

**Virtual**

**6<sup>th</sup> Conference on the Status of African Women**

**Theme**

Harnessing Women's Knowledge, Experiences and Contributions  
Towards Sustainable Development Goals

**October 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Organizing Committee**

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**Conference Zoom Link:**

# Schedule of Events

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

<b>DAY ONE</b>	<b>ALL PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>9.00AM – 10.45AM</b>	<p><b>8.45AM-9.00: Delegates Login</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION ONE</b></p> <p><b>OPENING CEREMONY</b> <b>Dr. Marygorety Akinyi</b> Chair, Organizing Committee</p> <p><b>Prof. Wanjiku Kabira</b> The Convener, Director, African Women Research Studies Centre (AWRSC)</p> <p><b>Prof. Gidraph Wairire</b> Chair, Department of Sociology, Social Work and African Women Studies</p> <p><b>Prof. Jack Odhiambo</b> Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences</p> <p><b>Prof. Margaret Hutchinson</b> Associate Vice Chancellor, Research and Extension</p> <p><b>Prof. Stephen Kiama</b> Vice Chancellor</p> <p><b>Keynote Address</b> <b>Setting the Agenda for the Conference</b> <b>Naomi Lumutenga</b> <b>Executive Director &amp;</b> <b>Founder, Higher Education Resource Services-East Africa (HERS-EA)</b> <b>Q/A / Discussions (Plenary)</b></p> <p><b>Vote of Thanks</b></p>	<p><b>Secretariat/ICT</b></p> <p><b>Moderator</b> Dr. Jeniffer Birech</p> <p>Dr. Marygorety Akinyi</p>			
						<p><b>10.45AM-11.00AM : HEALTH BREAK</b></p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p>
			<b>DAY ONE</b>	<b>BREAK OUT ROOM 1</b>	<b>11.00AM – 12.00noon</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION TWO</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Theme: Women’s Health; syndemics and post pandemic, mental health, reproductive health and public health and calamities</b></p> <p>Poor Mental Health among Women in Higher Institutions of Learning <b>Dr. Jeniffer Birech</b> <b>Pamela Onyango</b></p>	<p><b>Moderator</b> Dr. James Kariuki</p>

		<p><b>University of Nairobi</b></p> <p>The Implementation of the Right Safe Abortion in Kenya: A Justiciable Human Right or a Mere Aspiration <b>Clinton Gekara, The Co-operative University of Kenya, University of Cape Town</b></p>	<p><b>Moderator</b></p>
	<p><b>BREAK OUT ROOM 1</b></p>	<p><b>11.00AM – 12.00noon</b></p> <p>Pilot DGC Case study: The use of UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) to assert gender based medical autonomy (SDG5 &amp; SDG3), combatting top-down bias in Pan-African Covid19 Vaccine national health sector policies (SDG10) <b>Cecilia W. Yu</b> <b>Ambassador (CSO), in Special Consultation Status with UN ECOSOC at UN Geneva since 2017</b></p> <p>Post Kisima <b>Roadmap Shows Progress</b> to End Female Genital Mutilation <b>Angela Letipila, Albert Wanjohi, Josephine Lengopito, Josphat Ileri, and Michelle Ell Niras. Technical Advisor, Nillas</b></p> <p>Impact of intimate partner violence in Zimbabwe: Perspectives from street children of Harare Central Business District <b>Witness Chikoko</b> University of Zimbabwe.</p> <p><b>Q/A / Discussions (Plenary)</b></p>	

