLENARY SESSION  
The Grand Palm, GICC, Tsodilo Suite C

RELIGION, LAW AND ENVIRONMENT IN BOTSWANA

Co-Chairs:

**Muhammed Haron**, Professor of Religious Studies, University of Botswana

**Brett G. Scharffs**, Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies; Rex E. Lee Chair and Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, United States

Speakers:

**Joseph Mbaiwa**, Director and Professor, Okavango Research Institute, University of Botswana, Botswana

“Religion, Law, and Environment in Botswana”

**Musa Dube**, Professor, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Botswana, Botswana

“Ecological Christology of John’s Gospel: The Christic Okavango Delta of Botswana”

Respondents:

**Fidelis Nkomazana**, Professor and Head, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Botswana, Botswana

**Tinashe Madebwe**, Senior Lecturer, Law Department, University of Botswana

10:15 - 10:30

BREAK

The Grand Palm, GICC Foyer East

10:30 - 11:45

PARALLEL SESSIONS 1

RELIGION AND LAND SECURITY ACROSS SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

The Grand Palm, Okavango 1

Chair:

**Fortune Sibanda**, Associate Professor in Religious Studies, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Great Zimbabwe University, Zimbabwe

Speakers:

**Dianna Bell**, Associate Research Fellow, Department of Religious Studies, University of Cape Town, South Africa

“Nineteenth Century Missionaries, Christian Converts, and Land Purchases in Transvaal, South Africa”

**Lee Scharnick-Udemans**, Senior Researcher, Desmond Tutu Centre for Religion and Social Justice, Department of Religion and Theology, South Africa

“Between Law and Religion: Reflections for Research and Teaching about the Land Issue in South Africa”

**Tammy Wilks**, Doctoral Candidate, Department of Religious Studies, University of Cape Town, South Africa

“The Color of Imminent or Immanent?” Negotiating Land Displacement in Nairobi”

YORUBA ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVES AND SACRED GROVES

The Grand Palm, GICC / Tsodilo C

Chair:

**Rosalind I.J. Hackett**, Professor, Department of Religious Studies,  
Distinguished Professor in the Humanities, University of Tennessee,  
United States

Speakers:

**Akinola Ibadapo-Obe**, Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of  
Lagos, Nigeria

“Yoruba Environmental Jurisprudence”

**Hannah Idowu Olusoga-Tinubi**, Lecturer, Department of Social Justice,  
College of Social and Management Sciences, Afe Babalola University,  
Nigeria

“The Socio-Legal Protection of Sacred Groves and Forest Reserves in  
Southwest Nigeria: A Comparative Analysis”

**O. Williams Makinde**, Deputy Director, National Commission for  
Museums and Monuments, Nigeria

“Traditional Religion and Formal Governance as Effective Tools in the  
Sustainable Preservation of the Osun Osogbo Sacred Grove”

AFRICAN ECOFEMINISMS

The Grand Palm, Okavango 2

Chair:

**Diana Kebaneilwe**, Senior Lecturer, Department of Theology and  
Religious Studies, University of Botswana, Botswana

Speakers:

**Patricia Imade Gbobo**, Lecturer, Department of Public Law, Faculty of  
Law, University of Port Harcourt; Doctoral Researcher, Rivers State  
University, Nigeria

“Women, Gender, and Eco-Feminism: Some Insight into the Plight of  
Women in Nigeria”

**Henerieta Mgovo**, Lecturer, Department of Theology and Religious  
Studies, Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University, Zimbabwe

“Gender and Ecological Conservation: A Shona Traditional Perspective”

11:45 – 12:45

LUNCH

The Grand Palm, Buffet Restaurant

12:45 – 13:45

[PARALLEL SESSIONS 2](#)

WAR AND DISPLACEMENT

The Grand Palm, Okavango Suite



Chair:

**Gary B. Doxey**, Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, United States

Speakers:

**Marlino Mubai**, Lecturer and Chair, Department of History, Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique

“Warfare, Religion, and Environment in Mozambique, 1976-1992”

**Ernest Ogwashi Ugbejeh**, Lecturer, Faculty of Law, National Open University of Nigeria, Nigeria

“The Impacts of Environmental Degradation on Internally Displaced Persons in Nigeria: The Law to the Rescue”

WORKSHOP: RELIGION AND THE WORK ENVIRONMENT

The Grand Palm, GICC Tsodilo C

Chair:

**Mark Hill QC**, Extraordinary Professor, University of Pretoria, South Africa; Visiting Professor, Cardiff University, United Kingdom

In September 2018, the G20 Interfaith Summit in Argentina produced a Policy for Accommodating Religion in the Workplace, available here: <https://www.g20interfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/App-Item-1-1.pdf>. The workshop will consider the extent to which this Policy might be adapted for use throughout Africa. The principal discussants are listed below but participation is welcomed from as wide a group as possible. Please read the Policy in advance of the workshop.

