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The University of Johannesburg (UJ)





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# 01 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This annual report provides a detailed overview of the activities, programs, and initiatives undertaken by the Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation (IPATC) and the Institute for Global African Affairs (IGAA) in 2024. The report provides insights into two years marked by dynamic and impactful endeavours in various spheres of the Institute's operation.

The report commences with the Director's Report, which highlights the strategic direction of the Institute. An introduction follows, outlining IPATC's vision, mission, and research agenda, which lays the foundation for understanding the Institute's objectives and aspirations.

A key aspect of IPATC's work involves various dedicated units, each contributing uniquely to the institute's overall mission. These units have been instrumental in spearheading research and writing efforts, resulting in significant outputs such as books, journal articles, policy briefs, and opinion pieces for broader media engagement, including TV and radio interviews.

Strategic partnerships and collaborations have been fundamental in expanding IPATC's reach and impact. The network of Letsema and visiting fellows, facilitated by these partnerships, has significantly enhanced the Institute's research capacity and scope of influence. The report also delves into the multitude of events organised and participated in by the Institute. These events have

Africa is our center of gravity, our cultural and spiritual mother and father, our beating heart, no matter where we live on the face of this earth.

*John Henrik Clarke, Pioneer of Pan Africanism*

served as platforms for dialogue, knowledge dissemination, and engagement with a diverse range of stakeholders. The Institute's commitment to teaching and learning is reflected in its efforts to facilitate mobility and capacity building. These initiatives are designed to empower and equip individuals, both within and outside the Institute, with the skills and knowledge necessary to contribute effectively to the discourse.



## 02 DIRECTORS REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to present this 2024 Annual Report on behalf of the Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation (IPATC) and the Institute for Global African Affairs (IGAA) at the University of Johannesburg (UJ). Over the reporting period, we have continued to work at the cutting edge of African knowledge production and global scholarly dialogue, achieving significant strides in research, teaching, policy engagement, and strategic partnerships.

IPATC's research units have become dynamic hubs for intellectual engagement. Each has contributed to deepening our understanding of African futures, whether through exploring digital inequalities, gender justice, continental governance, public health, or localised development strategies. Our events have brought together thought leaders, policymakers, academics, and civil society actors from across the continent and the diaspora, creating platforms for bold conversations and policy-oriented reflections. Through IGAA, our partnership with the University of the West Indies has deepened. The joint Master's degree has not only cultivated a new cohort of Pan-African scholars but has also strengthened our reciprocal exchange of staff and students.

We have managed to thrive through targeted fundraising and the generosity of partners and our successes are made possible by the dedication and excellence of our staff, fellows, and partners. I extend my deep gratitude to all who have contributed to the remarkable achievements documented in this report. We are excited about the road ahead and remain steadfast in our resolve to be a centre of excellence in Pan-African thought, research, and action.

- *Professor Siphamandla Zondi*, Director, UJ's, Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation (IPATC) and co-Director Institute for Global African Affairs (IGAA)



# 03 INTRODUCTION

The Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation (IPATC) is an organ of the University of Johannesburg (UJ) established in 2016. It is one of the University's flagship centres of research excellence. The IPATC co-exists with the Institute for Global African Affairs (IGAA), a joint initiative with the University of West Indies, focusing on research collaboration, joint teaching, staff and student exchanges between Africa and the Diaspora.

IPATC provides a forum for scholars, practitioners, and activists across Africa and its Diaspora to cultivate Pan-African knowledge, facilitate classroom learning, conduct public dialogue, and contribute to community development.

## VISION

To become a centre of excellence in Pan-African research, teaching, dialogue, and community engagement.

## MISSION

To use a combination of excellent staff, the University's stature and networks, our strategic location in the south of Africa as well as international partnerships to pursue the vision.

## RESEARCH AGENDA

IPATC's research agenda weaves together Pan-Africanism, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and digital transformation, which finds expression in the flagship projects of the African Union Agenda 2063. These include a Pan-African e-network, the energy transition, an integrated high-speed train network, an

high-speed train network, an African commodities strategy and silencing the guns, among others. The IGAA strongly emphasises global Africa in the agenda and matters concerning black experiences worldwide. This agenda cuts across all disciplines beyond social sciences and humanities.

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## CONVERSATION

The Institute is committed to dialogue in the dissemination and cultivation of knowledge as well as building communities of people with shared interests. Some dialogues are policy-oriented; some are research focused and others are activism-linked. Many of the dialogues are conducted in partnership with stakeholders throughout the world

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# 04 RESEARCH AND WRITING

The Institute established 6 units to advance its vision, mission, and research agenda. The following outlines the focus of units and their contribution to the Institute's outputs.

## Digital Africa Research Unit

The Digital Africa Research Unit (DARU) fosters quality interdisciplinary research and policy analysis on technologies and various dimensions of African society. This relates to society at local, regional, and international levels to understand the challenges and opportunities arising from the proliferation of new technologies on the African continent. The unit aims to build strategic partnerships and collaborative platforms to address the 'wicked problems' facing Africa in the digital age. The potential of technologies to improve innovation, expand development, improve knowledge cultivation, and enhance human relations may be undermined by the digital divide, exclusion, marginalisation, violence, and digital inequity. Research must suggest ways to harness the potential and mitigate digital harms. We do this through policy briefs, academic publications, seminars, and hosting yearly summer and winter schools for practitioners and scholars. Flagship for 2024: "UJ 3RD Technology and Society in Africa Conference: Transformation and Impact, 22 October 2024.

