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Women's ImPACT Innovation & Sustainability in Africa (WIISA) 2024

AUGUST 27th - 29th 2024

VENUE: STH Building 57 Bunting Rd, Cottesloe, Johannesburg, 2092

TIME: 9.00AM - 18.00PM

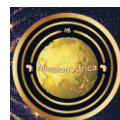
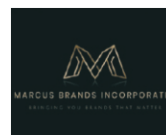
THEME:

**Advancing Sustainable Women's Economic
Empowerment in Line With the
SDGs and Agenda 2063.**

PROGRAMME



Partners



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Dear Honourable Participant,

On behalf of the University of Johannesburg, in collaboration with the Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation, the Research Chair in Welfare and Social Development, the Department of Politics and International Relations, Strategic Initiatives and Administration, and the Faculty of Humanities, it is my honour and pleasure to welcome you to our conference "Women's Impact: Innovation and Sustainability in Africa 2024."

This conference underscores our commitment to advancing sustainable economic empowerment for women in alignment with the SDGs and Agenda 2063. It convenes researchers, financiers, activists, public servants, and others from around the globe to explore the challenges and opportunities surrounding women's financial inclusion and economic empowerment. Through the exchange of experiences, we aim to generate practical policy considerations for fostering women's innovation and sustainability in Africa.

Thank you for your participation. I wish you a rewarding and intellectually stimulating experience.

Warm regards

PROF. TINUADE ADEKUNBI OJO (HOST)

Associate Professor Department of Politics and International Relations
Head: Pan-African Women Studies Unit,
Institute for Pan African Thought and Conversation (**IPATC**)
University of Johannesburg.

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Innovation and Sustainability in Africa

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DAY 1 & DAY 2 SPEAKERS

WELCOME ADDRESS



Prof VICTORIA GRAHAM
SIA Senior Director,
University of Johannesburg.



Prof KAMMILA NAIDOO
Executive Dean of Humanities
and Professor of Sociology,
University of Johannesburg.



Prof SIPHAMANDLA ZONDI
Director, Institute for Pan-African
Thought & Conversation (IPATC) &
Institute for Global African Affairs,
University of Johannesburg.



Prof TANUSHA RANIGA
INTERIM DST/NRF,
Research Chair in Welfare,
and Social Development, CSDA
University of Johannesburg.



**Deputy Minister
PINKY SHARON KEKANA**
Deputy Minister for
Public Service and
Administration.



Mr PAN QINGJIANG
Consular General
of
China in Johannesburg.



Prof BHASO NDZENZDE
Vice Dean of
Internationalisations
Faculty of Humanities
University of Johannesburg.



Dr. TAPIWA NYASULU
Regional Gender and
Human Rights Advisor
At UNFPA East &
Southern Africa
Regional Office.



JENNIFER SARVARY BRADFORD
Corruption and Economic
Crime Branch, UNODC
Headquarters,
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Advocate THANDO GUNMEDE
International Human Rights
Defender and Social
Entrepreneur



Ms MAMOSA MODISE
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Women in Mining
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DOROTHY DOTTIE LIECH
Commonwealth Business
Women-AFRICA.
Head of Fundraising
and Partnership
Kenya.



Dr XIAOSHUN QIN (PhD, MBA)
Chairman of ACASA&CAWYST,
Association of China-Africa
Small-holder Agriculture & China-Africa
Women, Youth, Science and TechSpecial
representative for Southern African
Royal Family to China,
Adjunct Associate Professor (UNISA).



Dr. EMILY IKHIDE
Head of Gender, Inclusivity
Unit, National Institute
for Legislation and
Democracy Studies,
Nigeria.



**Her Excellency
SIBONGISENI DLAMINI – MNTAMBO**
Former High Commissioner to
Canada Currently serve on the
board of Southern African Canada
Chamber of Commerce.



Ms MARIE-LOU OKOKO
Chief Executive Officer,
JJH Group PTY Ltd, Ferndale,
Gauteng, South Africa.



Prof SHAHANA RASOOL
HOD Department of
Social Work
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Johannesburg.



Prof DIANA FOX
University Director
Institute of Gender and
Development Studies
Regional Coordinating Office
University of West Indies
Jamaica.



Dr AMALEYA GONEOS-MALKA
Producer and Presenter
Womanity-Women
In Unity,
South Africa.



Prof. DOVILE JAKNIUNAITE
Institute of International
Relations and Political
Science of
Vilnius University.

SPEAKERS

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Dr TIERRA TURNER
Health and Wellness
Coach. CEO – “Budget Like
a Boss” and “Luxuriously
Waisted Brand”.



Prof OLAOCHA NWABARA
Assistant Professor of
English, State University
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Ms ARIS WELLS
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Registered Nurse, Published
Author, Motivational Speaker,
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Ms CHANELLE COLEMAN
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Coach, and EmpowerHER
Strategist at CeCi's Ink,
USA.



Ms CORTINA JACKSON
TV/Film Producer,
CEO of Acting Beyond Academy
Actor. Talk Show Host. Author.
Motivational Speaker, Co-Donation
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Dr ERICA SHEFFIELD
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Head of International
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Precious Cornerstone,
University, Nigeria.



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Registration & Licensing
Compliance & Enforcement at
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Ms LANDIWE MANANA
General Manager,
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Institute of Southern
Africa (PRISA).



Ms ZAKHOMA MVELASE
C.E.O of African Women
Against Corruption Network
(AWACN).
South Africa.



Ms ONWUKA ADA THERESA
Trade Finance Professional
EuroExim Bank
Nigeria.
Executive Member
CBWA Nigeria.