Speakers:

**Mahfoud Ali Zoui**, Association Professor of Civilization, Guelma University, Algeria

**Helena van Coller**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Rhodes University, South Africa

**Ahmed Salisu Garba**, Faculty of Law, Misau Campus, Bauchi State University, Nigeria

COLONIAL LEGACIES AND POSTCOLONIAL CONSTRUCTS

The Grand Palm, Moremi 3

Chair:

**Malebogo Kgalemang**, Senior Lecturer, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Botswana, Botswana

Speakers:

**Paul H. Gundani**, Professor, Department of Christian Spirituality, Church History, and Missiology, University of South Africa, South Africa  
"Contesting Claims to Authority: Investigating the Continuing Role of Bernard Mizeki in the Christianization of Zimbabwe"

**Motilola O. Akinfemisoye**, Lecturer, Department of Media Studies, University of Botswana, Botswana  
"Restricting Religious Freedom? Interrogating the Report of 'Restrictive Policies' on Religious Organisations in Nigeria"

**Fidelis Nkomazana**, Professor and Head, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Botswana, Botswana  
"Missionary Influence on the Botswana Marriage Practices: The Case of the London Missionary Society"

13:45 – 14:00

BREAK  
The Grand Palm, The Garden

14:00 – 15:15

### PARALLEL SESSIONS 3

AFRICAN TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS I  
The Grand Palm, Okavango Suite

Chair:

**Jean-Baptiste Sourou**, Professor of Communications, Saint Augustine University; Tanzania; Founder and President, Center for Documentation and Research on Art and Social Sciences (CeDReS), Republic of Benin

Speakers:

**Faith Kabata**, Chairperson and Lecturer, Department of International Law, Kenyatta University School of Law, Kenya  
"On the Margin of Religious Freedom: Indigenous People, Sacred Sites, and Environmental Conservation in Kenya's Endorois and Ogiek Cases"

**Herman Kiriama**, Associate Professor, Research and Extension, Kisii University, Kenya

"Mijikenda Kayas as Religious Heritage"

**King'Asia Mamati**, PhD Candidate, Department of Philosophy, Theology, and Religion, Moi University, Kenya

"The Sengwer Traditional Religion and Environment Sustainability in Embobut Forest, Kenya"

**Loreen Maseno**, Humboldt Research Fellow, University of Bayreuth, Germany

"The Ogiek Indigenous People, Land Rights, and the Environment"

ECOTHEOLOGIES AND ECOLEGALITIES  
The Grand Palm, GICC Tsodilo C

Chair:

**M. Christian Green**, Senior Fellow, Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University; Editor, Journal of Law and Religion, United States

Speakers:

**Simeon Ilesanmi**, Washington M. Wingate Professor of Religion, Department for the Study of Religions, Wake Forest University, United States

“Environmental and/or Human Dignity: Competing Grounds of Rights in Law and Religion”

**Kenosi Molato**, Lecturer, Department of Religion Studies, University of Botswana, Botswana

“Environmental and/or Human Dignity: Negotiating Competing Grounds of ‘Rights’ from a Perspective of Setswana Ecological Biblical Hermeneutics”

**Francois Venter**, Extraordinary Professor, Faculty of Law, North-West University, South Africa

“A Religious Perspective on Environmental Law”

WORSHIP SPACES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The Grand Palm, Moremi 3

Chair:

**Akinola Ibidapo-Obe**, Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Lagos, Nigeria

Speakers:

**Idowu A. Akinloye**, Faculty of Law, Rhodes University, South Africa  
“Proliferation of Worship Places and Environmental Degradation in Nigeria: Constitutional and Legal Issues Arising”

**Danoye Oguntola-Laguda**, Professor, Department of Religions and Peace Studies, Lagos State University, Nigeria

“Environmental Policies on Noise Pollution and Ritual Spaces in Lagos State Southwest Nigeria”

**Helena van Coller**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Rhodes University, South Africa

“Church Bells: A Noise Nuisance or the Legitimate Exercise of a Religious Conviction?”

**Ahmed S. Garba**, Faculty of Law, Bauchi State University, Nigeria

“Freedom of Religion and Environmental Laws: Scrutinizing Demolition of Places of Worship in Abuja and Kaduna State in Nigeria”

15:15 – 15:30

BREAK

The Grand Palm, The Garden

15:30 – 16:30

#### PARALLEL SESSIONS 4

##### ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND PROTECTIONS

The Grand Palm, Okavango Suite

Chair:

**Francois Venter**, Extraordinary Professor, Faculty of Law, North-West University, South Africa

Speakers:

**Jean-Baptiste Sourou**, Professor of Communications, Saint Augustine University Mwanza, Tanzania; Founder and President, Center for Documentation and Research on Art and Social Sciences (CeDReS), Benin  
"Africa between the Exploitation of Natural Resources and the Safeguarding of the Environment and Health"

**Simbarashe Munamati**, Vice Principal, Murray Theological College, Zimbabwe

"African Burial Practices as Havens that Promote the Spread of Cholera in Zimbabwe"

**James Campbell**, Chief Librarian and Senior Lecturer in Canon Law, Hekima University College, Kenya

"'Laudato Si' : Catholic Church and Environmental Rights"

##### WOMEN AND PROPERTY

The Grand Palm, Moremi 3

Chair:

**David Berrett**, Senior Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, United States

Speakers:

**Sidney K. Berman**, Lecturer, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, Faculty of Humanities, University of Botswana, Botswana

"Shifts from Ancient Marital Traditions: The Example of Jewish Marital Law in the Book of Ruth and the Botswana Marital Law"

**Serawit Bekele Debele**, Fritz Thyssen Stiftung Postdoctoral Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Germany

"The Idea of Marriage in Uganda's Faith of Unity"

**Hammed A. Hanafi**, Diplomat and Senior Lecturer, Kampala International University, Uganda

"Legal Protection of Women's Property Rights as Panacea for Poverty Reduction and Environmental Sustainability in Uganda"

##### LIMITING LIMITATIONS TO FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF

The Grand Palm, GICC Tsodilo C

Chair:

W. Cole Durham, Jr., Susa Young Gates Professor of Law and Founding Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, United States

Speakers:

