

Maria Sybilla Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa
(MIASA)

Inaugural conference: Africa's Institutions for Sustainable Governance

University of Ghana, Accra

27-28 September 2018

Programme

(As of June 27, 2018)

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Venue: Great Hall

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 11.00 Opening Ceremony

Chair: Professor Takyiwaa Manuh, Former Director, Social Development Policy Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (2014-2017), and Professor of African Studies, University of Ghana

Welcome from Professor Ebenezer Oduro Owusu, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ghana

Introduction to MIASA: Prof. Andreas Mehler, Chair of Executive Council, **Prof. Abena Oduro**, Director (Ghana), **Prof. Gordon Crawford**, Director (Germany)

Official speakers: Hon. Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh, Minister of Education, Ghana; Mr. Kwesi Yankeh; Representative of Ministry of Education and Research, Germany; Representative of University of Freiburg; Prof. Ibrahima Thioub (TBC), Rector, Université Cheikh Anta Diop; Mr Christoph Retzlaff, Ambassador, German Embassy, Accra

Interlude: Ghana Dance Ensemble

Keynote speaker: Professor Amina Mama, University of California, Davis. Title: *In the Pursuit of Freedom: Feminist intellectuals in African contexts*

11.00 – 11.30 Break

11.30 – 1.00 Keynote speech

Chair: Professor Dzodzi Tsikata, Director, Institute for African Studies, University of Ghana

Speaker: Professor Thuli Madonsela, Stellenbosch University (and former Public Protector South Africa, German Africa award winner 2016): Title to be confirmed

1.0 – 2.00 Lunch Venue: ISSER Conference facility

2.00 – 3.30 Keynote speaker (tbc)

3.30 – 4.00 Break

4.00-5.30 Roundtable: “The Role of an Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa in the 21st Century: Opportunities and Challenges”

Chair: Professor Bernd Kortmann (University of Freiburg)

Speakers: Elisio Macamo (Basel), **Zenebework Tadesse** (Ethiopian Academy of Sciences), **Björn Wittrock (TBC)** (Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study) and open plenary discussion.

Friday, September 28, 2018

Venue: ISSER Conference Hall

9.00-10.30 Keynote speech

Chair: Professor Francis Dadoo, Pro-Vice Chancellor Research, University of Ghana (tbc)

Speaker: Professor Francis Nyamnjoh, University of Cape Town. Title: *Incompleteness and Conviviality: A Reflection on International Research Collaboration on Institutions for Sustainable Governance*

10.30 – 11.00 Break

11.00 – 12.30 Panel I: Africa’s Institutions for Sustainable Peace

Chair: Professor Katharina Holzinger, University of Konstanz (tbc)

Speakers: Gilbert Khadiagala (University of Witswatersrand, Johannesburg); **Kwesi Aning** (Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping and Training Centre, Accra) ; **Carrie Manning** (Georgia State University) ; **Mimmi Söderberg Kovacs** (Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sweden)

12.30 – 1.30 Lunch

1.30-3.00 Panel II: Sustainable Democracy and Africa

Chair: Mamadou Diawara, University of Frankfurt (tbc)

Speakers: Paul Nugent (Edinburgh University); Gabrielle Lynch (Warwick University); George Ofori (Washington University in St. Louis); Dominika Koter (Colgate University)

3.00 – 3.15 Break

3.15 - 4.45 Panel III: Sustainability Transformation: The challenges of land, energy and livelihoods

Chair: Dr Susann Baller, German Historical Institute, Paris, and CREPOS, Dakar (tbc)

Speakers: Simon Bawakyillenuo, (ISSER, University of Ghana); Cheikh Oumar Bâ, (Executive Director, IPAR, Dakar, and founding member of CREPOS, Dakar); Ruth Hall, (PLAAS, University of the Western Cape); Vanesa Castan Broto, (Sheffield University)

4.45 - 5.30 Closing Ceremony

Saturday, September 29, 2018

MIASA Executive Council meeting: 9.30 – 12.00

Venue: Dept of Economics, conference facility