

Virtual

5th Conference on the Status of African Women

Theme

Women's Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work
and Entrepreneurship During and After COVID-19

October 24th – 25th 2022

Conference Zoom Link:

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Welcoming Remarks from the Vice-Chancellor



I welcome you to the University of Nairobi research week, 2022. The University of Nairobi is a world-class university committed to scholarly excellence. Its mission is to provide quality university education and training to embody the aspirations of the Kenyan people and the global community through the creation, preservation, integration, transmission, and utilization of knowledge. Research Week is an annual event aimed at providing academia, students, government, industry, and the general public with a

platform to share research findings from various faculty.

The 5th Annual Conference on Status of Women is a conference organized by African Women Studies in The Department of Sociology, Social Work, and African Women Studies. The theme: ***“Looking at the COVID-19 Pandemic through Women’s Economic Empowerment Lens,”*** is current and relevant. The conference will address the issues faced by women during the global health and economic crisis and how this impacted their socioeconomic status. As you know, Women’s Economic Empowerment continues to draw researcher interest. This conference gives a platform to scholars, researchers, students, and professionals in the field of women’s economic empowerment to engage and have a dialogue on covid pandemic and women’s economic empowerment.

With these brief remarks, I declare the two-day Conference officially open.

Thank you.

Prof. Stephen Kiama

Vice-Chancellor, University of Nairobi

Message from the Research Week Committee Chairperson



The University of Nairobi launched the annual Research Week five years ago during which various departments and faculties take the opportunity to host international conferences under selected topical themes. This year, the Department of Sociology, Social Work and African Women Studies is holding a conference on The Status of African Women whose theme is “*Looking at the COVID 19 Pandemic Through Women’s Economic Empowerment Lens*”. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this two-day virtual conference. The aim of the conference is to bring together scholars involved in research in the critical area of women’s economic empowerment across Africa and the Global South. The conference is organized around 5 Thematic Areas, with

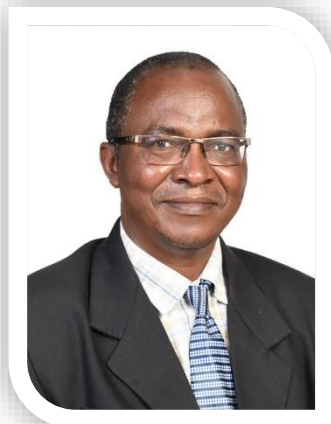
the objective of opening dialogue for scholars, researchers, students, and professionals in the field of women’s economic empowerment, especially during the pandemic. This is in the wake of global health and economic crisis threatens to will back years of hard won economic and social gains due to COVID 19, with women having disproportionately suffered socio-economic consequences during this period. To mitigate the effects of the pandemic and allow post-pandemic recovery, there is need to rethink strategies and programs for sustainable and equal development.

The conversations on women economic empowerment have been with us for a while and will continue into the foreseeable future. This is because women economic empowerment is about sustainable development, it is about justice for all, it is about equity, and it is about human rights among other critical issues affecting us today. The more we progress in this complex area, the more it becomes apparent that there is still more to do. This conference is therefore very relevant under the theme of our 2022 Research Week, which is ‘*Emerging Research and Technologies for Sustainable Development in Society*’ The comprehensive range of sessions planned under the conference offers a unique opportunity for participants from academic institutions and other stakeholders from government agencies and NGOs around the globe to exchange ideas and share experiences, gain new knowledge, and establish networks. Let me commend the 2022 conference steering committee of the Department of Sociology, Social Work and African Women Studies for the great work leading to the realization of the conference whose programme we are starting today. I wish all the participants a productive and inspiring conference.

Thank you

Prof. M. Jesang Hutchinson
Associate Vice-Chancellor Research, Innovation and Enterprise &
Professor of Horticulture

Message from the Director, Research and Enterprise



This week the University of Nairobi is once again hosting a series of conferences during the University Research Week that runs between 24th and 28th October, 2022. During the week, we have six Faculties participating, and thirteen conferences cutting across six Faculties. The theme of this year's Research Week is conferences is '**Emerging Research and Technologies for sustainable Development in Society**'.