**T. Jeremy Gunn**, Professor of Law and Political Science, International University of Rabat, Morocco

“Proportionality in Limitations Analysis”

**Thiago Felipe Alves Pinto**, Doctoral Candidate in Law, St. Peter’s College, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

“Exploring the Imposition of Limitations to Freedom of Religion or Belief at Regional Human Rights Courts”

**Ahmed Salisu Garba**, Dean, Faculty of Law, Bauchi State University, Nigeria

“The Use of Permissible Limitations to Freedom of Religion or Belief in Nigeria”

15:30 – 16:30

BREAK

The Grand Palm- The Garden

16:45 – 18:00

#### PARALLEL SESSIONS 5

EDUCATION, ART AND ENVIRONMENT

The Grand Palm, Okavango Suite

Chair:

**Lee Scharnick-Udemans**, Senior Researcher, Desmond Tutu Centre for Religion and Social Justice, Department of Religion and Theology, South Africa

Speakers:

**Fortune Sibanda**, Associate Professor in Religious Studies, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Great Zimbabwe University, Zimbabwe “Promoting Environmental Justice through the Prism of Rastafari in Zimbabwe”

**Yolanda van der Vyver**, PhD Candidate, Department of Architecture, University of the Free State, South Africa

“Religion and the Environment in South African Art and Architecture: Western Attempts at Squaring the Circle”

**Ludovica Decimo**, PhD Candidate, University of Padua, Italy  
“Sacred Green Building: A New Challenge for the Environment Protection, Through Acts of Worship”

FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT

The Grand Palm, Moremi 3

Chair:

**Danoye Oguntola-Laguda**, Professor, Department of Religions and Peace Studies, Lagos State University, Nigeria

Speakers:

**Elias Kifon Bongmba**, Harry and Hazel Chair in Christian Theology, Professor of Religion, Rice University, United States and

**Richard Tanto**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts, Department of History, University of Bamenda, Cameroon

“Environmental Sustainability and Regulatory Challenges on Indigenous Hunting Practices amongst the Mbum People of the Northwest Region of Cameroon”

**Habibat Oladosu-Uthman**, Lecturer, Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

“We Must Take the Blood out of the City: Law, Religion and Butchers’ Revolt in Southwest Nigeria”

SUSTAINABILITY AND CONSERVATION

The Grand Palm, GICC Tsodilo C

Chair:

**Enyinna Nwauche**, Professor, Department of Private Law, University of Fort Hare, South Africa

Speakers:

**Julio Machele**, Assistant Lecturer, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, History

Department, Universidade Eduardo Mondlane, Mozambique

“You will be lost if you do not Consult the Spirits: Religion and Conservation in Mozambique”

**Menard Musendekwa**, Acting Coordinating Lecturer, Faculty of Arts, Theology, Culture, and Heritage Studies, Reformed Church University, Zimbabwe

“Religion as an Instrument for Conservation and Protection of Sacred Spaces among the Shona People of Zimbabwe”

**Mary-Anne Plaatjies-Van Huffel**, Senior Lecturer in Ecclesiology, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa

“Climate and Environmental Justice and the Quest for Renewable Energy Programs in South Africa”

**Afis Ayinde Oladosu**, Professor of Middle Eastern, North African, and Cultural Studies, Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

“So That the Dead May Rest in Peace? The Law and Unlawful in Necropolic Practices in Nigeria”

18:00 – 18:30 BREAK  
The Grand Palm, outside

19:00 - 21:00 DINNER  
The Grand Palm, Okavango Suite

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**TUESDAY, 21 MAY 2019**

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8:30 - 9:15 KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
The Grand Palm, GICC, Suite C

Chair:

**Kofi Quashigah**, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ghana

Speaker:

**Ezra Chitando**, Professor of History and Phenomenology, Department of Religious Studies, Classics and Philosophy, University of Zimbabwe; Theology Consultant/Southern African Regional Coordinator, World Council of Churches Ecumenical HIV and AIDS Initiatives and Advocacy, Zimbabwe

“Ecotheology in Africa: An Overview and Preliminary Assessment”

9:15 – 10:15 THIRD PLENARY SESSION  
The Grand Palm, GICC Tsodilo C

Chair:

**W. Cole Durham, Jr.**, Susa Young Gates Professor of Law and Founding Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, United States

Speakers:

**David Moore**, General Counsel, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), United States

**His Majesty Dr. Nii Okwei Kinka Dowuona VI**, Osu Mantse and President, Osu Traditional Council, Ghana

**Tshimangadzo Edward Mafadza**, Chief Executive Officer, CRL Rights Commission

**Joseph Mbaiwa**, Ministry of Environment, Wildlife and Tourism Representative, Botswana

10:15 - 10:45 BREAK  
GICC Training Facility East Foyer

10:45 - 12:15

## PARALLEL SESSIONS 6

### ENVIRONMENTALISMS IN GHANA

The Grand Palm, Okavango Suite

Chair:

**Brent J. Belnap**, International Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, United States

Speakers:

**Saibu Mutaru**, PhD Candidate, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

"Access to Land in Difficult Times: An Ethnographic Study of 'Morally Compromised Strangers' in Northern Ghana"

**Philip Kwadwo Okyere**, PhD Candidate, Department for the Study of Religions, University of Ghana, Ghana

"Mitigating Ghana's Insanitary Environment: The Perspective of Christian Pilgrims' Belief in the Sacredness of Prayer Mountains"

### ECOFEMINISMS AND THE BIBLE

The Grand Palm, GICC Tsodilo C

Chair:

**Mary-Anne Platjies-Van Huffel**, Senior Lecturer in Ecclesiology, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa

Speakers:

**Mmapula Diana Kebaneilwe**, Lecturer, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Botswana, Botswana

"Do Not Pollute the Land Where You are: Biblical Teaching on Environmental Conservation"

**Malebogo Kgalemang**, Senior Lecturer, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Botswana, Botswana

"Empire, Women and Earth: A Postcolonial Ecofeminist Analysis of Revelation"

**Hildah Ntinyari Mutwiri**, Lecturer, Department of International Law, Kenyatta University School of Law, Kenya

"Appraisal of the Role of Ecofeminism in Enhancing Environmental Sustainability"

**Maryann Mwangi**, Lecturer, Faculty of Social Sciences, St. Paul's University, Kenya

"Prof. Wangare Maathai: An Ecofeminist Caught in the Conflict Between Nature and Modernization in Kenya"



## ISLAM AND ENVIRONMENT

The Grand Palm, Moremi 3

Chair:

**Ahmed Salisu Garba**, Dean, Faculty of Law, Bauchi State University, Nigeria

Speakers:

**Adams Olufemi Akewula**, Lecturer, Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

“Inter-Relationship between Islamic Jurisprudence and Nigerian Environment”

**Fatima Essop**, Advocate of the High Court of South Africa; Lecturer in Private Law Department, University of Cape Town, South Africa

“Protection of the Environment as an Essential Objective of the Shari’ah”

**Nabil Mohamed**, Student, University of Western Cape, South Africa

“Rethinking Sustainable Development in Light of Maqasid Alk-Shariah”

**Sohail Wahedi**, PhD Candidate, Erasmus School of Law

“You Don’t Use Religion to Disturb Others!”

12:15 – 13:15

LUNCH

The Grand Palm, Buffet Restaurant

13:15 – 14:30

## PARALLEL SESSIONS 7

AFRICAN TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS II

The Grand Palm, GICC Tsodilo C

Chair:

**Kenneth A. Acheampong**, Associate Professor, Law Department, University of Botswana

Speakers:

**Uzuazo Etemire**, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria

“Revitalizing the Formal Environment Regulatory Regime in Nigeria: Looking to Traditional African Belief Systems and Governance Practices”

**Senzokuhle Doreen Setume**, Lecturer of Religious Studies, Molepolole College of Education, University of Botswana

“African Indigenous Knowledge Systems and the Conservation of Environment and Culture”

**Johan D. van der Vyver**, I.T. Cohen Professor of International Law and Human Rights, Emory University School of Law, United States; Extraordinary Professor, Department of Public Law, University of Pretoria,

South Africa

“African Traditional Religion and Indigenous Perspectives on the Environment”

**Célestin Gnonzion**, Professor, Faculty of Information Communication and Arts, State University Felix Houphouët-Boigny Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire

“Croyances et actions pour la promotion de l’environnement: Regards croisés d’adeptes de religions traditionnelles du peuple Wê et de chrétiens catholiques en Côte d’Ivoire”

THE POLITICAL ECOLOGY OF SALVATION AND SACRED SPACE IN AFRICAN URBAN ENVIRONMENTS

The Grand Palm, Moremi 3

Chair:

**Serawit Bekele Debele**, Fritz Thyssen Stiftung Postdoctoral Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Germany

Speakers:

**Adeyinka Oladayo Bankole**, Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Bowen University, Nigeria

“The Moral Economy of Sacred Cities: The Redemption Camp of the Redeemed Christian Church of Nigeria”

**Esha Faki Mwinyihaji**, Lecturer, Chair of the Department of Religion, Theology, and Philosophy, Maseno University, Kenya

“Religious Diversity and Contestation for Public Environments in Kenya”

**Enyinna Nwauche**, Professor, Department of Private Law, University of Fort Hare, South Africa

“In the Public Interest: Religion as Charity in Sacred Urbanism in African States”

14:30 – 14:45

BREAK

The Grand Palm, The Garden, Tsodilo C, outside

14:45 – 16:00

FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

GICC Training Facility East Foyer

RELIGION AND THE GOVERNANCE OF HERITAGE SITES IN AFRICA

Chair:

**Enyinna Nwauche**, Professor, Department of Private Law, University of Fort Hare, South Africa

Speakers:

**Oris Malijani**, PhD Candidate, Brandenburg Technical University; Principal Heritage Officer, Malawi Department of Museums and

Monuments, Germany

“The Role of Traditional Religious Communities in the Management Of Sacred Heritage Sites in Malawi”

**Phillip Segadika**, Chief Curator and Head of the Archaeology and Monuments Division, Botswana National Museum, Botswana

“Dama Alter and Rhino Ashes: Understanding Fluid Private Religious Practices at World Heritage Sites”

**Khamati Shilabukha**, Research Fellow, Institute of Anthropology, Gender, and African Studies, University of Nairobi, Kenya

“Religion and Heritage Conservation: Reflections on Governance and Management of Heritage Sites in Kenya”

16:00 -16:30

BREAK

GICC Training Facility East Foyer

16:30 - 17:30

CONCLUSION AND ANNUAL ACLARS ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Grand Palm, GICC, Suite C

Chair:

**Pieter Coertzen**, Professor (retd), Faculty of Theology, Unit for the Study of Law and Religion, University of Stellenbosch; President, African Con-sortium for Law and Religion, South Africa

17:30 - 18:30

BREAK

The Grand Palm, The Garden, outside Tsodillo C

17:30 - 18:30

CONCLUDING DINNER

The Grand Palm, Okavango Suite

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Brigham Young University, United States;

Sheldon and Joan Child;

The Campbell Family Foundation;

and

Brent and Cheri Andrus.