- A symposium hosted by the University of Johannesburg's (UJ), Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation, Center for Data Ethics (CDE), Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Study (JIAS), Johannesburg Business School (JBS), DSI/NRF/Newton Fund Trilateral Chair in Transformative Innovation, 4IR and Sustainable Development, Institute for Intelligent Systems (IIS), and 4IR Digital Policy and Research Unit (4DPRU).

## African Union Studies Unit

**African Union** Studies Unit's aim to become a centre of excellence in knowledge generation and dissemination and build a robust community of practice and innovation on African Affairs, with a special focus on the African Union (AU). The unit focuses on the studies of the AU, including its vision of Pan-African unity and integration through its four-pronged mandate: democracy and governance, peace, security and stability, socioeconomic development, and repositioning Africa in global affairs, all aimed at attaining the long-term continental development blueprint articulated in Agenda 2063: the Africa We Want. **Flagship: The "2nd African Union Studies Annual Symposium: Inclusive Development and the Future of Democracy in Africa, The role of AU and RECs"**, 4-6 November 2024.

- A symposium co-organised by the Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation (IPATC) and TrustAfrica.

dedicated to championing gender equality and women empowerment. To this extent, the unit seeks to advance and advocate for African women's issues; build strategic alliances with Pan-African women's organisations to promote gender equality and women's empowerment; and promote gender equality in line with the goals of Agenda 2063 and the SDGs. It aims to broaden knowledge about gender equality and women empowerment issues from an African perspective within the Pan-African community and beyond (Diaspora and International); and promote an inclusive and sustainable approach to gender equality and women empowerment. It pursues gender equality and the empowerment of women and other marginalized communities, in line with the following AU women's objectives: Opportunities and Dividends, Dignity, Security, and Resilience, Laws, Policies, Institutions and, Leadership and Voice. **Flagship for 2024: "Women's Impact Innovation and Sustainability in Africa (WIISA) Conference", 27 – 29 October 2024**

- *In collaboration with the University of Johannesburg's Research Chair in Welfare and Social Development, The Department of Politics and International Relations, Strategic Initiatives and Administration; and the Faculty of Humanities.*

## Public Health and Well-being Unit

Central to the achievement of "The Africa We Want", under the AU Agenda 2063 and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), is universal access to quality and affordable health care. The well-being of Africans has a bearing on development, politics, and the economy. This research unit anchors SDG 3 and Goal 1 of Agenda 2063 which focus on good health and wellbeing, in studying the vexing questions facing the African commitment to health for all. Drawing from the objectives of the AU's Health Strategy (AHS), 2016-2030, the unit aims to contribute to an integrated, inclusive, and prosperous Africa that is free from the heavy burden of disease, disability, and premature death. Therefore, the unit has become an instrument to strengthen health systems, scaleup health interventions, grow intersectoral collaboration, and ensure the empowerment of African communities. **Flagship for 2024: Mental Health Study together with Shekinah Foundation, Towards a book and podcasts in 2025**

## Global Africa Research Unit

The Global Africa Unit focuses on the political, economic, social and cultural connections that constitute Africa's global positioning and engagement, emphasising the need for innovative approaches to studying these interactions. The unit seeks to deepen understanding of Africa's global integration and its implications for development, governance, and identity through interdisciplinary research and policy analysis. It addresses key issues such as the role of African states in international relations, Africa's economic partnerships, diaspora contributions to African development, and global perceptions of Africa. Global Africa is particularly interested in how African countries, individually and collectively, exercise their agency in multilateralism, especially with the continent's growing involvement and influence in organisations like BRICS Plus and Group of 20 (G20). **Flagship for 2024: "Think20 South Africa"**

- *In collaboration with the South Africa Institute Of International Affairs (SAIIA) and the Institute for Global Dialogue (IGD)*

## The Local in Africa Unit

The Local in Africa is a unit that aims to influence state institutions and relevant stakeholders at the local level, to realise and achieve developmental and smart local spaces through good governance, integrated space management, inclusive local economic development, and public participation. It seeks to contribute and advance scientific knowledge on the role of cities and local institutions towards sustainable and developmental local government. Together with a broad range of stakeholders, the unit aims to produce relevant knowledge through research that supports resilient development pathways in local institutions across Africa. **Flagship 2024: Digital Local Government Book Project (Published on 25 September and Local Economic Development Book project in partnership with SAAPAM, MUT and UKZN.**



# 05 PUBLICATION OUTPUTS

The Institute is committed to using publications to express its vision and mission. We publish books, journal articles, book chapters, opinion pieces, and policy briefs. We also host the journals Pan-African Conversations: An International Journal and the Journal of BRICS Studies. Collaborating with others to do joint publications is also encouraged. (annexure). IGAA strongly emphasises global Africa in its research agenda, as well as matters concerning black experiences throughout the world. This agenda cuts across all disciplines beyond social sciences and humanities. IGAA, through the UJ/UWI collaboration, is committed to using publications to express its vision and mission. We publish books, journal articles, opinion pieces, and policy briefs.