This theme is very appropriate in our times as the world is recovering from effects of Covid19 effects, and is a clarion call to all researchers and practitioners to focus on the important role of research and technology towards sustainable development in Society. The conferences have attracted very high quality papers on different topics related to the specific themes of the respective conferences, and I call upon the attendees to actively participate and see what they can learn from the research findings. The research week has attracted very eminent Guest Speakers both local and international, and it will be interesting to listen to their presentations.

I wish to thank our guest speakers, keynote speakers, paper presenters, staff, students and all delegates, who have taken time off their busy schedules to attend our conferences, either physically or virtually. We truly value your time and hope that this is not the last time you are joining us in the conferences. We will continue to collaborate with you and invite you in our future conferences and any other areas where we think your input is needed.

Prof Justus M Munyoki
Director, Research and enterprise
University of Nairobi

Message from the AWSRC Director



African women studies research center (AWSRC) is the research wing of the women's studies program in the Department of Sociology, Social Work, and African Women Studies, University of Nairobi. Women's studies emerged out of the global feminist movement and have increasingly gained recognition as an integral academic field that interrogates how dominant ideologies and structures have shaped the lives and roles of women throughout history. African Women Studies Research Centre is a multidisciplinary program focusing on women's changing roles and positions in all facets of societal development within families, communities, and national and global contexts.

It is important to note that Including women's knowledge and experiences in academic training and research offers an inclusive view of the changing nature and processes of theory building, knowledge creation, interpretation, and application. Furthermore, women's experiences can inform policy and practice for enhanced development. The African women's studies program and the African women's studies research center are committed to promoting and expanding research from African women's perspectives and the rest of the global south.

May I briefly explain Why Women's Economic Empowerment, Work, Entrepreneurship, and Covid-19 are crucial research areas? Here are a few pointers; The global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) number 17 stipulates the need for sustainable progress that leaves no one behind. Goal 5 calls for achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls while targeting to end all forms of discrimination against all women and girls and eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls.

World Economic Forum report 2022 indicates that closing the global gender gap, which stands at 68.1%, is estimated to take 132 years at the current progress rate. World Economic Forum report (2021) identifies global gender disparities in four key dimensions: Economic Participation and Opportunity, Educational Attainment, Health and Survival, and Political Empowerment, with the Economic Participation and Opportunity index ranking second-largest of the four critical gaps. Women's economic empowerment, therefore, remains central to the inclusive attainment of each of the 17 goals while closing the elusive gender gap. Furthermore, a report by Equileap released in November 2021 indicates that globally, women still earn 23 percent less than men.

According to OECD/ILO (2019), many women work in "informal employment. Women also suffered disproportionately more job losses than men during the pandemic. COVID-19 disrupted the livelihoods of women who work in the informal economy.

All the above factors underscore the need for continuous research that can generate evidence for uncovering the status of women *vis* their economic empowerment and participation. It is

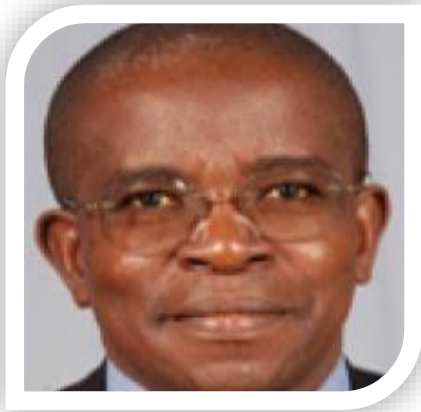
within this understanding and in the pursuit of its role in harnessing the mission of the University that the African women studies research center (AWSRC) has been participating in the annual international academic conference to foster feminist research as part of its commitment to broadening the discourse on women's empowerment. During this conference, research on critical intersecting areas that influence or impact women and the economy with a bias towards labor dynamics, women's participation in business, and the rebuilding efforts/challenges after COVID-19 will be presented.

I am optimistic that the two-day conference will be engaging. Insightful and fruitful to all participants.

Thank you all, and welcome to the 5th Annual Conference on the Status of Women.

Professor Wanjiku Kabira
Emeritus Professor
&
Director, AWSRC and WEE Hub Leader, University of Nairobi

Message from the Dean



I take this opportunity to welcome you to the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. The faculty boasts of having fourteen departments in the University of Nairobi, one of them being the department of Sociology, Social Work, and African Women Studies, which hosts an annual conference on the status of Women. This conference is in its fifth year. This year's conference focuses on looking at Covid 19 Pandemic through women's lenses.