# SPEAKERS AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS



## Mahfoud Ali Zoui - Algeria

Associate Professor of Civilization, Guelma University

Mahfoud Ali Zoui is a professor of civilization at the Department of English, Guelma University, Algeria. He is the author of many papers including: "Freedom of Expression and the Right to Offend: Western Vs. Islamic Perspectives", and "Media Discourse and Intolerance of Muslim Post -9/11 Visibility in the West: The British Context". He presided over the organizing committee of the international conference "15 Years in the New Millennium: The Grand Upheavals; Global Security, Ideological Conflict and Literary" held at Guelma University in November 2016. His research areas of interest include faith minorities and intercivilizational dialogue, political Islam, and multiculturalism.



## Jean-Baptiste Sourou - Benin

Professor of Communications, Saint Augustine University Mwanza; Founder and President, CeDReS

Jean-Baptiste Sourou is Professor of Communications and the Founder and President of the Center for Documentation and Research on Art and Social Sciences (CeDReS Project) in Benin Republic. He also teaches African Cultures and Migrations in universities and schools in Italy. He holds a BA, an MA, and a PhD in Social Communications and Social Sciences from the Gregorian University. He also has a BA and an MA in Theology from universities in Padua and Rome. He is an international media practitioner, and won The International Award of Solidarity with Refugees at the 2013 and 2016 International Journalism and Media Awards, and the Award of the Best Writer/Author at the 2013 Africa-Italy Excellence Awards. Prof. Sourou's research interests center on rites, dance, and music, and the relationship between media, culture, and religion, especially in Africa. His research has earned him international honours such as the 2012 African Studies Association (ASA) Presidential Fellowship, and the 2007 International Award in Media, Religion, and Culture. He also researches African immigration through the Mediterranean Sea to Europe. He has founded two associations, Cedres NGO in Benin and Il Cedro in Italy, to promote education in Africa as a solution to the endless flow of African forced migrations towards Europe. He has published writings on African cultural, social, and religious life. He is a member of the International Society in Media, Religion, and Culture, and Consultant for the Observatory of Media and Religion in Canada.



### Kenneth Asamo Acheampong - Botswana

Associate Professor, Law Department, University of Botswana

Kenneth Asamo Acheampong is an associate professor at the University of Botswana (Law Department). He is admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Ghana. He holds an LLB from the University of Ghana, an LLM from the University of Saskatchewan (Canada), and a diploma in Human Rights from Lund University (Sweden). His research focuses on International Human Rights Law, International Law, Refugee Law, and International Humanitarian Law. His recent seminal publications include the following: (i) 'Human Rights, National Law and the Reduction of Statelessness' [in Kaajal Ramjathan-Keogh (ed.), *Protection Frameworks for Refugees and Migrants in Southern Africa*, (2018), Johannesburg: Southern Africa Litigation Centre, pp. 19 – 35]; and (ii) 'Human Dignity and the Human Rights of Botswana Prisoners of Foreign Origin Living with HIV/AIDS' [in *NORDIC Journal of Human Rights* (2017) Vol. 35, No. 2, pp. 1 – 19]. He has previously been Editor-in-Chief of both the Lesotho Law Journal and the University of Botswana Law Journal.



### Motilola O. Akinfemisoye - Botswana

Lecturer, Department of Media Studies, University of Botswana

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### Sebonego Dallah Barungwi - Botswana

Member, Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Botswana; Deputy Manager, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

Mr. Sebonego Dallah Barungwi is a member of the Baha'i Community of Botswana since 1984. He has served in a number of Baha'i committees including the National Spiritual Assembly which is the supreme governing body of the Baha'is of Botswana. Mr. Barungwi currently works at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development as Deputy Manager responsible for Recruitment and Employee Relations.



### Sidney K. Berman - Botswana

Lecturer, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, Faculty of Humanities, University of Botswana

Dr. Sidney Berman is currently pastoring a branch of Africa Evangelical Church in Gaborone, Botswana. He holds a PhD in Old Testament Interpretation. Dr. Berman has worked as a postdoctoral fellow at North West University where he researched on the Setswana Bible and taught Biblical Hebrew. Previously, he was a lecturer at the University of Botswana where he taught Old Testament studies, Biblical hermeneutics and Hebrew language. He has published books, articles, and chapters in the areas of Old Testament, gender, the books of Ruth and Hosea, translation studies, and biblical hermeneutics.



### Musa W. Dube - Botswana

Professor, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Botswana

Musa W. Dube studied New Testament literature at the University of Durham (UK) and the University of Vanderbilt (USA), graduating in 1990 and 1997 respectively. Her research interests include gender, postcolonial, translation and HIV/AIDS studies. Dube is a prolific writer and internationally-sought speaker, who has given talks in over twenty-seven countries and authored 262 academic works, published in journals, books, encyclopaedias, and magazines; and an editor of eleven anthologies. She is an active member of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians and the Society of Biblical Literature. Dube is currently a professor at the University of Botswana, Department of Theology and Religious Studies.



### Muhammed Haron - Botswana

Professor, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Botswana

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### M. Diana Kebaneilwe - Botswana

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### Malebogo Kgalemang - Botswana

Senior Lecturer, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Botswana

Malebogo Kgalemang is a senior lecturer at the University of Botswana. She has a demonstrated history of working in the higher education industry. She attended Drew University, Glasgow University, and the University of Botswana, and has an MPhil; MTh; BA (HUM); and a PGDE focused in Biblical Studies; Postcolonial Theory; Postcolonial Feminist Theory; and Early Christianities.