In 2024, the Institute produced a combined total of 23 Research Outputs and a total of 27.10 Number of subsidy Units (Submitted). This comprises of 3 authored books, 10 book chapters, and 10 journal articles.

Flagship Institute (ROU 2024)	Number of Research Outputs	Number of Subsidy Units
Authored Books	3	12,50
Chapter in Book	10	6.60
Journal Article	10	8,00

The Institute recognises the value of non-subsidised outputs that contribute meaningfully to public discourse and policy engagement. These include extensive media engagements, with several articles published in prominent newspapers across South Africa (The African, The Star, IOL News, Mail and Guardian, EWN, Cape Times and Daily Maverick), as well as several radio and television interviews conducted across South Africa and beyond (SABC News, Salaa Media, SA Fm, Power Talk 98.7, and ENCA). Furthermore, the Institute produced a set of impactful policy briefs aimed at informing decision-making and advocacy work on critical Pan-African issues. (annexure)

## Opinion Pieces

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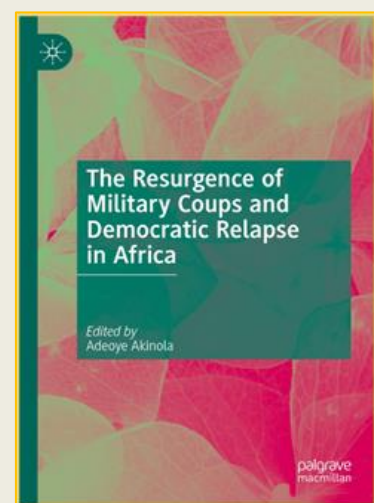
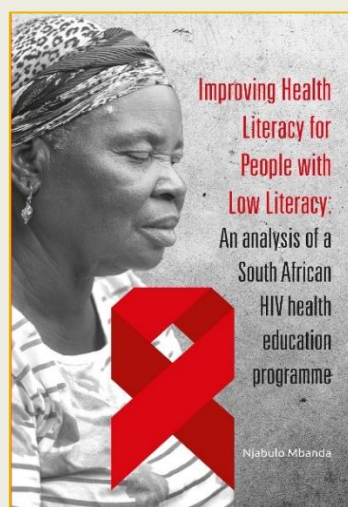
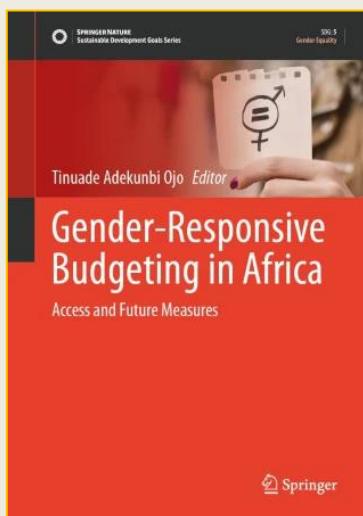
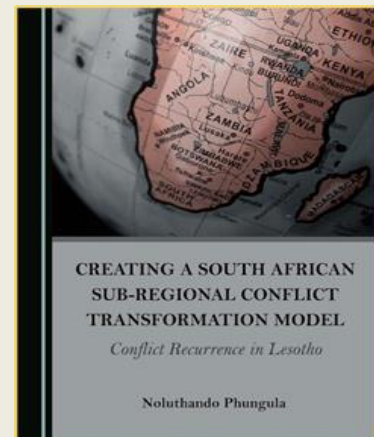
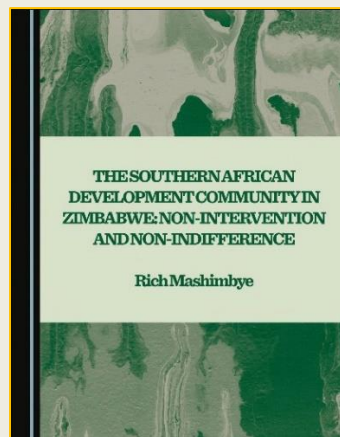
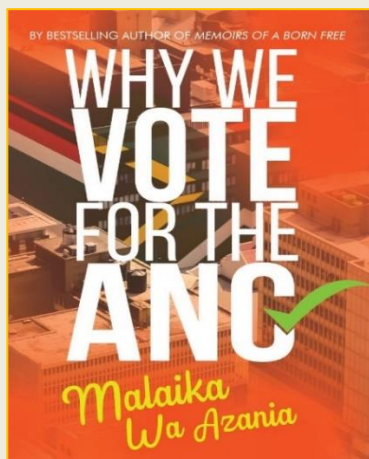
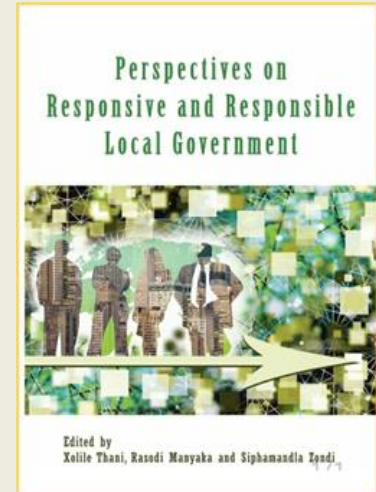
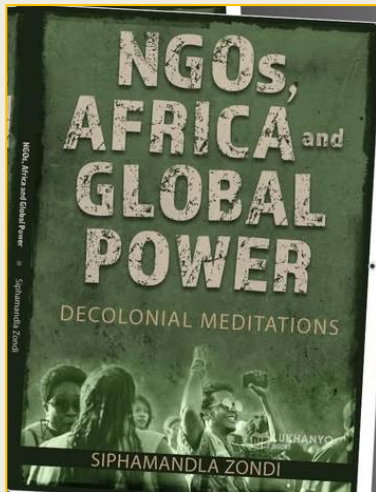
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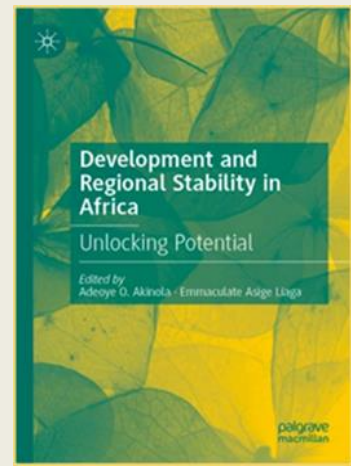
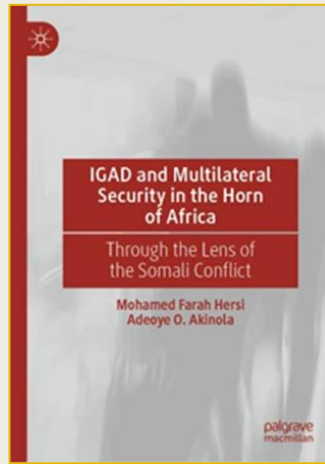
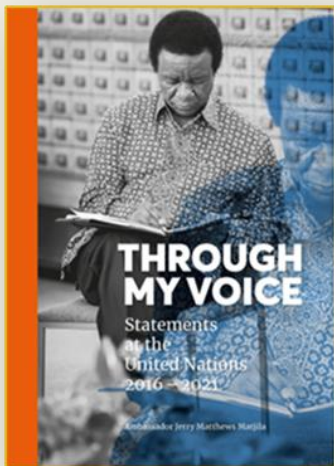
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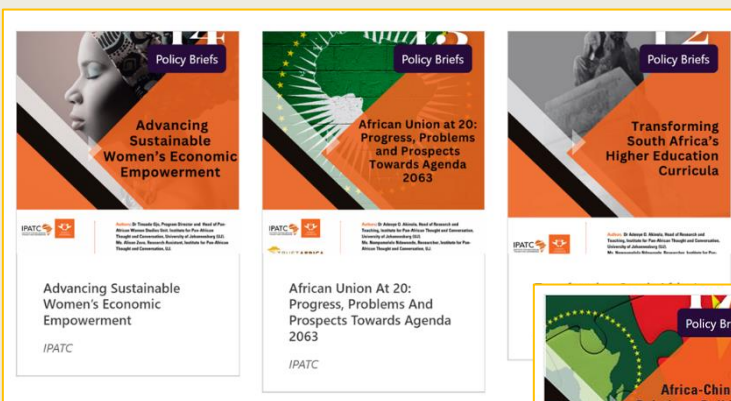