As a faculty, we acknowledge that the Covid 19 pandemic has negatively impacted the global economy, especially the global south, negating the gains made toward women's economic empowerment over the years.

Empirical evidence shows that women's businesses accounting for 60.7%, are in the informal sector. Further research indicates that women thrive in self-help groups. Regrettably, had challenges meeting physically due to the restrictions that came with the pandemic. The unprecedented increase in unpaid care work, social and economic insecurity brought about by social distancing, and job losses have exuberated the challenges faced by women in their endeavors to be economically stable.

The conference could not have come at a better time. It is an open dialogue for scholars, researchers, students, and professionals in women's economic empowerment on how covid -19 pandemic impacted women's economic activities. The conference, therefore, is a platform that provides an opportunity to discuss research backed by evidence that will go a long way in developing policies and programs that will help deal with future pandemics.

Among the issues the conference will discuss include the following;

- 1) Unpaid care work, women's health, and wellness
- 2) Women's self-mobilization and self-help
- 3) The effects of the Pandemic on women's business and employment and the use of technology in marketing
- 4) The policy challenges and stimulus package opportunities for women's economic empowerment during the pandemic

I want to emphasize that the faculty of Arts and Social Sciences faculty takes research very seriously. Research unlocks new knowledge and discoveries. It provokes our thought processes. It equips us with problem-solving skills. As I conclude, I would like to thank the department of Sociology, Social Work and African Women Studies for organizing this conference.

I wish all the participants well and a good experience during this conference.

Thank you!

Prof. Jack Odhiambo.
Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Message from AWSRC Conference Chair

On behalf of the Organizing Committee in The Department Of Sociology, Social Work and African Women Studies, I would like to extend gratitude to our University through The Vice Chancellor Prof. Stephen Kiama for giving us this platform to a host and listen to scholars and researchers from African and the world over articulating women issues into the mainstream. Indeed the University of Nairobi has lived up to its vision of being a *World Class University Committed to Scholarly Excellence*. The Annual Conference on The Status of African Women not only articulates women related issues, but endeavors to have women voices heard by the policy makers for implementation of issues that are not just dear to women but to the whole society.

I would like to thank the committee that work tirelessly to ensure that this conference meets its objectives. I would also like sincerely appreciate all the participants in this conference in different capacities for their diligence and commitment to research in women economic empowerment. Together with your valuable contribution to research, we strife to move forward.

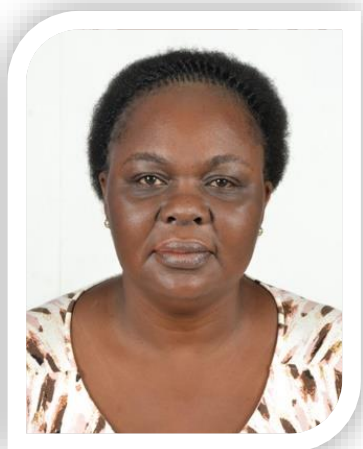
Thank you all

Marygoretty Akinyi, PhD

Chair of The Conference Committee on Status of African Women

Key Note Speakers

Alice Atieno Oluoko-Odingo



Alice A. Oluoko-Odingo is Associate Professor in the Department of Geography, Population and Environmental Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Nairobi, with 19 years of experience in teaching and research on Environmental issues. She holds Honours Degree in Geography and PhD in Agricultural Geography from the University of Nairobi. She has published in books and peer reviewed journals in agriculture and food security, poverty and livelihoods, climate change, Energy, Gender and disaster risk reduction, Ecosystem management, agro-biodiversity, health, cleaner production, and sustainability issues. She has articles in the Annals of Association of American

Geographers and GeoJournal and Book Chapters with Spears, among others. Alice is the current Chairperson, Corporate Gender Mainstreaming Committee, University of Nairobi and one of the Vice Presidents and Director of the Academic Council on United Nations System (ACUNS). She is past National Coordinator of the United Nation's University and Partner Universities Programme on Education for Sustainable Development in Africa (ESDA), Next Generation Researchers Team (NGR), Immediate Team Leader on Research on Peri-Urban Crop and Livestock Farming for Food Security and Livelihood Sustainability, and Gender Analysis of the Mara Conservancies, Environment Judge- National Environment Trust Fund (NETFUND), former Gender Focal Point- at the IGAD Climate Prediction and Application Centre (ICPAC), Nairobi, a former Board member, Association of Women's Rights in Development (AWID), and Soroptimist International UN Environment Representative in Nairobi, among other responsibilities.