### Tinashe Madebwe - Botswana

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Tinashe Madebwe received a PhD in international environmental law from the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. Prior to that he studied for an LLB and an LLM at Rhodes University in South Africa. His research interests lie in international environmental law, environmental law, and public law. He is presently employed as a senior lecturer by the University of Botswana, Department of Law, and previously, he lectured at Midlands State University in Zimbabwe.

### Master Matlhoape - Botswana

Advisory and Arbitration Council Member, Ministry of Nationality, Immigration and Gender





### Joseph E. Mbaiwa - Botswana

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Prof Joseph E. Mbaiwa is the Director of the Okavango Research Institute (ORI), University of Botswana. His credentials are as follows: Professor of Tourism studies (2013 to present), Associate Professor of Tourism Studies (2010-13), Senior Research Scholar (2005-2010), Research Scholar (2000-2005). He graduated with a PhD in Recreation, Park & Tourism Sciences at Texas A&M University (USA) in 2008. He also holds MSc (Environmental Science), a Post graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) and a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science all from University of Botswana. Professor Mbaiwa also hold a Postgraduate Certificate in Public Sector Project Management from Botswana Accountancy College (BAC). Professor Mbaiwa has close to 20 years experience in tourism and natural resource management research and consultancy experience in Botswana. He is widely published on issues of tourism development, rural livelihoods and biodiversity conservation issues with focus on the Okavango Delta Botswana. He was a taskforce member appointed by the Ministry of Environmental, Natural Resource Conservation and Tourism to prepare a proposal dossier that resulted in the Okavango Delta being listed as the 1000th UNESCO World Heritage Site.



### Kenosi Molato - Botswana

Lecturer, Department of Religion Studies, University of Botswana

Kenosi Molato is a young scholar from the Northwest district in Botswana. Having grown up in the swamps of the Okavango delta, Kenosi Molato loves the beauty of the delta and the cultures of the river people of Botswana. His passion is to write about the theology and the culture of the environment from the perspective of Botswana. He obtained a Masters of Arts in Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Botswana in 2017. His research interests are environment from Biblical perspective, Setswana culture, and honor and shame.



### Nonfo Molefhi - Botswana

Minister for Presidential Affairs, Governance, and Public Administration



### Dorcas Motswadira - Botswana

Candidate in Special Education, Theology, and Religious Studies, Education Department, University of Botswana

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### Bridget Lorato Mphusu - Botswana

Chief Executive Officer, Botswana Christian AIDS Intervention Program

Bridget Lorato Mphusu holds a Master's degree in Counseling from Dallas Baptist University. She has been the CEO for Botswana Christian AIDS Intervention Programme since 2015. She has served in HIV for 14 years now and is passionate about behavioral and social change particularly for women and young girls.



### Fidelis Nkomazana - Botswana

Professor and Head of the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Botswana

Fidelis Nkomazana is currently an associate professor of Church History and Head of the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Botswana. He studied for his PhD at the University of Edinburgh. He is widely researched and published on church history, women and other related aspects, such as the histories of the Anglican church, Roman Catholic Church, Pentecostalism, and Dutch Reformed church. His current research focus is on Pentecostalism. He has published several articles in peer reviewed journals, chapters in books, and attended several international conferences.



### David Norris - Botswana

Vice Chancellor, University of Botswana

David Norris is the Vice Chancellor of the University of Botswana (UB). Prior to joining UB, Professor Norris was Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation at the Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST). Prior to working for BIUST, he worked for the University of Limpopo (formerly University of the North) of South Africa. He also worked for Austin Peay State University in USA from 1998 to 2000. Professor Norris is a graduate of the University of Botswana, having obtained a BSc in Biology and Physics after which

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### Abednico Phili - Botswana

Chairperson, Botswana National Religious Education Panel

Abednico Phili is a teacher of Religious Education with the Ministry of Basic Education. Through his years of uninterrupted service, he rose to the level of Senior Teacher responsible for the Religious Education Department based at Ledumang Senior Secondary School. Currently he is a Senior Examiner for Religious Education with Botswana Examinations Council responsible for marking B.G.C.S.E. He serves at BEC on the validation committee responsible for the Junior Secondary School assessment for Religious Education. Phili is also the current Chairperson for the National Religious Education Panel overseeing the formulation of Religious Education Curriculum under the Department of Curriculum and Evaluation. He has a Bachelor of Humanities in Theology and Religious Studies, a diploma in Pastoral Theology, and a post graduate diploma in Education. Currently he is a Master's student in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies in the area of Religion and Philosophy. He has successfully completed his course work and is now doing research focusing on urban burials and their implications on Kalanga burial rituals.



### Shaykh Edwin Saidoo - Botswana

Secretary General, Botswana Supreme Muslim Council

Sheikh Edwin Salim Saidoo earned his BA in Islamic Law (Shariah) from the Islamic University of Madina, KSA. He is currently pursuing an MA in Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Botswana, and the title of his Thesis is The Interconnection between Islam and Tswana Culture: A case-study of marriage amongst the Ngwaketse. Being both a Motswana and a Muslim, Sheikh Salim aims to prove to both of the cultural groupings that they are more common than they actually perceive, and that religion and culture are more compatible than parallel. He is an active daa'ee (Islamic Propagator) who has organised a number of youth seminars and workshops. He participated in the Vision2016 (a long-term vision for Botswana) National Stakeholder's Conference under the pillar "A Moral and Tolerant Nation", which aimed at assessing the progress of the Vision through active participation of all stake-holders. He also attended a number of regional and international conferences, amongst them the 2nd International Conference on Islamic Civilization in Southern Africa held in Durban, South Africa in 2017, in which he submitted a paper based on his thesis. He took part in the inaugural 1st International Muslim Minorities Congress held in Abu Dhabi, UAE in May 2018 and recently attended the conference on "The Role of Muslim Youth in the Africa of Tomorrow" held in Kampala, Uganda, in April 2019.