	<b>BREAK OUT ROOM 2</b>	<b>11.00AM – 12.00noon</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION THREE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Theme: Women’s experience with Religion in the Contemporary World</b></p> <p>Analyzing the Quest for Gender Equality in Christian Women's Religious Engagement: A Search for Spiritual Equality  <b>Josephine Kanyiva, St. Pauls University- Limuru</b>  <b>Wycliff Munyoki, St. Pauls University- Limuru</b></p> <p>Women’s Groups Turn Religion into an Asset Through Partnership with Gatekeepers for Norm Shift to Improve Gender Equality  <b>Habiba Ahmed</b>  <b>Saudatu Mahdi</b>  <b>Yemisi Nathaniel, WRAPA NIGERIA</b></p> <p>Experiences of Women in Church Service and Their Contributions Towards Sustainable Development in Kenya: The Case of ACK and PCEA Churches  <b>Caroline Rugendo, R. Gachari</b>  <b>B. Mbogoh,</b>  <b>Daystar University</b></p> <p>Empowering Women Through Nichiren Buddhism  <b>Masumi Odari</b>  <b>University of Nairobi</b></p>	
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	<b>BREAK OUT ROOM 1</b>  <b>12.00noon – 1.00pm</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION TWO</b></p> <p><b>Theme: Women’s Health; syndemics and post pandemic, mental health, reproductive health and public health and calamities</b></p> <p>The Impact of Chronic Health Issues on Women’s Mental Health, and its Aftermath Challenges –  <b>Chikaodinaka Jane Onyenucheya,</b>  <b>University of Benin</b></p> <p>Exploring the Nexus Between Climate Change-Induced Livelihood, Stress and Women’s Mental Health in Pastoralist Communities in Kenya –  <b>Dr. Caroline Wangila</b>  <b>Agnes Oseko,</b>  <b>University of Eldoret</b></p> <p>Addressing Menstrual Health and Hygiene among the Nomadic Pastoralists Women and Girls during Migration to Pasture and Water Towers along International Borders, Turkana  <b>Rael Kukule Akoru</b>  Principal Public Health officer  <b>Dr. Fatuma Rajad</b> Adolescent Health officer</p> <p>An examination of subservient insinuations of women in the music of the Ichisungu and Chinamwali marriage rites in Zambia –  <b>Kalinde Bibian</b>  <b>University of Zambia</b></p> <p>Pastoral response to Gender Based Violence in Kenya  <b>Eva Kyeni Abel</b>  <b>Universiti de Geneve</b></p> <p style="background-color: yellow;"><b>Q/A / Discussions (Plenary)</b></p>	<p><b>Moderator</b>  Dr. Lucy Loice Nabukonde (Sr)</p>
		<b>Q/A / Discussions (Plenary)</b>	

<b>DAY ONE</b>	<b>BREAK OUT ROOM 2</b>	<b>12.00noon – 1.00pm</b>	<b>SESSION THREE</b> <b>Theme: Women’s experience with Religion in the Contemporary World</b>	<b>Moderator</b> Dr. Marygoretty Akinyi
			<p>Navigating Faith and Motherhood: The Experiences of Single Mothers in Mutego, Kabiria, Dagoretti Constituency, Nairobi  <b>Esther Kwamboka</b>  <b>Esther Mombo</b></p> <p>Spirituality and Women’s Vulnerability in Mediatized-religion in Kenya.  <b>Dr. MaryGorety Akinyi</b>  <b>Elizabeth Auma Ochola</b>  <b>University of Nairobi</b></p> <p>Kenyan Pentecostal Women lived theological experience against Gender Biases, Pioneers City Mega Churches  <b>John Mwangi</b>  <b>Laikipia University</b></p> <p>The Daughters of Zelophehad (Africa) are Right’’: Religion, African Women’s Leadership and Pandemics  <b>Ezra Chitando</b>  <b>University of Zimbabwe</b></p>	
			<b>Q/A Discussions (Plenary)</b>	<b>Moderator</b>
			<b>1.00PM – 2.00PM: LUNCH BREAK</b>	