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Dr. Mary L. Mbithi



Dr. Mary L. Mbithi is an expert in trade policy, and the Director of Research at the Women's Economic Empowerment Hub (WEE Hub) in Kenya, at the University of Nairobi. She is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Economics University of Nairobi, Kenya and associate faculty of the Trade Policy Centre in Africa (TRAPCA). She has carried out research and analysis work on various trade policy areas including the WTO trade regime, regional integration and trade policy in East African Community (EAC), Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the African region in general. Her other research work also informs policy related to MSMEs / SMES; gender and trade, intra-regional trade, trade facilitation, trade and food security, trade policy and food security, trade and climate change, and on trade, poverty and development. She has been a

consultant with governments in various African countries, civil society, private sector and with international and regional organization. She has also undertaken extensive work to inform policy and strategies for inclusion and enhanced mainstreaming of gender in economic sectors and in regional and international trade and has carried out extensive training for stakeholders on trade policy and gender, and enhanced participation of women in intraregional trade.

Prof Wanjiku Mukabi Kabira



Prof. Emeritus Wanjiku Mukabi Kabira is the Leader of the Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) Hub and the Director of African Women Studies Research Centre (AWSRC), University of Nairobi. Prof. Kabira is a professor of Literature and a writer, a literary critique, and a gender and policy analyst. She has taught oral literature for many years, carried out field work in many parts of the country and published widely. She is also an expert in Eastern Africa and West African Literature where her focus has been on the broad areas of leadership, colonialism, ideology, philosophy of leadership, women in Literature, the role of the people in social transformation, nationalism, change and transformation, corruption, exploitation, among others in addition to theoretical and conceptual issues.

She specializes in African American, Caribbean literature and Black Aesthetics: This has been her area of expertise for over three decades. She has taught at the undergraduate and post graduate levels and has contributed to the teaching of this course and supervised post graduate students at masters and PhD levels. She has also contributed to the development of literary criticism by reviewing manuscripts for publishers and writers including famous writers such as Ngugi wa Thiong'o.

Prof Kabira is also an expert in policy analysis and evidence-based policy advocacy. She has worked with policy makers and civil society organization and brought her academic expertise to the national and regional levels. She has been a gender advisor in IGAD and national parliamentary committees. She has developed research analysis tools such as ABC of gender analysis, people-oriented planning tools, gender analysis frameworks among others. ABC of gender analysis has been particular useful in literary analysis and discourse even in the field of literature.

Prof Kabira has published widely in the field of Literature as well as gender and women studies. She has over 100 publications in the form of books, chapters, journal articles and creative writing. One of her most notable books is *A Letter to Mariama Ba*, which was a response to *So Long a Letter*, a book written by Mariama Ba. Professor Kabira also has written many books about women and gender issues some of which include: *Our Secret Lives; They Have Destroyed the Temple; Celebrating Women's Resistance; The Oral Artist*.

She served as a Commissioner and a Vice Chair of the Constitution of Kenya Review Commission and has documented the role of women and their gains in her book *Time for Harvest: Women and Constitution Making in Kenya - 1992 to 2010*. Prof Wanjiku Mukabi Kabira has worked with and has led various women's organizations in Africa. She has been awarded the national honour of Chief of the Burning Spear and Elder of the Burning Spear.

Prof. Goski Alabi

Prof. Goski Alabi is one of Africa's leading Full Professor in total quality management, and a consultant in strategic leadership and corporate governance, with a focus on higher education leadership and governance. She is an academic, a consultant, author and an accomplished entrepreneur with more than 20 years of professional experience in academia, consultancy, regulation, advocacy and business. Prof. Mrs. Alabi serves on several public, corporate and international boards and committees. People have described her as the start-up queen and educational revolutionist.