### Phillip Segadika - Botswana

PhD Candidate; Chief Curator at Botswana National Museum

Phillip Segadika is Chief Curator and Head of the Archaeology and Monuments Division at the Botswana National Museum. A landscape archaeologist by training, Segadika is responsible for the conservation of monuments and heritage sites, formulation of destination management plans as well as the development of heritage sites for tourism. He just completed his term as Board member of the Botswana Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association (BEAPA). Segadika's research interests are on the management of intangible cultural heritage at world heritage sites and he is a regular contributor to local media on heritage perspectives. Phillip Segadika is a bi-vocational minister having served as pastor and overseer of The Church of God of Prophecy in Botswana for over 20 years. He is currently on appointment as the Southern Africa regional coordinator for the Church of God of Prophecy, a Pentecostal organization operating in 34 other African nations.



### Senzokuhle Doreen Setume - Botswana

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Senzokuhle Doreen Setume holds a PhD in Anthropology from Leiden University, The Netherlands. She also holds a MA (Humanities) in Theology and Religious Studies and a Master's in Education (Research and Evaluation) both from the University of Botswana. Her areas of interest are African traditional religion(s) and how it relates to different aspects of life such as HIV and AIDS, disability, and gender. Dr. Setume teaches courses on African traditional religions and world religions. She is interested in exploring how African traditional religions are interacting, adapting, adopting and being shaped by (or shaping) modernity and globalisation in terms of gender, urbanization, and formal education. Her publications include 'Myths and Beliefs about Disabilities: Implications for Educators and Counsellors;' 'HIV and AIDS knowledge and attitudes among form three junior Secondary School students in Kweneng and Central District;' and 'HIV and AIDS knowledge and attitudes among different marital statuses in Botswana: Results of the fourth Botswana Aids Impact Survey of 2013.' Her current research involves a joint project on 'Ubuntu and Community Building in the Urban Space: An Exploration of Naomi, Laban, Baby and Bridal Showers in Gaborone.' Setume has presented at a number of conferences both locally and internationally.



### Tanto Richard Talla - Cameroon

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Tanto Richard Talla, Associate Professor of Archaeology, holds a PhD in Ethnoarchaeology from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria (2003). He was Head of Service, Research and also Chair, Department of History, at the University of Buea, Cameroon from 2012 to 2015. He is currently Vice Dean in-charge of Programmes and Academic Affairs, Faculty of Arts, the University of Bamenda, Cameroon where he also teaches archaeology and history in the Department of History. He has widely published in peer reviewed journals and is currently working with Professor Elias Bongmba of Rice University, Houston-Texas, on a project entitled "Land and Authority in Postcolonial Cameroon."



### Célestin Gnonzion - Côte d'Ivoire

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### Serawit Bekele Debele - Germany

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### Oris Malijani - Germany

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Oris Malijani is the Cultural Heritage Specialist based in Malawi with vast experience in both the public and private sector in the development, conservation and management of African cultural and natural heritage. His practice specializes in development of strategic management planning frameworks for heritage sites, conservation and management of cultural heritage sites, and research and capacity building on African heritage. He has worked with government cultural and natural heritage institutions, private firms, academia and non-governmental institutions on promotion, planning and development of African cultural and natural heritage. He works directly with local communities and other stakeholders in development and implementation of cultural heritage projects in areas of conservation,

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### Loreen Iminza Maseno - Germany

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### Adelaide Anno-Kumi - Ghana

Chief Director, Ministry of the Interior

Adelaide Anno-Kumi, Chief Director of the Ministry of Interior, Ghana, advises the Honorable Minister of the Interior. She holds an Executive Master in Consultancy and Project Management Services, (EMCP), a BA (Hon) in Political Science, a Bachelor of Law, and as a teacher, she earned CertA. Mrs. Anno-Kumi has worked at the Ministry of Transport, Education and Agriculture in various capacities. She has served on several boards, committees, delegations, and teams and also has rich experience in policy formulation and implementation. In August of 2016 she won the most influential Civil Servant award. She is an educationist, a lawyer by profession, proactive, principled, industrious, and an effective team player with multi-skills. She is an advocate for women's empowerment, child development, and other security related issues. Mrs. Anno-Kumi has served two terms as a member of Prisons Interdenominational Church Council. She is also a member of the Women's Fellowship and a legal advisor to the Prisons Interdenominational Church. She gives lectures on domestic issues to the women's fellowship and youth fellowship.



