



**UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI**

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

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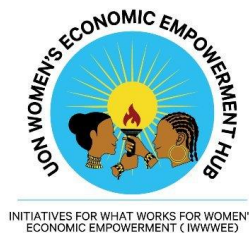
**Theme**

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

**October 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> 2024**



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## **SPEECHES**

**Vice Chancellor – University of Nairobi**

It is my delight once again to welcome all of you to the University of Nairobi. On record, the University of Nairobi is a world class university committed to scholarly excellence and 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. In pursuance of its mission, The University under it's various Faculties, Departments and Schools has been holding annual international academic conferences. This Conference from African Women Studies in The Department Of Sociology, Social Work and African Women Studies is the seventh of its kind. The Current Conference on the Status of the African Women has employed the theme: *Channeling Research For Resilience And Sustainability For African Women* . The conference comes with realization that women play a pivotal role for sustainable development across the continent inspite of them being confronted by multifaced challenges. Understanding their needs, experiences and knowledge is key to unravelling their potential in this important field. Structural barriers for women's economic empowerment have been created giving room to social dialogue to mitigate the impact and help shape solutions

towards the realization of SDGs no. 5, 8, 10 and 17. Women Economic Empowerment continues to draw scholars involved in research in the political, social and economic empowerment of women have seen the need to improve the social, and political status of women in the world. The main objective of this conference is to open dialogue for scholars, researchers, students, professionals in the field of women's economic empowerment and sustainability.

This Conference then will also provide an opportunity for networking among scholars from various backgrounds and enable the participants to take stock the women's resilience and sustainability and how it impacts on Women's Economic Empowerment and offer practical solutions for climate change mitigation and women's economic empowerment both at local, national and regional levels.

In times of economic crisis triggered by any factor like the climate change, women and vulnerable groups like persons living with disability are disproportionately affected more than men. The disproportionate impact of climate change is felt by women who were disadvantaged across key social service sectors such as health, education, water, and agriculture due to gender roles that place the burden of care work on them.

This Conference looks at Economic empowerment for women for sustainable livelihoods, health and well-being: ensuring resilience for women, empowering

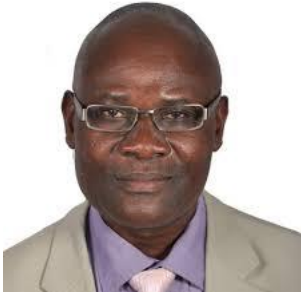
women through education and skills development for sustainable progress, harnessing women's leadership in conflict resolution and sustainable peace, technology innovation for women's empowerment, women leading cultural transformation for sustainable communities, role of women in climate change resilience, mitigation and adaptation, and empowering women entrepreneurs: cultivating sustainable cultures through MSMES and the Hustler Fund.

This is in an attempt achieve an inclusive sustainable development and resilience.

With these brief remarks, I wish to declare this Conference officially open and wish you a very fruitful engagement during the two days of the Conference.

Thank you.

**Prof. Margaret Hutchinson**



**Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, Innovation and Enterprise**

The University of Nairobi launched the annual Research Week six 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 “Channeling Research For Resilience And Sustainability For African Women”. 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 8 Sub-Thematic Areas, with the objective of opening dialogue for scholars, researchers, students, professionals in the field of women’s economic empowerment. This is in the wake of climate change and its effects and economic crisis threatens to will back years of hard won economic and social gains, with women having disproportionately suffered socio-economic consequences during this period. To mitigate the effects of this 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 2024 Research Week, which is, : *Channeling Research For Resilience And Sustainability For African Women* .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 2024 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. Francis Mulaa**



I am indeed very happy today as I witness the culmination of a lot of planning for this year's University of Nairobi Research week. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> UoN Research Week, and over the years, we have continued to witness increased level of activity participation and enthusiasm not only by our Faculty and students, but indeed by our partners and collaborators as well. This year's research week brings together conferences cutting across all our 10 faculties and with over 800 papers and 140 guest speakers, this is clearly a big improvement from last year's research week during which we had just over 700 papers and slightly over 90 guest speakers. I therefore wish to sincerely thank all the conveners of the various conferences that have worked so to make this event successful. As we all know, Research plays a very critical role towards economic development of Nations, through generation of knowledge that help to solve the many problems that face society today. The theme of this year's Research week namely; 'Harnessing Research for Resilience and Sustainability of Communities, is the same that was used last year, and resonates quite well with the present day challenges which include such issues as hunger, poverty, climate change, increasing inequality of wealth and income, unemployment and technological disruptions. Research is very central in the university as a source of knowledge that is necessary for solving various problems affecting society. In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, we are called upon to intensify our research effort in response to the increasingly complex world. May I once again take this opportunity to welcome all of us to this year's Research Week activities.