Ms TRACEY LEE KOTZEN
CEO Mental Wellness
Initiative and Collective
Action Magazine
South Africa.



Ms VICTORIA TEMTOPE ADASONLA
Founder Misslon Africa
and Women with a
Mission.
South Africa.



Ms OLUWASEYI KEHINDE-PETERS
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Professor Department of
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Prof DORCAS ETTANG
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University of Technology.



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Specialist: Climate
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CEO Solutions 42.org.



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Non-executive Board Member
Mental Wellness Initiative.



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TradeBRICS - OpenTRD
South Africa.



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Centre for Human
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University of Pretoria.



Ms HAZEL NAMPONYA
Media and
Communication Manager
Mental Wellness Initiative.



Prof TINUADE OJO (HOST)
Associate Professor,
Department Politics &
International Relations
University of Johannesburg.



**PROGRAMME
DIRECTOR
PHELISA NKOMO**
Development Economist, Feminist
and Social Justice Activist.

WELCOMING PROGRAM

Tuesday, 27th August 2024

Meet and Greet (Strictly by RSVP)

16:00pm - 18:00pm

- 16:00pm - 16:10pm Introduction and Welcome Remarks
Phelisa Nkomo / Lebogang Ayobiojo
Master of Ceremony
- 16:10pm - 16:20pm Welcoming Address
Prof Ylva Gumede
Senior Director of Global Engagements, University of Johannesburg.
- 16:20pm - 16:30am Welcoming Address
Prof Raniga Tanusha
INTERIM DST/NRF Research Chair in Welfare and Social Development, CSDA
University of Johannesburg

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- 16:30pm - 17:00pm **Keynote Address**
Her Excellency Sibongiseni Dlamini – Mntambo
Former High Commissioner to Canada. Currently serve on the board of Southern African Canada Chamber of Commerce, a member of the University of Pretoria Council and Tourism Transformation Council, South Africa
- 17:00pm - 17:15pm **2nd Speaker**
Ms Marie-Lou Okoko
Chief Executive Officer, JJH Group PTY Ltd, Ferndale, Gauteng, South Africa.

BOOK LAUNCH

- 17:15pm - 17:45pm **Prof Tinuade Ojo**
Associate Professor, Politics and International Relations, University of Johannesburg.

BOOKS

- The Politics of Financial Inclusion in South Africa: Evolution and Lessons
- Gender-Responsive Budgeting in Africa: Access and Future Measures
- Women and Finance: Inclusion and Transformation in Africa.

- 17:45pm -18:00pm Cocktail, Interactive / Networking & Closing Session



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DAY ONE

28th August 2024



CONFERENCE DAY 1 Wednesday, 28th August 2024

7:30am -	Registration
8:00am - 9:00am	Arrival Tea/Coffee
9:00am - 9:30am	Introduction and Welcome Remarks Pheliswa Nkomo & Dr Siyuyisiwe Wonci Master of Ceremony
9:05am - 9:10am	Professor Victoria Graham SIA Senior Director, University of Johannesburg
9:10am - 9:15am	Professor Kammila Naidoo Dean, Faculty of Humanities, University of Johannesburg
9:15am - 9:20am	Dr Adeoye Akinola Head Teaching and Research, Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation (IPATC), University of Johannesburg.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Moderator -	Prof Bhaso Ndzendze Vice Dean Internationalisation, University of Johannesburg.
9:20am - 9:30am	Ms Pinky Kekana Deputy Minister for Public Service and Administration
9:30am - 9:40am	Advocate Thando Gumede International Human Rights Defender and Human Rights Defender and Social Defender
9:40am -9:50am	Prof Diana Fox University Director, Institute of Gender and Development Studies, University of West Indies, Jamaica (Virtual).
9:50am -10:00am	Mr. Pan Qingjiang Consul General of China in Johannesburg
10.00am - 10.30am	TEA BREAK.

10:30am - 11:30pm

PLANERY ONE: WOMEN AND IMPACT: INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

Moderator – Prof Shahana Rasool

HOD Department of Social Work, University of Johannesburg

Dr. Tapiwa Nyasulu

Regional Advisor, Gender and Human Rights at United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) East and Southern Africa Regional Office

Ms Jennifer Sarvary Bradford

Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, UNODC Headquarters, Vienna, Austria
(Virtual).

Ms Dorothy Dottie Leich

Head of Fundraising and Partnership, Commonwealth Businesswomen – Africa, Kenya.

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Special representative for Southern African Royal Family to China, Adjunct Associate Professor (UNISA)

12:01pm - 13:00pm

PLENARY PANEL TWO: GENDERED TRANSITION INTO THE DIGITAL ECONOMY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR AFRICAN WOMEN.

Moderator: Prof Oloacha Nwabara

Assistant Professor, Department of English, SUNY Geneseo

Co-chair: Dr Amaleya Amaleya Goneos-Malka

CEO of Womanity – Women in Unity, South Africa. .

Women's Narratives and Storytelling as Innovate Solutions.

Emilie Diouf, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of English, Brandeis University.

“To Be Silent”: Language and Narration as African Women's Transformative Storytelling Devices

Oloacha Nwabara Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of English, SUNY Geneseo.

Rooting for Africa: African Women's Storytelling as Resistance

Korka Sall, Ph.D., Academic Director, Minnesota Studies in International Development
(Virtual).

Doubt, Resilience, and Resistance in Pursuit of Graduate Education

Ashley N. Watson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Communications, SUNY Geneseo.