### Abamfo Ofori Atiemo - Ghana

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### Nii Okwei Kinka Dowuona VI - Ghana

His Majesty, Osu Mantse and President, Osu Traditional Council

His Majesty Nii Okwei Kinka Dowuona VI, is the Osu Mantse and President of the Osu Traditional Council. Nii has established an initiative called Osu Mantse Community Initiative (OMANCODI) that seeks to support the stool in its socio-economic development plan for the people of Osu. He holds a Degree in Chieftaincy Leadership, a diploma in Computer Studies, and a certificate in GCE Ordinary and Advance level. He trained as a banker and worked with SSB Bank for over 20 years. Currently he is the President, Greater Accra Regional House of Chiefs Dodowa, President of Osu Traditional Council, and a member of the National House of Chiefs. Nii Kinka Dowuona VI, is the Life President of the Osu School Management Committee of Osu Section 30 (Osu Cluster of Schools), a life member of the full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship, a distinguished fellow of the Distinguished Scholars in Africa, and a member of the civilian Institute of Democratic Administration (CIDA). Nii Kinka Dowuona VI, has been recognized as Distinguished Fellow of Africa in 2012, as Nanayaa Most Personality in 2015 and again in 2016, and as CIDA Fellow in 2016. He is a graduate from the Cambridge University Intentional and holds a certificate from African Transformational Leadership institute USA. He is a member



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### Marcus B. Nash - Ghana

Africa West Area Presidency, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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### Philip Kwadwo Okyere - Ghana

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### Kofi Quashigah - Ghana

Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ghana

Kofi Quashigah is Dean of the School of Law, University of Ghana. Before joining the University of Ghana he taught at the University of Nigeria Enugu Campus. He was a Fulbright Scholar at the Harvard Human Rights Program between 2001-2002 and a McArthur Foundation Visiting Scholar at the University of Wisconsin in 1992. His teaching and research interests include Constitutional Law, Human Rights, International Humanitarian Law, Jurisprudence, Governance, Elections Law, Law and Religion, and Alternative Dispute Resolution. He is a member of the General Legal Council of Ghana and on the Advisory Board of the Ministry of Justice. For several years he has been the President of the Ghana Association of Certified Mediators and Arbitrators.



### Ludovica Decimo - Italy

PhD Candidate, University of Padua

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### James Campbell - Kenya

Chief Librarian and Senior Lecturer in Canon Law, Hekima University College

James Campbell is a Jesuit priest. He grew up in Glasgow and his Catholic education under the Marist Brothers in Glasgow instilled in him a deep sense of working for the common good and social justice.

Before going to university Campbell had a decade-long career studying and working in environmental management, specializing in pollution control. He was awarded first prize in an essay competition by the Royal Society of Health on the legal implications of European environmental policies. After joining the Jesuits, he read PPE as a senior scholar at Oxford, completing the degree in two years, and was awarded first prize in the Eisenhower Centennial Essay Competition in 1990. Theology studies followed, including a year reading Russian and Greek theology at the Catholic University of Leuven (KU Leuven). Campbell's first mission after ordination was to Stonyhurst College as Chaplain for three years. He had a wide range of other pastoral experiences in hospitals, parishes, and chaplaincies, including Farm Street Church in London and Oxford University Catholic Chaplaincy. He was Assistant Superior, Dean of Degrees, and Tutor in Canon Law at Campion Hall, Oxford University until 2017. Currently, Campbell is Chief Librarian and Senior Lecturer in Canon Law at Hekima University College which is a constituent college of the Catholic University of East Africa in Nairobi. He has held several ecclesiastical posts, including that of Judge. He is published widely and acts as a canonical consultant. He was awarded the LLM in Canon Law from Cardiff Law School, Wales and the joint JCD/PhD in Canon Law from KU Leuven.



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#### Herman Kiriamu - Kenya

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ICCROM, 2007-2009 and Coordinator, Immovable Heritage, Centre for Heritage Development in Africa (CHDA) (2010-2011). He was a Research Fellow, Deakin University, Australia (2011-2012). Between 2012 and 2013 he was the Team Leader, Projects, in the Australian Cultural Heritage Management, a consultancy firm in Melbourne, Australia. In 2014-2015 he was visiting Professor of Archaeology at the school of Archaeology and Museum Studies of Peking University, Beijing, China. He is also a member of several international organizations that include ICOMOS, ICOM, and World Archaeological Congress. He has published widely in the heritage sector, and he is author and co-author of a number of books on heritage. Currently he is the Co-Editor of the African Journal of Cultural Heritage Studies.



### King'Asia Mamati - Kenya

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### Hildah Ntinyari Mutwiri - Kenya

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She holds an MA and a BA in Sociology and is currently pursuing her doctoral studies at Kenyatta University in the area of gender based violence. She is a trained Trainer of Trainers majoring in Mentorship and Gender Issues. Currently she is a lecturer at St. Paul's University lecturing in Sociological Units in Social Work, Criminology and Theology. She coordinated a Masters in Community Care and HIV & AIDS for over ten years and was also the Head of Department for Sociology and Psychology in the Faculty of Social Sciences. She is involved in the development of Distance learning materials in various programs that teach Sociological Units. She has written several articles and book chapters as well as presented papers at local and international conferences. She sits on the board of a girls home that rescues orphans and abused babies and girls.



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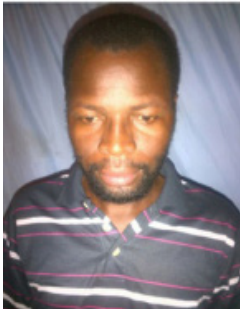
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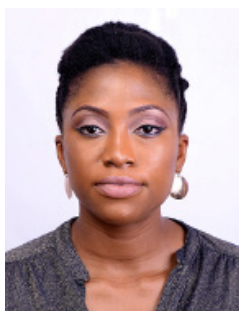
Her areas of interest includes Gender studies, cultural criticism, modernity, History of Islam and Muslims in West Africa. She is the author of Muslim Women and the Politics of Emplacement (2011).



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Former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

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Extraordinary Professor, Faculty of Law, NorthWest University

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