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*The Journal of BRICS Studies* was officially accepted into the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), accredited by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET). This prestigious recognition highlights the journal's commitment to providing high-quality, accessible research on BRICS countries.

*Pan-African Conversations: An International Journal* is the flagship open-access, peer-reviewed journal of the Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation (IPATC) at the University of Johannesburg. Published biannually, it features high-quality research, reviews, and commentary on political, economic, and social issues affecting Africa and the black world. The journal welcomes contributions from academics, practitioners, and civil society, and uses a double-blind peer-review process. It also supports special editions annually, based on clearly outlined proposals. The journal advances IPATC's mission to produce and disseminate rigorous, diverse Pan-African scholarship, including outputs from its events.



## Policy Briefs





## 06 STRATEGIC COLLABORATIONS

IPATC and IGAA work by building partnerships based on shared interests. It is open to new partnerships that involve joint research, grant applications, staff and student exchanges, community engagement, mutual learning and lesson sharing. It pursues formal and non-formal relationships.

### ✦ PUBLIC LECTURE | *"Digital Governance and Data Analytics Applications"*

On 12 March 2024, The Institute hosted Professor Kai Alfred 何達基 from City University of Hong Kong. He held a public lecture titled, and shared China's experience on digital and data governance. About 20 UJ staff and students attended the lecture physically.