She is currently President and Founder of Laweh University College, the first accredited open university in Ghana and second in West Africa. She is also President of the African Council for Distance Education (ACDE) April, 2021, as well as Chair of the African Network for Internationalization of Education – ANIE (September 2016 to date). She is also Chair of the Continental Education Strategy for Africa Sub-Cluster on ODeL (2019 -till date) , Co-Chair of the International Scientific Advisory Board of The World Bank “African Centre of Excellence for Innovative and Transformative STEM Education, Lagos State University (July 7th, 2020) LASU-CEITSE,

As An Academic, Prof, Goski is the Founding Dean of the school of Graduate Studies and Centre for International Education of the University of Professional Studies (2009-2016) and (2017-2018) respectively. As Dean of the Graduate school of the UPSA, Prof. Goski Alabi grew the school from zero to about 1000 students in six years and gain the acclaimed ACBSP accreditation of America, the first to receive the ACBSP accreditation in Africa, and earned the ACBSP Ambassador for Africa in 2016.

Prof Goski has received several awards. She was awarded Africa's Most Respected CEO, Education Category in Dubia in July, 2021 by the Business Executive Magazine for Establishing and Managing Laweh Open University College, the first Accredited Open University in Ghana and second in West Africa.

Conference Organizing Committee

Dr. Marygorety Akinyi - Chair of the conference

Dr. Jennifer Birech - Moderator/Session chair

Dr James Kariuki - Moderator/Session chair

Anna Mwangi – Moderator/session chair

Pamela Ngesa – Moderator/session chair

Elizabeth Auma – Moderator/Session chair

Reuben Waswa – Moderator/Session chair

Mary Wambui Kanyi – Rapporteur

Rebecca Kuthera – Rapporteur

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Schedule of Events

Day One

Monday, 24th October, 2022

| TIME | EVENT & PRESENTER | MODERATOR/ DISCUSSANT |
|----------------------|---|--|
| 9.00AM – 9.30AM | OPENING CEREMONY Dr. Marygorety Akinyi Chair, Organizing Committee Prof. Wanjiku Kabira The Convener, Director, African Women Research Studies Centre (AWRSC) Prof. Gidraph Wairire Chair, Department of Sociology, Social Work and African Women Studies Prof. Jack Odhiambo Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences Prof. Margaret Hutchinson Associate Vice Chancellor, Research and Extension Prof. Stephen Kiama Vice Chancellor | Moderator: Prof. Alice Odingo |
| 9.30AM – 9.50AM | Keynote Address Setting the Agenda for the Conference Prof. Goski Alabi President, Laweh Open University College, Ghana | Moderator: Prof. Alice Odingo |
| 9.50AM – 10.00AM | Q/A / Discussions (Plenary) | Moderator: Prof. Alice Odingo |
| 10.00AM – 10.15AM | Vote of Thanks | Moderator: Dr Marygorety Akinyi |
| 10.15AM – 10.25AM | HEALTH BREAK | ALL |
| 10.25AM – 11.00AM | SESSION ONE: Theme 1: Women employment, inequalities in labour market and unpaid care work | Moderator: Dr Marygorety Akinyi and Pamela Ngesa |
| | Childcare and Women in the Urban Informal Economy in Sub-Sahara Africa. A Narrative Review Wanjiru Gichuhi & Alexander Mukungu Nasiyo Geography, Population and Environmental Studies (GPES), University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya | Moderator: Dr Marygorety Akinyi and Pamela Ngesa |