<b>DAY ONE</b>	<b>BREAK OUT ROOM 1</b>	<b>2.00P - 5PM</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION FOUR</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Theme: Women and climate change, agriculture, food security, environment, and disaster preparedness.</b></p> <p>Women and Agriculture: Intwasa/ Pfumvudza agricultural practice as women empowerment  <b>Simangenkosi Thebe</b>  <b>Gwanda State University</b></p> <p>Women and Climate Change: An Analysis of their Roles in Agriculture, Food Security, Environment, and Disaster Preparedness  <b>Lona Loduru Elia, PhD(s)</b>  <b>Michael Joz Kamulegeya, DBA</b></p> <p>Climate Change Impact On Indigenous Communities in Siaya County - Kenya - A Review  <b>Otieno Adhiambo Carren</b>  <b>Janet Auma Wagude</b>  <b>Rongo University</b></p> <p>Kaya Ecofeminism and Ecophilosophy at play in Kaya Forests conservation</p>	<p><b>Moderator</b>  Pamela Ngesa</p>
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<b>BREAK OUT ROOM 2</b>	<b>2.00P - 5PM</b>	<p><b>John Mwangi, Laikipia University</b></p> <p>Impacts of Social Media on Self-Empowerment: The Case of Nigerian Female Graduates  <b>Gloria Nwandu Ozor, The Technical University of Kenya</b>  <b>Nwakaire Esther, University of Nigeria, Nsukka</b></p>	<p><b>Moderator</b>  Reuben Waswa</p>
		<p style="background-color: yellow; text-align: center;"><b>Q/A Plenary Discussion</b></p> <p style="background-color: yellow; text-align: center;"><b>SESSION FOUR</b></p> <p style="background-color: yellow; text-align: center;"><b>Theme: Women and climate change, agriculture, food security, environment, and disaster preparedness</b></p> <p>Women’s adoption of agricultural technologies under the changing climate: case of Kakamega County, Western Kenya  <b>Salome Owuonda, Judith Libaisi</b>  <b>Sarah Olembo</b>  <b>Africa Centre for Sustainable and Inclusive Development</b></p> <p>An Analysis of the Impact of Climate Change on African Women and the Achievement of the SDGs  <b>Dr. Sumanta Bhattacharya</b>  <b>Bhavneet Kaur Sachdev</b>  <b>NALSAR</b></p> <p>Constraints and Missed Opportunities for Rural Women Participation in Sustainable Food Security in Kenya  <b>Dr. Anthony Waiganjo</b>  <b>Bomet University</b>  <b>Dr. Wilson Muna</b>  <b>Kenyatta University</b></p> <p>Women and Agriculture: Intwasa/ Pfumvudza agricultural practice as women empowerment.  <b>Simangenkosi Thebe</b>  Gwanda State University</p> <p>Economist discourse: Kaine Agary and narrative of exploitation  <b>Dr Chuku Romanus Nwoma</b>  Alex Ekweme Federal University,  Ndufu_Aleke, Ebony State, Nigeria</p>	
		<p><b>Q/A Discussions (Plenary)</b></p> <p><b>5.00PM CLOSURE DAY ONE</b></p>	<p><b>Moderator</b></p>



		<b>Schedule of Events</b> <b>Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2023</b> <b>Day Two</b>		
			<b>8.45AM-9.00: Delegates Login</b> <b>9.00AM-9.15AM Recap of Day</b>	<b>Secretariat/ict</b> <b>Moderator</b> Mrs. Anna P. Mwangi
<b>DAY TWO</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>9.00am – 9.45am</b>	<b>SESSION ONE</b>	<b>Moderator</b>
			<b>Keynote Speaker</b> <b>Ambassador Esther Waringa,</b> The President and Chief Executive Officer Public Service Governance, Kenya	Dr. Kathleen Anangwe
			<b>Key Prof Paola Mahlck</b> Ass Professor Stockholm University	
			<b>Q/A Plenary Discussion</b>	