Empowering Brushes: Unveiling Intersectional Narratives in Visual Arts for Social Justice

Everjoy Magwegwe, University of Johannesburg

13:00pm to 14:00pm

LUNCH BREAK

BREAK AWAY SESSIONS - 14:00pm - 15:00pm

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Room 1 – WOMEN AND IMPACT: INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

Chair: **Dr Tolu Adeogun**

Head of Department (HOD), International Relations, Precious Cornerstone University, Nigeria, Honorary Research Fellow at the Durban University of Technology (DUT), SA

Co-Chair: **Dr Bongiwe Ngcodo Mphahlele.**

Thabo Mbeki School for African and International Public Affairs.

Port Efficiency the Basis for Block Chain Technology in Facilitating Trade in Selected Ports in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Dr Adeola Oluwatoyin Osundiran. University of South Africa.

Women Inclusion in Technological Innovation and Sustainable Development: Examining ECOWAS Country's Experience.

Akeju Kemi Funlayo, Ekiti State University, Ado Ekiti, Nigeria (Virtual).

Impact of Value added Tax on Manufacturing Output in Nigeria

Sunday Olare, Ekiti State University, Ado Ekiti, Nigeria (Virtual).

Impact of Women's Empowerment on Postharvest Loss Mitigation of Maize; Evidence from Rural Ghana.

Akey E. A., Aidoo R., Etuah S. and Adam F. Kwame Nkrumah

University of Science and Technology (KNUST) Kumasi-Ghana (Virtual).

Women Empowerment and Technological Innovation Adaptation among Garri Processors in Nigeria.

Prof. Yetunde Aluko, Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research, Nigeria (Virtual).

Gender Divide in the Transition of Digital Literacy in Nigeria.

Dr Famakinde Oluwafeni, Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research, Nigeria (Virtual).

14:00pm - 15:00pm

Room 2 – CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE GREEN ECONOMY

Chair: **Dr Omosefe Oyekanmi**, IPATC University of Johannesburg

Co-Chair: **Dr Maureen Lifongo**, Department of Politics and International Relations

Women's Land Rights and Climate Adaptation Policies in Nigeria.

Omosefe Oyekanmi (PhD), Institute for Pan-African Thoughts and Conversation, University of Johannesburg.

Climate Smart, Participatory and Transdisciplinary Resilience Buildings Interventions for Street Children in Zimbabwe in a Family Reunification Model.

Samson Mhizha, University of Zimbabwe, Harare.

Gender and Climate Change in Sierra Leone.

Dr Maureen Lifongo, University of Johannesburg.

Assessing the Participation and Inclusion of Women in Green Initiatives in South Africa.

Lena Maregere, Chenjerai Muchenje & Edwil Mtengwa, North West University.

Engendering Technology Green Solutions for Climate Mitigation Adaptation and Peace building through Initiatives Championed Women at the Grassroots in Kenya.

Prof Fredrick Ogenga, Associate Professor of Media and Security Studies, Rongo University and Founding Director, Center for Media, Democracy, Peace & Security CMDPS (Virtual).

Gendered Impacts of Climate Change on Rural Women Agripreneurs in the City of Tshwane

Allison Zuva, PhD Candidate, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Johannesburg.

BREAK AWAY SESSIONS - 14:00pm - 15:00pm

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Room 3 – GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

Chair: [Dr Emmanuel Rowland](#),
CDSBA, University of Johannesburg

Co-chair: [Dr Kudzaishe Vanyoro](#).
IPATC, University of Johannesburg

Where are the Women: Analyzing the Exclusion of Women in Leadership of Political Parties in the 2024 National Elections in South Africa
[Dr Litlhare Rabele](#).

Assessing the Relationship between Councillors, Traditional Leaders and Society in Local Governance in Ubuhlebezwe Local Municipality
[Dr Clifford Mhlanyukwa Duma, University of Zululand](#).

Rethinking the Trajectory of Women in Higher Education's Contribution to Governance and Leadership regarding the SDGs and Agenda 2063 in South Africa
[Bernard Chingwanangwana, Univesity of Venda](#).

Power, Positioning and Gender (In) Equality in the Depiction of Women in the Aguleri -Umuleri Community Conflict in Nigeria
[Dr Ifeyinwa Ogbonna-Nwaogu, National Open University, Nigeria](#).

Women and Leadership: Exploring Challenges, Opportunities and Strategies for Advancement.
[Lerato Mashala, Independent Researcher](#).

Meritocracy-Based or Silver-Plated-Handed Positions? An Inquiry into Women's Participation in Politics and Governance in Post-Coup Zimbabwe
[Christopher Shorai Muzungu, Independent Researcher](#)

14:00pm - 15:00pm

Room 4 – GENDER-BASE VIOLENCE

Chair: [Dr Chido Nyere](#)
Co-chair: [Dr Lympho \(Dee\) Kokome](#)

Technology Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV) in Zimbabwe: Drivers, Outcomes and Interventions
[Chido Masunda, University of Johannesburg \(Virtual\)](#).

Gender-Based Violence on Women in the Bamenda II Municipality: Assessing the Causes, Forms Impacts and Mitigation Efforts
[Ayuk Lawrence Asam, University of Buea \(Virtual\)](#).

Discourses on Gender-Based Violence in Higher Institutions of Learning: Issues of Class and Power.
[Livhuwani Mafela, University of Venda, South Africa](#).

The Intersection of Toxic Masculinity and Sexuality: Implications for Gender Dynamics and Well-being in Vhembe District
[Mathungeni RN, University of Venda, South Africa](#)

Combating Gender-Based Violence: A Panacea for Promoting Women Welfare in 21st Century African Societies
[Abiola Sodiq Adekunle, University of Ibadan, Nigeria \(Virtual\)](#).