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| | <p>Gender inequality, unemployment and the COVID-19 pandemic: Implication for trade openness in Kenya and Nigeria Josephine N. Ndambuki Department of Economics, Egerton University, Kenya Jimoh O Saka Department of Economics, Lagos State University, Ojo, Nigeria</p> | <p>Moderator: Dr. Marygorety Akinyi and Pamela Ngesa</p> |
| | <p>Employment in the storm: A Qualitative Study of socio-economic impact on women with breast cancer in Nairobi, Kenya during COVID-19 pandemic Mercy Ngumi Department of Sociology, Social Work and African Women Studies, University of Nairobi Dr. Marygorety Akinyi Department of Sociology, Social Work and African Women Studies, University of Nairobi Dr. Josephine Muthami University of Nairobi</p> | <p>Moderator: Dr Marygorety Akinyi and Pamela Ngesa</p> |
| 11.00AM – 11.30AM | <p>Q/A / Discussions (plenary)</p> | <p>Moderator: Dr Marygorety Akinyi and Pamela Ngesa</p> |
| | <p>Theme 2: Women and legal terrain; policy challenges and opportunities</p> | <p>Moderator: Dr Jennifer Birech</p> |
| | <p>Gender and Protection Assessment of The SME Sector in Kenya Gladys Ominde Programmes Officer, Oxfam, Kenya</p> | <p>Moderator: Dr Jennifer Birech Anna Mwangi</p> |
| | <p>Policy Innovation as a panacea for Girl-Child Education and Sustainable Development in Nigeria Otumala Simon Jonah Political Science Department, Federal College of Education, Abeokuta, Ogun State</p> | <p>Moderator: Dr Jennifer Birech Anna Mwangi</p> |
| 11.30AM – 12.55PM | <p>SESSION TWO Theme 3: Women self-mobilization and self-help groups</p> | <p>Moderator: Dr Jennifer Birech Elizabeth Auma</p> |
| | <p>Emphasizing on Ethical Basis of Women Leadership in Christian Ministry Dr. Amos Adekunle Adediran Department of Social Studies, Federal College of Education, Abeokuta, Ogun State</p> | <p>Moderator: Dr Jennifer Birech Elizabeth Auma</p> |

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| | Female's Coping Strategies Against Discriminative Financial Institutions Mary Wambui Kanyi The Department of Sociology, Social Work and African Women's Studies, University of Nairobi | Moderator: Dr Jennifer Birech Elizabeth Auma |
| | Women's Incomes and the increased risk of female poverty Martha L. R. Muhwezi The Department of Sociology, Social Work and African Women's Studies, University of Nairobi | Moderator: Dr Jennifer Birech Elizabeth Auma |
| | Theme 4: Digital Technology and Markets During the Pandemic | Moderator: Dr Jennifer Birech |
| | Digital Technology and Markets During the Pandemic Esther Kyalo PhD Candidate African Women's Studies Centre | Moderator: Dr Jennifer Birech |
| 12.55PM – 1.15PM | Q/A / Discussions (plenary) | Moderator: Dr Jennifer Birech |
| 1.15PM – 2.15PM | LUNCH BREAK | ALL |
| 2.15PM – 2.35PM | SESSION THREE Theme 5: Women in businesses and in informal sector during the pandemic | Moderator: Dr James Kariuki and Elizabeth Auma |
| | Keynote address Dr. Mary L. Mbithi Director of Research at the Women's Economic Empowerment Hub (WEE Hub), University of Nairobi. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences | Moderator: Dr James Kariuki and Elizabeth Auma |
| 2.35PM – 2.45PM | Q/A / Discussions (plenary) | Moderator: Dr James Kariuki & Elizabeth Auma |
| 2.45PM – 4.00PM | Women, Trade and the COVID-19 Pandemic in Nigeria Jimoh O Saka Department of Economics, Lagos State University, Ojo, Nigeria Josephine N. Ndambuki , Department of Economics, Egerton University, Kenya | Moderator: Dr James Kariuki and Elizabeth Auma |

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| | Mohammed M. Ologundudu Department of Economics, Crawford University, Igbesa Adeleke A. Oyende | |
| | Socio-Economic Effect of COVID-19 Pandemic on Market Women Activities in Nigeria Dr. Amos Adekunle Adediran Department of Social Studies, Federal College of Education, Abeokuta, Ogun State | Moderator: Dr James Kariuki and Elizabeth Auma |
| 4.00PM – 4.15PM | Q/A / Discussions (plenary) | Moderator: Dr James Kariuki and Elizabeth Auma |
| 4.15PM – 4.30PM | CLOSING REMARKS | Moderator: Dr James Kariuki and Elizabeth Auma |