### ✦ COLLABORATIVE MEETING | *"APRM on Formalising Strengthening its partnership with IPATC"*

In April 2024, The IPATC met with the leadership of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) to formalise its collaboration and strengthen the African Union Studies Unit.

### ✦ COLLABORATIVE MEETING | *"AU's Pre-Election Mission to South Africa"*

On 5 April 2024, the African Union (AU) invited IPATC to engage with the AU's Pre-Election Mission to South Africa (PEMISA) staff.

### ✦ STRATEGIC MEETING | *"Ambassador, H.E. Ms. Rasa Jankauskaite, Lithuanian"*

On 10 April 2024, the Institute and the Department of Politics and International Relations at UJ hosted the Lithuanian Ambassador, H.E. Jankauskaite. Discussions focused on strengthening the ties between Lithuanian and UJ, particularly on gender issues and higher education.

### ✦ STRATEGIC MEETING | *Dr Karen Carpenter.*

In April 2024 The Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation - IPATC and the University of Johannesburg's (UJ) leadership welcomed Dr Karen Carpenter who is the Senior Lecturer and Head of the Institute for Gender and Development Studies (IGDS), Mona Campus, University of the West Indies (UWI)

### ✦ STRATEGIC MEETING | *Delegation from The University of The West Indies (UWI).*

On 10-14 April 2024, Delegates from the University of West Indies (UWI) visited UJ, between 10-14 April to reinforce their partnership with UJ and strengthen the IGAA's MA in Development Studies (Africa and the Caribbean) – jointly established by UJ and UWI. During their stay, the delegates facilitated a joint UJ/UWI MA and Honours methodology class. The team comprised Ms Sandra Maynard, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Global Affairs, UWI in Jamaica; Prof Aldrie Henry-Lee, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Graduate Studies and Research, UWI in Jamaica; and Dr Halimah DeShong, co-director of the IGAA at the UWI, based in Barbados.

### ✦ COLLABORATIVE MEETING | *"NEPAD-AUDA on Implementation of Agenda 2063 in the next Phase (10 years after)"*.

On 23 April 2024, The Institute hosted a strategic meeting with NEPAD-AUDA on partnering to actualise the goals of Agenda 2063 in the second phase of its adoption – 10 years after.

### ✦ CONFERENCE | *T20 Brasil Midterm Conference, Rio Brazil.*

In July 2024 Prof. Siphamandla Zondi, along with senior postdoctoral research fellow, Dr. S'phumelele Duma, and research fellow, Dr. Camila Andrade, represented IPATC at the T20 Brasil Midterm Conference in Rio, Brazil. During the T20 Brazil Midterm Conference in Rio, Brazil, the IPATC team had the pleasure of meeting some colleagues from the South.

### ✦ CONFERENCE | *"The South African Association of Public Administration and Management (SAAPAM) Annual Conference, in partnership with the Department of Public Service and Administration"*.

From 23-25 September 2024, Prof Siphamandla Zondi attended the SAAPAM Conference, in partnership with the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA), the National School of Government (NSG), the Department of Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME), the Public Service Commission (PSC), and the Public Service Education and Training Authority (PSETA). He was invited to chair a panel discussion on "Government of Unity: Pros and Cons," held on 25 September 2024, which featured the following esteemed panellists:

- Mr. Mmusi Maimane: Leader, Build One South Africa.
- Mr. Bantu Holomisa: Deputy Minister of Defence.
- Prof. Mcebisi Ndletyana: University of Johannesburg.
- Prof. Vusi Gumede: Dean, University of Mpumalanga.

### ✦ COLLABORATIVE MEETING | *Nairobi, Kenya*

From 10-14 October 2024, Prof Siphamandla Zondi travelled for the purpose of advancing ongoing research projects (Ford Foundation) and building collaborations with regional researchers and institutions.

### ✦ COLLABORATIVE MEETING | *The University of Ghana, Accra.*

Dr Adeoye Akinola and Ratidzo Makombe, travelled to the University of Ghana and the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) from 13-15 October 2024, to seek partnership for strengthening IPATC's capacity on the ongoing project on the Africa (Ford Foundation) staff



## Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs)

- ✚ **Ford Foundation (NEW – Africa-focused arm)** | A globally renowned philanthropic organisation, the Ford Foundation supports democratic values, poverty reduction, and social justice. This partnership will advance inclusive governance and policy reform in Africa, especially focusing on international finance and equity.
- ✚ **University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (NEW)** | One of East Africa’s leading academic institutions. This collaboration aims to bolster research, academic exchange, and Pan-African intellectual thought across the region.
- ✚ **Centre for Governance and Intra-Africa Trade Studies (CGIATS) NPC (NEW)** | A Pan-African think tank promoting good governance and intra-continental trade. The partnership supports Africa’s economic integration.
- ✚ **Southern Africa Resource Watch (NEW)** | Focused on extractive industries and their impact on communities. This partnership promotes transparency, equitable resource distribution, and advocacy in natural resource governance.
- ✚ **Social Science Research Council (SSRC) (NEW – Africa initiatives)** | Institution with global reach, collaborating through Africa-focused research programs to enhance academic capacity, knowledge production, and evidence-based policy-making.
- ✚ **Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) (NEW)** | Network foundation advancing democratic governance and citizen participation in West Africa. This partnership will amplify advocacy, civic engagement, and rights-based programming.
- ✚ **National Heritage Council (IN PROGRESS – South Africa)** | A statutory body promoting heritage preservation and cultural consciousness. The relationship will enhance African knowledge systems and cultural diplomacy.