BREAK AWAY SESSIONS - 14:00pm - 15:00pm

14:00pm - 15:00pm

Room 5 – BRICS AND AFRICAN WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT: INCLUSION AND SUSTAINABILITY

Chair: **Dr Seife TK**, Director of Centre for Governance and Intra-Africa Trade Studies (CGIATS) and Independent Thinker.

Co-Chair: **Dr Liphoko Kokome**, Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation, University of Johannesburg

Empowering Women in BRICS Nations: Assessing the Impact of BRICS Policies on Economic Participation, Social Well-Being, and Climate Resilience

Peter Gutwa Oino, PhD. School of Arts and Social Sciences. Department of Sociology, Gender and Development Studies, Kisii University, Kenya.

"Africa-China Initiatives for Rural African Women Empowerment"

Prof Xiaoshun Qin (PhD, MBA)- Chairman of ACASA &CAWYST, Association of China-Africa Small-holder Agriculture & China-Africa Women, Youth, Science and TechSpecial representative for Southern African Royal Family to China, Adjunct Associate Professor (UNISA).

Towards a Comparative Analysis of Women's Participation in Building More Equitable Societies: Insights from the history of BRICS+ Countries.

Ms. Flávia Ferreira da Silva, PhD student in the Economic Development Program at the Institute of Economics, State University of Campinas (UNICAMP) / Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation, University of Johannesburg

Ms. Lesego Motsage, Masters Candidate in Development Studies - Department of Politics and IR, University of Johannesburg

Ms Daphnae Helena Piccoli, a PhD student in the Economics Program at the Institute of Economics, University of Campinas (UNICAMP).

Addressing Political Violence against Women in BRICS: The Case of Brazil

Dr. Adebunola.O. Okedele, Political Science Department, Tai Solarin College of Education, Ogun State, Nigeria (Virtual).

Governance and Leadership in BRICS Communities: Critical Versus Mass Female Representation in South African Local Municipalities.

Ms Noni Sithole, City of Ekurhuleni Municipality, Chief Research Specialist: Office of the Whip of Council.

The BRICS Expansion: Women's Role in an Evolving Global Order.

Neo Sethusha and Rethabile Mafaisa. Department of Political Studies at the North-West University (Potchefstroom) in South Africa.

Challenges of Financial Inclusion in BRICS Countries: The Case of Rural Women's Access to Financial Services in South Africa.

Bongiwe Ngcobo-Mphahlele.

Thabo Mbeki School for African and International Public Affairs, UNISA .

BREAK AWAY SESSIONS (2) - 15:00pm - 16:00pm

15:00pm - 16:00pm

Room 1 – STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORKS, FUNDING AND NETWORKS TO ADVANCE WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Chair: **Prof Raniga Tanusha**, INTERIM DST/NRF Research Chair in Welfare and Social Development, CSDA, University of Johannesburg

Women in Entrepreneurship in Mbame, Bui Division of the Northwest Region Cameroon 1986-2016: A Historical Analysis.

Kimah Comfort Sjinkwe, University of Bamenda, Cameroon **(Virtual)**.

Women, Intersectionality and Entrepreneurship Policies in Southern Africa.

Abisha Kampira, Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) **(Virtual)**.

Enhancing Marketing Capacity of Women Sewing Entrepreneurs' Growth in Dodoma City, Tanzania.

Danford Sanga, Tanzania.

Is Inclusion Transformative? Entrepreneurship Support and Black Women in South Africa's Emerging Sectors.

Lufefe Sopazi, Rhodes University, Makhanda **(Virtual)**.

15:00pm - 16:00pm

Room 2 – WOMEN AND MENTAL HEALTH

Chair: **Dr Sivuyisiwe Wonci**
IPATC, University of Johannesburg

Co-chair: **Dr Maureen Lifongo**
Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Johannesburg

Promoting Women and Girls' Mental Health-Seeking Behaviour: Resilience and Empowerment of Women.

Rakgwata Phoke Alpha, University of Venda, South Africa.

Analysing the Horror of Female Genital Mutilation in the Context of Bodily Autonomy.

Ardra R, Mahatma Gandhi University, India **(Virtual)**.

Women and Health during Pregnancy.

Elesi Moyo, Zimbabwe Open University **(Virtual)**.

Obstetric Violence against Women Living with HIV in English-speaking Caribbean: Towards Advocacy for Responsive Reproductive Healthcare Policy.

Dr Natasha Mortley.

Addressing Rural Women's Health Challenges: Integrating Social Work Approaches into SDG3

Thabisa Matsea, University of Venda **(Virtual)**.

Caring for the Career in Social Work.

Mildred T. Mushunje, Midland State University.

BREAK AWAY SESSIONS (2) - 15:00pm - 16:00pm

15:00pm - 16:00pm

Room 3 – SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

Chair: **Dr Erica Sheffield**,
University of West Alabama, USA

Co-Chair: **Dr Noma Msipa**,
University of Pretoria, South Africa

Girls' Access, Participation, and Achievement in Grade 10 Physical Science Subject in a Selected Rural School in Limpopo: Sekhukhune District, South Africa

Phumzile Mathibela, University of Witwatersrand.

Challenges Faced by Women in Satisfying the Two Pillars of Education 5.0. Innovation and Industrialisation: A Case of a Zimbabwean University

Patience Mabika, University of Great Zimbabwe (Virtual).

Empowerment through Education and Economic Inclusion,
Pauline Ngongang.

The Conceptions of Craft Code for Women in Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining in Zimbabwe.