**THANK YOU**

**PROF. JUSTUS M MUNYOKI**

**DIRECTOR, RESEARCH AND ENTERPRISE**

**UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI**





**Prof. Gidraph Wairire**

Chair, Department of Sociology, Social Work and African Women Studies

The Dean of the FASS **Prof. Jack Odhiambo**, ..... organizing committee, participants from various universities and civil societies. Receive my warm greetings.

Indeed it is a great pleasure to welcome you to this 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on the Status of the African Women. I wholeheartedly want to thank the gender scholars and researchers from various academic institutions, Government and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) for taking your precious time to prepare for, and to attend this conference.

In my speech in the last conference, I noted that gender disparity is a great concern to social scientists and more so to sociologists and social workers. The department of sociology, social work and African women studies is an important stakeholder in addressing gender disparities as demonstrated by the many research undertakings by members of the department, and the many community engagements that academic staff have participated in that are geared towards gender empowerment in general, and women empowerment in particular.

Despite relentless efforts to deconstruct and reconstruct gender, gender disparities have persisted in many areas in our society as demonstrated by the gender inequalities in property ownership, labour force participation and in politics. Women have indeed demonstrated remarkable resilience in attempts to achieve gender parity.

The department of sociology, social work & AWS has undertaken research in many aspects geared towards understanding women's experiences, needs and aspirations that will enable society to create effective policies and interventions in order to foster gender equality and achieve Sustainable Development goals (SDGs). The department has been actively involved in various academic undertakings in support of gender equity and this has culminated in numerous publications in refereed journals, books and book chapters. Indeed I reiterate that the department is an important stakeholder in efforts to addressing gender disparities not only in Kenya but in the whole of Africa.

I express my sincere gratitude to our Vice Chancellor **Prof. Margaret Hutchinson** for giving us the platform to host this conference. The theme of the conference is "***Channeling Research for Resilience and Sustainability for African Women***". In line with this theme, this conference is an excellent opportunity for gender scholars to interrogate the importance of research in identifying strategies and solutions that enhance the resilience of African women and their participation in sustainable community development. I am alive to the fact that the subthemes of this conference are serious issues of concerns to sociologists and social workers.

These subthemes include *economic empowerment of women for sustainable livelihoods, empowering women through education and skills development for sustainable progress, resilience of women in health, harnessing women's leadership in conflict resolution and sustainable peace, technology and innovation for women empowerment, role of women in climate change resilience mitigation and adaptation; and cultural transformation for sustainable community development.* Guided by these sub-themes, we have an opportunity to critically examine the emerging impediments to realization of gender equality among African Women.

I am also alive to the issue of gender intersectionality. In respect to this, I remind you that as we discuss the academic papers under various sub-themes, ponder about how intersectionality helps us to understand the different forms of gender discrimination in a complex way leading to unique experiences of gender inequality.

I want to thank all the committee members for your efforts to see that this conference become successful.

Finally, to all the participants, thank you for sparing your time to articulate issues that remains of concern towards the realization of gender equality in African communities.

I have no doubt that this conference will serve as a platform for scholars, policy makers, and practitioners to address entrenched gender inequalities and reaffirm the importance of gender parity and diversity, with a focus on research promoting resilience and sustainable development for African women.

I extend my best wishes for a successful conference. Thank you.

**Prof. G. G. Wairire**

**Chairman, Department of Sociology, Social work and African Women Studies**



## **Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences**

Let me take this opportunity to welcome each and every one of you to the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. The faculty prides itself of having fourteen departments in the University of Nairobi, one of them being department of Sociology, Social Work and African Women Studies that hosts the 7th annual conference on the status of Women. The conference,

### **Channeling Research for Resilience and Sustainability for African Women.**

The empowerment of women continues to draw global attention due to the fact that economic empowerment can lead to increased income, improved nutrition, health, and greater decision-making power within the household. Additionally, research shows that women's economic empowerment can also have a positive impact on the broader community, by promoting gender equality and reducing gender discrimination. It is also important for the achievement of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially Goal 5, which aims to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

The faculty acknowledges the importance of research in unearthing and understanding the place of an empowered woman in the society. The 7th annual conference on the status of women is an open dialogue for scholars, researchers', students, professionals in the field of women economic empowerment. This platform therefore gives us an opportunity to discuss research that is backed by evidence that will go a long way in developing policies and technologies that enable the resilience of African Women as they contribute to sustainable communities.