	<b>BREAK OUT ROOM 1</b>	9.45am-11.00AM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION TWO</b></p> <p><b>Theme: Women’s economic empowerment, labor force participation and property rights</b></p> <p>Women’s Economic empowerment, Labour-force participation and property rights in Nyeri County, Kenya  <b>Ann Wanderi</b>  <b>Jared Ochwangi Motanya</b>  <b>Karatina University</b></p> <p>Women's Empowerment and Sustainable Development: Case Studies from Rosana Empowerment Foundation  <b>Ejiogu Vitus Chibueze</b>  <b>Rosana Empowerment Foundation (REF)</b></p> <p>Impacts of Social Media on Self-Empowerment: The Case of Nigerian Female Graduates: Ecofeminist Discourse: Kaine Agary and the Narratives of Exploitation  <b>Chukwu Romanus Nwoma</b>  <b>Alex Ekwueme</b>  <b>Federal University, Ndufu-Alike</b></p> <p>The Effect of Socio-Demographic Factors on Knowledge Retention among Community Health Promoters in Nyandarua County, Kenya  <b>Rev. Haron Njoroge</b></p> <p>Women’s involvement in economic Empowerment labor force participant using cross river state of Nigeria  <b>Dr. Enemi Okon,</b></p> <p style="background-color: yellow;"><b>Q/A Plenary Discussion</b></p>	<p><b>Moderator</b>  Dr. Gloria Ozor</p>
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<b>DAY TWO</b>	<b>BREAK OUT ROOM 2</b>	<b>9.45am-10.45AM</b>	<b>SESSION TWO</b>	<b>MODERATOR</b> Mary Wambui Kanyi
			<b>Theme: Women’s economic empowerment, labor force participation and property rights</b>	
			<p>Unveiling Progress: The Impact of Women's Empowerment on Societal Advancement and Economic Prosperity in Migori County  <b>Dr. Stella Juma</b>  <b>Department Of Educational Management And Foundations</b></p> <p>Strengthening Exclusive Breastfeeding Practices among Working Mothers in the Informal Settlement, Kangemi.  <b>Jeniffer Birech</b>  <b>University of Nairobi</b>  <b>Jane Mbuthia</b>  <b>University of Nairobi</b></p> <p>Women’s Economic Empowerment, labor Force Participation and Property Rights  <b>Teresia Kigundu</b>  <b>Prof. Catherine Ndungo</b></p> <p>Women’s Economic empowerment, Labor force participation and property rights in Nyeri County, Kenya  <b>Ann Wanderi,</b>  <b>Jared Ochwangi Motanya</b></p>	
			<b>Q/A / Discussions (Plenary)</b>	
			<b>10.45AM-11.00AM : HEALTH BREAK</b>	

	<b>BREAK OUT ROOM 1</b>	<b>11.00AM – 1.00PM</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION THREE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Theme: Women’s economic empowerment, labor force participation and property rights</b></p> <p>Towards breaking the Gender Bias in the Construction Industry in Kenya for Economic Empowerment of Women: A Case of Female Artisan Construction Workers in Nairobi, Kenya.  <b>James Gichuru Kariuki (PhD)</b>  <b>University of Nairobi, Kenya</b></p> <p>Women's Empowerment and Sustainable Development: Case Studies from Rosana Empowerment Foundation  <b>Ejiogu Vitus Chibue</b></p> <p>Theme: Women’s economic empowerment, labor force participation and property rights in Sub-Saharan Africa  <b>Martha L. R Muhwezi</b>  University of Nairobi</p> <p>Women’s economic empowerment and property rights: Achievements and struggles in Eswatini  <b>Dr. Thandy F. Khumalo</b>  University of Eswatini</p> <p><b>Q/A / Discussions (Plenary)</b></p>	<p><b>Moderator</b>  Dr. Antony Waiganjo</p>
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<b>DAY TWO</b>	<b>BREAK OUR ROOM 2</b>	<b>11.00AM – 1.00PM</b>	<b>SESSION THREE</b>	
			<b>Theme: Women's Collective Agency, Self-Mobilization and Participation in Social Political Activities Towards Sustainable Development</b>	
			<p>Ground Swelling Women’s Movement Building on EVAWG - The Ten Pillar Partners Model (Women's collective Agency, self-mobilization and participation in socio-political towards sustainable development)</p> <p><b>Yemisi Nathaniel</b> <b>Saudatu Mahdi</b> <b>WRAPA NIGERIA</b></p> <p>Boosting the Role of Women for Sustainable Development <b>Florence Wamahiga Githuthu, PhD</b> <b>Tangaza University College</b></p> <p>Managing Sisterhood for Survival: A Missing Link in De-Gendering Gendered Mining Employment in Kenya - <b>Kathleen Anangwe</b> <b>University of Nairobi</b></p> <p>Females’ Self-Mobilization for Economic Empowerment as a strategy to Vanquish Discriminative Mainstream Financial Institutions (MFIs) – <b>Mary Wambui Kanyi</b> <b>University of Nairobi</b></p>	
			<b>Q/A / Discussions (Plenary)</b>	
		<b>1.00PM-2.00PM</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	<b>ALL</b>