Prince Dzingirayi, Women's University in Africa, Department of Psychology;

Danai Darryl Muswazi, Women's University in Africa- Department of Strategic Communication;

Nyarai Stembeni Chasi, Women's University in Africa- Department of Psychology (Virtual).

Negotiating Gender Identities in Higher Education: Experiences of Women Residence Assistants at Selected Student Residences in Durban.

Phakamile Mazibuko, Kwa-Zulu Natal.

Collective Pedagogical Content Knowledge for Teaching: Sustainable Development.

Olajumoke Olayemi Salami, University of Johannesburg

15:00pm - 16:00pm

Room 4 – WOMEN AND THEIR ROLE IN THE SDGS

Chair: **Dr Emily Ikhide – Head of Gender, Inclusivity Unit, National Institute for Legislation and Democracy Studies, Nigeria. (NILDS).**

Co-Chair: **Dr Bongiwé Ngcobo Mphahlele, University of Johannesburg**

The Lived Experiences of Displaced Single Mothers in the Aftermath of the Kwazulu Natal Floods: A Durban Case Study

Ajodhia Santham, University of Fort Hare.

Women Involvement in Entrepreneurship

Tambudzayi Godfrey Musabayana, University of Johannesburg.

Revamping & Advancing Women's Empowerment through Sustainable Development Goals: A Critical Analysis by

Noma Msipa, University of Pretoria.

Empowering Women for Sustainable Development and Unveiling the Role of Gender Equality in Achieving the SDGs.

Dinalago Mutota.

SIRDEP: Social Cohesion and Socio-Economic Empowerment of Women and Development of Babungi, Northwest Region of Cameroon, 2016-2023,

Tikanjoh Praises Naing Yangheh, University of Buea (Virtual) .

BREAK AWAY SESSIONS (2) - 15:00pm - 16:00pm

15:00pm - 16:00pm

Room 5 – SEXUAL HEALTH AND REPRODUCTION PANEL

Chair: **Dr Zainab Monisola Olaitan, PhD**,
Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria.

Co-chair: **Prof Janice Moodley**
Department of Psychology, University of Pretoria

Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for Women with Disabilities (WWDs) in Africa: A systematic review.
Nyavanhu Mapendere, Independent Researcher.

Honouring the Humanity of Women and the Issue of Abortion in Jamaica: Another Call for Law Reform.
Taitu A Heron, Equality Fund


Sexual and Reproductive Health Realities Among Internally Displaced Women in North Central Nigeria.
Imoh Joy, University of Jos, Nigeria (Virtual).

The Politics of Menstrual Stigmas and Taboos: Integrating Menstrual Health and Sexual Reproductive Health Rights in Africa and the Caribbean Region."
Prof. Janice Moodley-Marie (University of South Africa)
Bianca Parry (University of Pretoria)

Messages on the Line: A Discourse Analysis of the Clothesline Project at Mary Seacole Hall.
Nadeen Spence, The University of the West Indies, Mona

Disparities of Health and Social Outcomes among African Women.
Dr. Ibukunoluwa Tubi, Bowen University (Virtual).

Exploring the Intersectionality of Internal Displacement and Gender-Based Violence in Africa.
Cecy Balogun, Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research (NISER) (Virtual).

16:30pm - 16:45pm  Program Director summarises the day's proceedings and closure

16.45pm - 17.00pm Closing Remarks



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CONFERENCE
DAY TWO

29th August 2024



CONFERENCE DAY 2

Thursday, 29th August 2024

7:30am - 8:00am	Registration / Morning Tea/Coffee
9:00am - 9:05am	Recap and opening remarks by the Program Director.
9:05am - 9:10am	Introduction and welcome Prof Raniga Tanusha INTERIM DST/NRF Research Chair in Welfare and Social Development, CSDA, University of Johannesburg. Dr Adeoye Akinola Head Teaching and Research IPATC, University of Johannesburg
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS - 9.10am - 9.40am	
Moderator	Dr Adeoye Akinola Head Teaching and Research IPATC, University of Johannesburg
9:10am - 9:20am	Emily Brearley Development Economist Specialist: Climate Change and Resilience Washington D.C.; CEO Solutions 42.org; former World Bank Economist (Virtual).
9:20am - 9:30am	Cortina Jackson TV/Film Producer, CEO of Acting Beyond Academy Actor. Talk Show Host. Author. Motivational Speaker, Co-Donation and Fundraising Director, USA..
9:30am - 9:40am	Ms Zakhona Mvelase CEO of African Women Against Corruption Network (AWACN), South Africa.
9:40am - 9:50am	Oluwaseyi Tolulope Kehinde-Peters Executive Director, Pan African Women Entrepreneurship Network, United Kingdom. (PAWEN) (Virtual).

9:40am -10:25am

PLANERY ONE: WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IN AFRICA: TOWARDS INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP AND SUSTAINABLE GREEN ECONOMIES

Moderator – Prof Dorcas Ettang, PhD

Associate Professor, International Centre of Nonviolence, Faculty of Management Sciences, Durban University of Technology South Africa.

Dr Tolulope Adeogun

Head of Department (HOD), International Relations, Precious Cornerstone University, Nigeria, Honorary Research Fellow at the Durban University of Technology (DUT), South Africa

Agenda 2063 and African Women in Peace Processes; Progress, Challenges and Prospects, HOD Internalization,

Dr. LitlhareRabele

Gender and Governance Expert, University of Pretoria

Assessing Women's Progress in Mediation Leadership in Africa 2002-2022.