# 07 LETSEMA FELLOWS

The programme welcomes applications from seasoned and emerging scholars who wish to spend one to five months at IPATC/IGAA doing research towards publications that recognise the IPATC association. Visitors are welcome during the months of January.

## Letsema Fellows

- ✚ Dr Flavia Silva, Brazil
- ✚ Dr Abeer Rabei Youness Abazeed, Egypt.
- ✚ Dr Camilla Andrade, Brazil

## Research Associates/ Fellows

- ✚ Dr. Koli Matebese-Notshulwana
- ✚ Ambassador Jerry Matjila
- ✚ Prof. Tendayi Sithole
- ✚ Prof. Fredrick Ogenga
- ✚ Dr. Sophia Price
- ✚ Dr. Alex Nunn
- ✚ Dr. Tshepo T. Gwatiwa
- ✚ Dr. Gwinyayi Albert Dzinesa
- ✚ Dr. Camila Santos Andrade
- ✚ Dr. Mohamed Farah Hersi
- ✚ Ms Nontobeko Hlela
- ✚ Ms. Selemo Nkwe
- ✚ Ms. Phelisa Nkomo
- ✚ Dr. Erica Sheffield
- ✚ Dr. Siviwe Mditshwa
- ✚ Dr. Tuseku Dieudonne Tumba
- ✚ Ms. Nolwandle Ziyanda Ntombifikile Made
- ✚ Dr. Stanley Maphosa
- ✚ Ms. Zanele Ratsoga

“Letsema” is a Setswana word, meaning a group or team of people coming together in order to achieve a common goal or purpose

# 08 EVENTS

The Institute is committed to dialogue in the dissemination and cultivation of knowledge as well as building communities of people with shared interests. Some dialogues are policy-oriented, some are research-focused, and others are activism linked. Many of the dialogues are conducted in partnership with stakeholders throughout the world.

Over the November 2023- November 2024 reporting period, IPATC and IGAA hosted a combined 27 events, webinars, seminars, symposiums, and conferences. These events are closely aligned with the Institute's research agenda. They have attracted a diverse range of participants, including students, youth activists, trade unionists, government officials, diplomats, and various policy actors. Engaging such a broad spectrum of stakeholders is crucial for influencing policy matters.



# 09 CAPACITY BUILDING

## Community Engagement

On 14 April 2024, the Institute engaged in capacity building with the NGO “National Movement for Rural Women”. The Institute also worked with the NGO Devoted Citizen Movement to drive voter education on 26 April 2024.

IPATC also continues to work closely with the Community Engagement Office at UJ, by requesting the assistance of its student volunteers who have greatly assisted at events.

## Adobe In-Design Training

The Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation (IPATC) hosted a 3-day training on Adobe In-Design for its staff from 25-27 March 2024. Staff were equipped with the tools to create documents of many types, from single-page advertisements to complex multi-page colour publications.

## Internships

The Institute offered internships to young and emerging researchers and got them to successfully support events management, project management and administration and book and journal administration.

## Post-Doctoral Fellowships

The Institute was successful in recruiting 12 postdoctoral fellows who were all assigned book projects to lead and coordinate under the guidance of the direct





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# 10 TEACHING AND LEARNING

## UJ/UWI Joint Degree

**IPATC co-exists with the Institute for Global African Affairs (IGAA), a joint initiative with the University of West Indies, focusing on research collaboration, joint teaching, staff and student exchanges between Africa and the Diaspora. IGAA was established to facilitate joint teaching, research, staff, and student exchanges that promote global African affairs and enhance the global reputation of both universities.**

The Institute offers jointly with the University of West Indies a taught Master's programme that brings together students and staff from Africa and those from the African diaspora in research and teaching, underpinned by a Pan-African pedagogy. This coursework Masters programme areas focuses on the theories, principles, practice, and policies promoting integrated and holistic human development at the local, national, regional, and international levels in the context of poverty, inequality, and exclusion among and between Africa and the Caribbean, in particular. The programme includes theories and approaches to human and socio-economic development, underdevelopment, development management, developmental states, conflict resolution, Pan-African thought, environmental and natural resources management, sustainable development, and gender and development. It says students would concurrently be registered at UJ and at UWI. Their academic record will be reflected at both universities. It commits the

two institutions to raise financial resources to enable them to run this degree.