<b>DAY TWO</b>	<b>BREAK OUT ROOM 1</b>	<b>2.00PM – 3.45PM</b>	<b>SESSION FOUR</b> <b>Theme: Women’s economic empowerment, labor force participation and property rights</b>	<b>Moderator</b> <b>Dr. Jennifer Birech</b>
			<p>Gender representation in leadership roles at the Kenya Medical Training College  <b>Dr Wagaki Gicheru, Linet Makazi</b>  <b>Kenya Medical Training College</b></p> <p>Gender Stereotypes, Stereotyping and the Place of Social Work Professional Practice  <b>Dr. Ezekiel Mbitha Mwenzwa</b>  <b>Karatina University</b></p> <p>Gendered Impact of Travel Restriction's Policy on Enterprises in the Tourism Industry in Kenya  <b>Dr. Leah N. Wanjama</b>  <b>Dr. Aflonia Nyambura Mbuthia</b>  <b>Kenyatta University</b></p> <p>Follow the maid: An ethnographic interrogation into domestic worker migration from Kenya Gulf State  <b>Dr. Marygoretty Akinyi, University of Nairobi</b>  <b>Prof Aina Tonntsen Umea University Sweden</b>  <b>Prof Paola Sennesson Mahitck Stokom University, Sweden</b></p>	
			<b>Q/A / Discussions (Plenary)</b>	

DAY TWO	BREAK OUT 2	2.00PM – 3.45PM	<p align="center"><b>SESSION FOUR</b></p> <p><b>Theme: Women's Collective Agency, Self-Mobilization and Participation in Social Political Activities Towards Sustainable Development</b></p>	<b>Moderator</b> Esther Kyalo
			<p>Economic empowerment, Labour force participation and property rights in Nyeri County, Kenya <b>Ann Wanderi</b> <b>Jared Ochwangi Motanya</b></p> <p>Women's Empowerment and Sustainable Development: Case Studies from Rosana Empowerment Foundation <b>Ejiogu Vitus Chibue</b></p> <p>Women's self-help groups: Strategy in the alleviation of Poverty: A Case of Olympic Kibra, Nairobi Kenya <b>Dr. Lucy Loice Nabukonde (SR)</b></p> <p>Leveraging Women's Knowledge and Expertise for Sustainable Development <b>Grace Ngechu</b></p>	
			<b>Q/A/Discussions (Plenary)</b>	
			<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>	<b>ALL</b>
DAY TWO	ALL	4.00PM – 4.30PM	<p><b>Vote of Thanks</b> <b>Dr. Marygorety Akinyi</b> Conference Chairperson</p> <p><b>Closing Remarks</b> <b>Dr. Dorothy Njiraine</b> Research Coordinator, Faculty of Art and Social Sciences, University of Nairobi.</p>	<b>Moderator</b>
			<p><b>VIDEOS ON WOMEN PATHFINDERS</b></p> <p><b>Participants Logout at will</b></p>	