Ms Melody Mbwadzawo-Siangombe

Peace and Security Expert - Policies, doctrines and realities.

A Gendered Reflection on the Transition to a Green Economy in Southern Africa.

Prof Dorcas Ettang

Associate Professor, International Centre of Nonviolence, Faculty of Management Sciences, Durban University of Technology.

Exploring the Participation of Women in the African Union: Women Special Envoys in Africa

Caiphus Baloyi

Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), University of Kwazulu-Natal. Navigating Climate change: Women's Adaptation and Decision-Making Strategies in Moretele Municipality

10:25am to 11:00am

PLENARY PANEL TWO: ENTREPRENEURSHIP AS A TOOL FOR GBV ALLEVIATION (PANEL OF GLOBAL WOMEN SPEAKERS/ENTREPRENEURS IN USA)

Moderator:

Chair: **Dr Jennifer Marcus**

CEO of Marcus Brands Incorporated LLC, Texas, USA.

Co-Chair: **Dr Erica Sheffield, CEO Anchored to Teach LLC, USA**

Cortina Jackson

TV/Film Producer, CEO of Acting Beyond Academy Actor. Talk Show Host. Author. Motivational Speaker, Co-Donation and Fundraising Director, USA

Chanelle Coleman – A Visionary Author, Coach, Speaker and EmpowerHER Strategist, at CeCi's Ink, USA

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Associate Professor Emeritus, University of West Alabama, CEO Anchored to Teach LLC, Educational Consultant, Motivational Speaker, USA.

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Tierra Turner

Health and Wellness Coach. CEO –“Budget Like a Boss” and “Luxuriously Waisted Brand”

Nathalie Nicole Smith

Women Who Boss Network, Washington District of Columbia, USA

11:00am to 11:30pm **TEA BREAK**

BREAK AWAY SESSIONS - 11:30am - 12:30pm

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Room 1 – FINANCIAL INCLUSION MATTERS

Chair: **Dr Kudzaishe Vanyoro**, University of Johannesburg

Co-Chair: **Dr Steven Nyamba**, Department of Political Science, University of Johannesburg

Gender Dynamics of Digital Financial Inclusion in Southern Nigeria.

Dr Cecy, Edijala Balogun, Research Fellow, Social Policy Department, Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research (NISER), Nigeria **(Virtual)**.

Women Traders in Bamenda Urbanity, 1987-2016.

Tifor Donald Mayuka

The Effects of Petty Trading on the Livelihood of Single Mothers in Contemporary Yoruba Society.

Aladesanmi Busayo Abiona (Virtual).

The Gendered Struggle for Scarce Funding Resources among WomenFlea Market Owners in Chinhoyi, Zimbabwe.

Tafadzwa Mabemba, North-West University, South Africa.

The Conceptions of CRAFT Code for Women in Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining in Zimbabwe

Prince Dzingirayi, Rejoice Mafukidze, Loreen Musemburi and Nyarai Sithembeni Chasi, Women's University in Africa, Department of Psychology **(Virtual)**.

11:30am - 12:30pm

Room 2 – EDUCATION AND INNOVATION

Chair: **Prof Dalien Rene Benecke**, Associate Professor, Strategic Communication, University of Johannesburg

Co-Chair: **Co-chair: Dr Erica Sheffield**

Education and Disabilities

Dr Érica Sheffield – Associate Professor Emeritus, University of West Alabama, CEO Anchored to Teach LLC, Educational Consultant, Motivational Speaker, USA.

Women, Education, and Workforce: Social Impact and Community Engagement

Prof Dalien Rene Benecke.

Educational Diplomacy as a Tool to Advance Women and Gender Mainstreaming in ICT and E-Learning

Tshepiso Motlagodisa & Chwaro Koosentse

Gender Equality and Women Empowerment in Educational Systems

Lorraine Nolwazi Lechesa and Mutshidzi Silima

Social Beliefs, Parenting and Education Attainment: Narratives of Seven Secondary School Learners in KZN, South Africa

A. S. Mkhathini

Women Inclusion and Sustainable Education in Nigeria.

Abiola Sodiq Adegunle and Oluwatosin F. Aluko (Virtual).

BREAK AWAY SESSIONS - 11:30am - 12:30pm

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Room 3 – GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

Chair: Assistant Professor of English, State University of New York at Geneseo

Co-Chair: Dr Leo Igbanoi – NILDS Nigeria

Strengthening Gender Equality and Women's Participation in Good Governance in Nigeria.

Oluwasegun Ogunsakin, Ekiti State University (Virtual).

The Recognition of Reproductive Autonomy and the Crime of Forced Pregnancy by the International Criminal Court: An Appraisal of the Ongwen Case.

Kwenje SN, Independent Researcher (Virtual).

Impact of Growing Anti-Feminist Narrative on the Protection of Women's Rights in Africa.

Zainab Monisola Olaitan, PhD. University of Pretoria.

The Dynamism of the Banen Women, Ndikinimeki Subdivision in the Colonial Economy 1945-1960: A Historical Analysis

Rene Ngeke Monteh, Independent Researcher.

The Role of Somali Women in Peace and Security

Linnnet Wanjiru, Independent Researcher.

Women in Leadership and Governance: A Case for Contemporary South Africa.

Neo Sethusha. North-West University, Potchefstroom

Les forces armees face aux crises securitaires dans le bassin du lac Tchad:quelles therapies alternatives reste-t-ilencore a prescrire pour paix durable?

Dr Metsena Ndjavoua , University de Maroua, Cameroon (Virtual).

11:30am - 12:30pm

Room 4 – WOMEN AND MENTAL HEALTH.