Day Two

Tuesday, 25th October 2022

| TIME | EVENT & PRESENTER | MODERATOR/ DISCUSSANT |
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| 8.30AM – 9.00AM | Recap of Day One | |
| 9.30AM – 10.10AM | Keynote Address Prof. Alice Odingo Geography, Population and Environmental Studies (GPES), University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya | Moderator: Dr Marygorety Akinyi |
| 10.10AM – 10.25AM | Q/A / Discussions (plenary) | |
| 10.30AM – 10.45AM | HEALTH BREAK | ALL |
| 10.45AM – 12.30PM | SESSION FOUR Theme 6: Effects and Challenges of COVID-19 Pandemic | Moderator: Dr Marygorety Akinyi and Reuben Waswa |
| | Nutritional Status and Dietary Habits among Pregnant Women Seeking ANC Services in Othaya Constituency, Nyeri County, Kenya Eugenia King'ori University of Nairobi Jennifer Birech University of Nairobi | Moderator: Kathleen Anangwe and Reuben Waswa |
| | Psychosocial Effects of Interrupted Learning in Schools Pamela Onyango University of Nairobi Jennifer Birech University of Nairobi | Moderator: Kathleen Anangwe and Reuben Waswa |
| | The Status of Women and Girls During the COVID- 19 Pandemic in Homa Bay County in Kenya Prof. Richard Muga CEC, Homa Bay County Dr. Iscah Moth PNO, Homa Bay County Dr. Gordon Okomo CDH, Homa Bay County Mr Daniel Okuku CDN, Homa Bay County Mr George Opiyo Referral and Linkage Coordinator | Moderator: Kathleen Anangwe and Reuben Waswa |

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| | Re-imagining girls' education and COVID-19: Impact of Emergencies on Continuous Learning of Girls at Selected Nairobi Public Schools Josephine Nyambura Thua School of Social Sciences, Mount Kenya University | Moderator: Kathleen Anangwe and Reuben Waswa |
| | Ubuntu Renaissance: A Possible Solution to Gender Based Violence Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic Nancy Wanjala Barasa Centre for Advanced Studies in Environmental Law and Policy (CASELAP), University of Nairobi Dr Nafula Fredrick Wanjala Department of Philosophy, Consolata Institute of Philosophy, Nairobi | Moderator: Kathleen Anangwe and Reuben Waswa |
| | Influence of Principals' Management Practices in Re-Imaging Girls Education During and After COVID-19 Dr Susan Chepkonga and Jashon Debe Mege Faculty of Education | Moderator: Kathleen Anangwe and Reuben Waswa |
| | Gender Based Violence During the COVID-19 Pandemic Jane Akinyi Olago Public Service Board Member | Moderator: Kathleen Anangwe and Reuben Waswa |
| | A Sociological Viewpoint of Gender Based Violence and Alcohol Drought during COVID-19 Lockdown in Eswatini Dr Thandi F. Khumalo University of Eswatini | Moderator: Kathleen Anangwe and Reuben Waswa |
| 12.30PM – 1.00PM | Q/A / Discussions (plenary) | Moderator: Kathleen Anangwe and Reuben Waswa |
| 1.00PM – 2.00PM | LUNCH BREAK | ALL |
| 2.00PM – 4.00PM | A Case Study on Barriers to Education for Girls Living in the Host Communities of Turkana, Kenya Teresa Otieno Executive Director , FAWE (Kenya) | Moderator: Kathleen Anangwe and Reuben Waswa |
| | African Women and Coronavirus 2019 Pandemic: Impacts, Resilience and Gender Agenda 2030 Prof. Alice Odingo Geography, Population and Environmental Studies (GPES), University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya | Moderator: Kathleen Anangwe and Reuben Waswa |

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| | Engaging Sisterhood for Survival: A Missing Link in De-Gendering Gendered Mining Employment in Kenya Kathleen Anangwe Department of Sociology, Social Work and African Women Studies, University of Nairobi Joseph O. Manga | Moderator: Kathleen Anangwe and Reuben Waswa |
| | Plenary and Way Forward | Moderator: Anna Mwangi |
| 4.00PM – 4.15PM | HEALTH BREAK | ALL |
| 4.15PM – 4.35PM | Vote of Thanks Dr Marygorety Akinyi Conference Chairperson | Moderator: Reuben Waswa |
| 4.35PM – 5.00PM | <p style="text-align: center;">Closing Remarks</p> Dr. Dorothy Njiraine Research Coordinator, Faculty of Art and Social Sciences, University of Nairobi | Moderator: Dr.Kathleen Anangwe |