In 2024, 9 master's students were admitted and registered to the programme. Four UJ staff and Master's students enrolled for the joint UJ/UWI MA programme, led by Dr Adeoye O. Akinola, are currently in The UWI, Mona Campus, Jamaica, on an exchange programme, between 21-31 October 2023. The UJ team, hosted by the Institute for Gender and Development Studies (IGDS), Regional Coordinating Office, the UWI, held a Roundtable 'Conversation on the MoU' with the University administration, facilitated by Prof Diana Fox (Director of the IGDS) and Sandra Maynard (Prof Vice-Chancellor, Office of Global Affairs, The UWI), and Dr Adeoye O. Akinola (Head of Research and Teaching at IPATC). Among the activities of the team are: a meeting with the South African High Commission to Jamaica; co-host a Roundtable on 'Pan-Africanism and Global Africa', and participate in a Masters class, featuring students in both The UWI and UJ





## Summer School

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### The BRICS Summer School -3-5 September 2024

The 3rd BRICS Summer School in South Africa was hosted at the Capital on Park in Sandton. IPATC and the South African BRICS Youth Association (SABYA) introduced the Model BRICS Simulation as a key feature of the 2024 BRICS Summer School. The chosen delegates assumed the roles of BRICS diplomats, taking on real-world issues such as Payment Systems and Financial Cooperation, reflecting discussions at the Kazan Summit. This immersive experience was designed to foster diplomacy, strategic thinking, and global collaboration among the leaders of tomorrow.

The summer school hosted many influential speakers. The Honourable Mimmy Gondwe, the Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training and Honourable Sindisiwe Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disability, delivered keynote addresses. Both speakers emphasised the need to include women and the youth in development honoured to host Prof Victoria Graham, the Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives and Administration at the University of Johannesburg. Mr Raymond Matlala, the Executive South African BRICS Youth Association (SABYA), emphasised the need to have a BRICS Model BRICS Simulation within South Africa to foster education among the youth support for this year's 2024 BRICS Summer School were given by Ben Joubert, BRICS Sous-Sherpa, Department of International Relations and Cooperation; Candice Moe Services Executive, Energy and Water SETA; Arina Muresan, Deputy Board Chair – South African BRICS Youth Association and Karabo Mohale, Executive Deputy Chair, Development Agency.



# 11 GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

The Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation (IPATC) is one of the flagship institutes that were established by the University of Johannesburg (UJ). UJ has effective management team, including Finance, Supply Chain Management, Fraud and Risk policies, amongst others. IPATC has a Delegation of Authority that guides the approval of contracts and transactions within the University. The Institute's work is overseen by a board of directors chaired by one of the deputy principals, made up of several senior managers, a senior government official, and a diplomat. The board approves the planning and annual reports of the Institute on an annual basis. Operationally, the director of the Institute reports on performance and policy compliance quarterly to the Senior Director: Strategic Initiatives and Administration.



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## IPATC STAFF 2024

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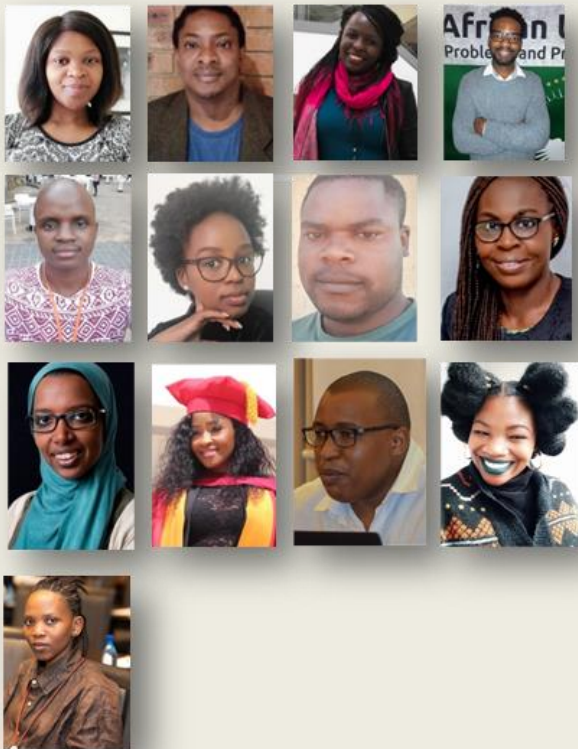
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- | **Dr Adeoye Akinola**- Head, Research and Teaching, IPATC
- | **Reshika Dwarika**, Office Administrator, IPATC
- | **Nompumelelo Ndawonde**, Project Coordinator, IPATC
- | **Ratidzo Makombe**, Research Assistant, IPATC
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## ANNEX I