Chair: Dr Njabulo Banda, Deputy Dean Research, IIE Vasily

Co-Chair: Dr Sivuyisiwe Wonci, IPATC, University of Johannesburg.

Pathway Crises in Shaping Effective Public Health Systems in Rural Areas.

Tapiwanashe Hadzizi, Midlands State University

The Increase of Mental Health Issues among Women in the SDGs and Agenda 2063 Context.

Tshegofasto Maleho, University of Johannesburg.

Exploring underlying factors of sexual harassment at teacher education in Zimbabwe: A Case of Two Colleges of Education in Bulawayo Metropolitan province.

Eugenia Takavarasha, Independent Researcher (Virtual).

GenderInequality, Women's Human Capital and Female Suicide in Selected MENA Countries.

Francois Xavier Ngah Obama, University of Yaounde II, Cameroon. (Virtual).

Exploring Global Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Issues.

Tanyaradzwa Amos Jeche, Midlands State University, Zimbabwe.

Empowering Girls through Education: Menstrual Hygiene and Responsible Sexual Behaviour, a Panacea for the Reduction of Unplanned Pregnancies.

Shey Fonjoh Ivo, The University of Bamenda.

BREAK AWAY SESSIONS - 11:30am - 12:30pm

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Room 5 – FEMINIZATION OF POVERTY

Chair: **Dr Dikeledi Mokoena**, Department of Development Studies, University of Johannesburg
Co-Chair: **Dr Zainab Olaitan**, Human Right Centre, University of Pretoria

The Welfare of Women Living with Disabilities in the Rural Areas of South Africa: A Policy Assessment

Lindokuhle Ngcobo, University of KwaZulu-Natal.

Breaking the Cycle: Women-Led Innovation and Resilience in the Face of Poverty in Zimbabwe's Informal Sector

Esther Makuyana, University of Zimbabwe (Virtual).

The Ontology of the Swart Gevaar: Decolonising Black Women's Wombs in South Africa.

Dr Sivuyisiwe Wonci, IPATC, UJ.

An Exploration of African Feminism and Women Beneficiaries in South Africa's Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP)

Dr Ramona Baijnath, Independent Researcher

African Feminism in Social Work Intervention: Values to Build Social Empires Upon

Dr Leandi Erasmus, University of Johannesburg.

An Exploration of 'Feminisation of Poverty' in Women Informal Traders in Hopley Informal Settlement.

Anesu Mironga, Africa University (Virtual).

12:30pm - 13:30pm

Planery 3- THE TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT OF WOMEN IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP, INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY.

Moderator:

Ms Landiwe Manana, General Manager, Public Relations Institute of Southern Africa (PRISA)

Ms Victoria Temitope Adasonla.

Mission Africa Organisation, CEO

Ms Onwuka Ada Theresa

Trade Consultant Euro Eximbank, Lagos. and Executive Member Commonwealth Business Africa.

Ms Mamosa Modise

President, Association of Women in Mining South Africa (AWIMSA).

Ms Marie-Lou Okoko

Chief Executive Officer, JJH Group PTY Ltd, Ferndale, Gauteng, South Africa.

Dr Emily Ikhide

Head of Gender, Inclusivity Unit, National Institute for Legislation and Democracy Studies, Nigeria. (NILDS).

Pravin Maharaj

Chairperson TradeBRICS- OpenTRD. South Africa.

13:00pm to 14:20pm

LUNCH BREAK

14.30pm - 15.30pm

PLANERY 3 -ADRESSING THE COST OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND TRAUMA ON WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP, INNOVATION, AND SUSTAINABILITY

Moderator **Prof. Come Davis**, Department of Strategic Communication, University of Johannesburg

Co-Moderator: **Hazel Namponya**. Editor in Chief: **Collective Action Magazine**

Tracey Lee Kotzen - CEO of Mental Wellness Initiative and Collective Action Magazine

Ms Zakhona Mvelase- African Women Against Corruption Network in South Africa.

Prof Dovile Jakniunaite

International Relations and Political Sciences Institute of Vilnius University, Lithuania.

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Lebohang Mooki

Public Health Officer with extensive experience in the non-profit sector.

Kefilwe Bobape

National Movement of Rural Women, South Africa.

BREAK AWAY SESSIONS (3) - 15:30pm - 16:40pm

15:30pm - 16:30pm

Room 1 – CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE GREEN ECONOMY

Chair: **Dr Bongiwe Ngcobo Mphahlele**,

Thabo Mbeki School for African and International Public Affairs, UNISA

Co-Chair: **Dr Omosefe Oyekanmi, IPATC, University of Johannesburg**

Climate Change and Agricultural Production in Zimbabwe the Case of Zaka Rural District in Masvingo Province of Zimbabwe.

Irony Mazuruse, University of South Africa.

Climate Change: A Relentless Force that Shatters Women's Lives.

Ngoni Progress Jemwa, Zimbabwe National Defence University (Virtual).

Bridging Gender and Climate Justice in Southern Africa: An Ecofeminist Perspective.

Peggy Molefi, University of the Western Cape.

Increased Political Participation can enhance Women's Contribution to Climate Action and the Growth of the Green Economy.

Khanyile Sithole, Independent Researcher.

Women, Climate Adaptation and Food Security in Africa.

Mary Magdaline Sackflame,

Department of Political Science, University of Ghana, Legon;

Samuel Oyewole,

Department of Political Sciences, University of Pretoria, South Africa.

BREAK AWAY SESSIONS - 15:30pm - 16:30pm

15:30pm - 16:30pm

Room 2 – WOMEN AND THEIR ROLE IN THE SDGs

Chair: Prof Dorcas Ettang

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Women's Emancipation as a Catalyst for Sustainable Innovation

Edwil Mtengwa. Lena Maregere & Chenjarie Muchenie
North West University (Virtual).

Community-Based Approaches to Implementing SDGs: Empowering Rural Women

Veronica Nemitandani, University of Venda.

Empowering Women Entrepreneurs as a Gateway to Achieving Sustainable Development Goals

Edwil Mtengwa. Lena Maregere & Chenjarie Muchenie
North West University (Virtual).

La question de l'automatisation de la femme dans la mise en (Euvre Des odd AU Cameroun:2015-2022)

Obe Efoa Huguette Sandrine, University of Yaounde, Cameroun (Virtual).

Promoting Rural Women's Economic Empowerment through Social Work Interventions

Tumelo Sekgobela University of Venda, South Africa.

15:30pm - 16:30pm

Room 3 – WOMEN AND IMPACT: INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

Chair: Dr Zainab Monisola Olaitan, Human Rights Center, University of Pretoria.

Co-chair – Dr Marc Emile Oosthuizen, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Johannesburg

Green Energy and Green Economy in Kenya

Hellen Mary Wanjoya

Gender Equality and Social Protection Response to COVID-19 in Nigeria.

Omosfe Oyekanmi, Cecy E. Balogun & Prof Yetunde A. Aluko (Virtual).

Transformative Governance and Environmental Causes: How African Women Contribute to Sustainability in Africa?

Dilma de Araujo, Independent Researcher. (Virtual).

The Importance of Information and Communication Technology in Women-Owned Businesses in Kigali, Rwanda

Simon Nsengimana, Independent Researcher.

The Role and Challenges of Women Entrepreneurs in Advancing Sustainable Economic Growth in Africa: The Case of East African Community

Ibrahim Ekyamba Steven, University of Pretoria. South Africa.

The African Woman and the Throes of Patriarchal Hegemony: A Sociocritical Reading of Adichie

Ngozi Kris Ogbodo, University of Nsukka, Nigeria, and Marinus Samoh Yon, Alex Ekwueme University, Ndufu. Abakiliki. (Virtual).

BREAK AWAY SESSIONS - 15:30pm - 16:30pm

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Room 4 – FEMINISATION OF POVERTY

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Department of Development Studies, University of Johannesburg

Co Chair: **Dr Limpho (Dee) Kokome**,

Institute for Pan -African Thoughts and Conversation, University of Johannesburg.

Beyond Poverty Numbers: An Epistemic Unveiling of the Feminisation of Poverty - A Journey through Sustainable Development Goals

Dr Nyuykongi John Paul, University of Bamenda, Cameroon **(Virtual)**.

The Effects of States Fragility on the Feminisation of Poverty in the Sahel Region
Collin Olebogeng Mongale, North-West University, South Africa.

Underlying Factors Contributing to the High Incidence of Poverty among Women in Limpopo Province

Decent Munzhelele, University of Venda, South Africa.

Rethinking Zero Hunger and the Inclusion of Women Refugees in African Futures: The Case of Tongogara Refugee Settlement

Norman Pinduka & Gladys Tinotenda Charangwa, Africa University **(Virtual)**.

Gender Inequalities and Feminisation of Poverty: A Case of African Apostolic Indigenous Churches Teachings in Zimbabwe.

Tsitsi Mwapfaa, University of Pretoria.

An African Feminism Intersectional Analysis of the Feminisation of Poverty in Township Spaces in South Africa.

Auren Marsha Grootboom, University of Cape Town.

15:30pm - 16:30pm

Room 5 – WOMEN AND IMPACT: INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

Chair: **Dr Ngozi Ogbodo**
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Exploring Knowledge, Attitudes and Experiences of Gender-Based Violence Among HIV-Positive and HIV-Negative Youths in Zimbabwe

James Munamati and Amos Milanzi, University of Zimbabwe **(Virtual)**.

"Ntwakeyamadamohoh": The reason I stayed is..." A Study Exploring the Narratives of GBV

Rural Women in Qwaqwa by Magayana SS, University of Free State.

Gender-Based Violence in Women in Oku Subdivision (Domestic Violence)

Langji RufineKialah Epse Monteh, University of Yaounde **(Virtual)**.

Cultural Interventions and Community Dialogue: Addressing Gender-Based Violence in Rural Zimbabwe

Valerie Rumbidzai Jeche, Midlands State University **(Virtual)**.

16:30pm - 16:40pm	The Program Director provides a Summary of the Day's Proceedings and Closure.
16:40pm - 16:50pm	Official Conference Closing Proceedings and Closure. Prof Tinuade Ojo.
16:50pm - 17:00pm	NETWORKING AND COLLABORATION.
18:00pm - 20:30pm	Gala Dinner (Strictly by RSVP)
18:00pm - 18:10pm	Music and Greetings
18.10pm - 18.20pm	Welcoming and Introduction Master of Ceremony Pheliswa Nkomo
18:20pm - 18:35pm	IPATC and Partners Dr Adeoye Akinola
18:35pm - 18:50pm	Keynote Address Cortina Jackson TV/Film Producer, CEO of Acting Beyond Academy Actor. Talk Show Host. Author. Motivational Speaker, Co-Donation and Fundraising Director, USA.
18:50pm - 19:05pm	2nd Speaker Ms Victoria Temitope Adasonla. CEO. Mission Africa Organisation
19:05pm - 20:05pm	Dinner, Interactive / Networking
20:05pm - 20:30pm	Closing Session

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