### IPATC EVENTS 2023 |2024

DATE	EVENT
14 Nov 2023	<b>POLICY DIALOGUE  “Africa-China Relations: What Does the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Bring to Us?”</b> - In collaboration with the Consulate of the People’s Republic of China, Johannesburg
16 Nov 2023	<b>WEBINAR  “African Union (Au) Permanent Membership Transforming G20 To G21: Benefits And Challenges”</b> - In collaboration with the Pan-Africana Strategic and Policy Research Group (PANAFSTRAG), Lagos; Institute for Global Dialogue (IGD), University of South Africa; Institute of African Studies (IAS), Carleton University, Ottawa; and Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS), Addis Ababa University
21 Nov 2023	<b>WEBINAR  “Disability and Inclusion in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities for Engagement”</b>
12 Mar 2024	<b>COLLABORATIVE MEETING  “Digital Governance and Data Analytics Applications.”</b>
13 Mar 2024	<b>WEBINAR  “Military coups, imposition of sanctions and the future of ECOWAS.”</b>
20 Mar 2024	<b>WASOMI WA KIAFRIKA BOOK CLUB WEBINAR  “Whither Developmental SADC”</b>
28 Mar 2024	<b>WEBINAR  “Understanding the Impact of Gender-Based Violence on Vulnerable Groups: Global Perspectives”</b>
9 April 2024	<b>HYBRID BOOK LAUNCH  “My Modest Voice – Statements at the United Nations”- Ambassador Jerry Matjila</b> - In collaboration with UJ Press
24-25 Apr 2024	<b>HYBRID POLICY DIALOGUE  “Resource Extraction, Development and Climate Change in South Africa”</b> - In collaboration with Southern Africa Resource Watch (SARW)
30 April 2024	<b>HYBRID PUBLIC LECTURE  “There is no African Epistemology’, Only Just a Universal Epistemology”</b>
17 May 2024	<b>HYBRID SEMINAR  “Africa Day Seminar ”30 Years of South Africa’s Foreign Policy Towards Africa”</b> - In collaboration with the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM).
22 May 2024	<b>WEBINAR  “Redressing Women Matter: Innovation and Inclusion”</b>
11 June 2024	<b>BOOK LAUNCH  “Hurdles and Prospects of African Integration: The Question of Western Africa”</b> - In collaboration with the University of Dar es Salaam.
26 June 2024	<b>WEBINAR  “Waiting to receive care: The politics of the National Health Insurance Policy in South Africa”</b>
1 July 2024	<b>WEBINAR  “Youth-Led Protests Against Kenyan Finance Bill: Well Legality Becomes Illegality”.</b> - In collaboration with the Center for Media, Democracy, Peace & Security, Rongo University, Kenya.
24 July 2024	<b>WEBINAR  “Reproductive Rights of Women in Africa: Progress or Rhetoric?”</b>

2 Aug 2024	WORKSHOP  <b><i>"Exploring the multifaceted nature of conservation in Humanities"</i></b> - In collaboration with Leadership Conservation Africa
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27 -29 Aug 2024	CONFERENCE  <b><i>"Women's Impact Innovation and Sustainability in Africa (WIISA) Conference"</i></b> In collaboration with the University of Johannesburg's Research Chair in Welfare and Social Development, The Department of Politics and International Relations, Strategic Initiatives and Administration; and the Faculty of Humanities.
21 October 2024	CONFERENCE  <b><i>"UJ 3rd Technology and Society in Africa Conference: Transformation and Impact"</i></b> In collaboration with the Center for Data Ethics (CDE), Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Study (JIAS), Johannesburg Business School, DSI/NRF/Newton Fund Trilateral Chair in Transformative Innovation, 4IR and Sustainable Development, Institute for Intelligent Systems (IIS), and the 4IR Digital Policy and Research Unit (4DPRU)
4-6 November 2024	SYMPOSIUM  <b><i>The 2nd African Union Studies Annual Symposium: "Inclusive Development and the Future of Democracy in Africa: The Role of the AU and RECs"</i></b> The Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation (IPATC) at the University of Johannesburg, South Africa and TrustAfrica in Dakar, Senegal.

## ANNEX 2

### IGAA EVENTS 2023 |2024

DATE	EVENT
26 October 2023	WEBINAR SERIES ON THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF AFRICA AND THE CARIBBEAN  <b><i>"Leadership Conundrum And The Quest For Regional Integration: From Africa To The Caribbean"</i></b> - IGAA in collaboration with the Institute for International Relations at the UWI
24 October 2023	ROUNDTABLE  <b><i>"Pan-Africanism and Global Africa"</i></b> - IGAA in collaboration with the Institute of Gender and Development, Mona Campus, The UWI, Jamaica.
6 February 2024	LAPA FORUM  <b><i>"Building a Community with a Shared Future – Lapa/Round Table Discussion"</i></b> - The Centre for Africa China Studies (CACS), in collaboration with the Chinese Consulate General's Office, Johannesburg
20 March 2024	ROUNDTABLE  <b><i>"Strengthening Cooperation between African &amp; Caribbean States on Climate Change: Facing the Challenges, Creating Solutions"</i></b> - Other members were Barbados Prime Minister M.A Mottley, VC of UWI Prof Hilary Beckles, Former Nigerian President O. Obasanjo, CARICOM Sec-Gen C. Barnett, and Former Prime Minister of Jamaica P.J. Patterson
11 April 2024	WEBINAR SERIES  <b><i>"Women in regional and global leadership and development: From Africa to the Caribbean"</i></b> - - A joint flagship project of UJ and the University of the West Indies (UWI) in collaboration with the Institute of International Relations (IIR) at the University of The West Indies (UWI).
3-5 Sept 2024	SUMMER SCHOOL  <b><i>"3rd BRICS Summer School South Africa 2024: Education and Sustainable Development"</i></b> - In collaboration with the South African BRICS Youth Association (SABYA)



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