Among the issues the conference will discuss include the following;

Economic Empowerment of Women for Sustainable Livelihoods.

Health and Wellbeing: Ensuring Resilient Women

Empowering women through Education and Skill Development for Sustainable Progress

Harnessing Women's Leadership in Conflict Resolution and Sustainable Peace

Role of Women in Climate Change, Resilience, Mitigation and Adaptation.

As the dean of the faculty, we take evidenced backed research very seriously. We are looking forward to having an insightful dialogue on these emerging issues that affect women and the society at large. I'm looking forward to this discourse where we apply ourselves on this emerging research and technologies for sustainable development. By having honest conversations on

the emerging issues, we align ourselves on the overall theme “Harnessing research for resilience and sustainable communities.

As I conclude, I would like to thank you for being part of this process and I wish all the participants well and a good experience during this conference.

Thank you!

God bless you.

**Prof. Jack Odhiambo**

**Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences**



## Conference Chairperson

Honored guests, distinguished delegates, esteemed colleagues, and friends,

It is with great pride and immense gratitude that I stand before you today as the Chairperson of The 7th Annual Conference on the Status of African Women. On behalf of the organizing committee, I extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you. Thank you for gathering here to address one of the most pressing and vital topics of our time: *Channeling Research for Resilience and Sustainability for African Women*.

As we come together, we are reminded of the incredible strides that African women have made, from grassroots leadership to roles in academia, government, business, and innovation. Yet, we are also acutely aware of the challenges that persist—challenges amplified by global crises such as climate change, economic instability, and social inequities. These crises disproportionately affect women, especially in our beloved African continent.

This year's theme is not just a reflection of the need to address these challenges; it is a call to action to harness the power of research and innovation as tools for resilience and sustainability. Research has the potential to unlock solutions that can shape policies, programs, and frameworks to ensure that African women not only survive but thrive in the face of adversity.

**Resilience**, as we know, is not a new concept for African women. Generations of women have demonstrated an extraordinary capacity to endure hardships while creating opportunities for themselves and their communities. Whether in agriculture, education, healthcare, or governance, African women have led with strength and courage. But today, we are called to build on that legacy, to transform resilience into sustainability.

**Sustainability** is the key to ensuring that the gains made by African women are not short-lived but are built on a foundation that will empower future generations. This means advocating for gender-responsive policies, fostering access to education and financial resources, and ensuring that African women have a seat at the decision-making tables—both locally and globally.

As we channel research to achieve these goals, we must recognize that the power of knowledge lies in its application. Our research must be relevant, inclusive, and transformative. It must address the diverse realities of African women in rural areas, urban centers, conflict zones, and rapidly changing economies. It must provide actionable insights that governments, civil society, and the private sector can implement.

I encourage each of us to think deeply about how we can contribute to this movement, how we can use the data, stories, and experiences we gather to advocate for change, and how we can collaborate across borders, sectors, and disciplines to elevate the status of African women.

This conference is not just a meeting of minds; it is a convergence of passion, purpose, and power. Together, we can shape a future where resilience leads to sustainability, and sustainability leads to the flourishing of African women across all sectors of society.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the researchers, policymakers, and activists who have made this conference possible. Your dedication is the backbone of the progress we seek to make. To our participants, your engagement, ideas, and energy are what will drive this movement forward.

Let us take these next few days to learn, share, and most importantly, act.

Thank you once again for being here. Together, let us channel research into resilience and sustainability for African women and create a future where their voices, visions, and leadership are central to Africa's development and success.

**Thank you,  
Marygorety Akinyi (PhD),  
Chairperson, AWSC Organizing Committee**



## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Dr. Yumi Yamane,**

**Director of Japan Society for the  
Promotion of Science (JSPS), Nairobi**

Yumi Yamane, current  
director of Japan Society for  
the Promotion of Science,  
Nairobi Research Station. I have  
been conducted Wildlife

Conservation related studies in Nairobi and Kenya. Especially focus on leopards and people in pastoralist areas. In 2006, I started my study in Nairobi area that how is the relationship among the urban park, leopards and people. The result was very interesting. From that result, I started comparison with other pastoralist's area.

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2006 - 2015

Research on Leopard in Nairobi

Leopard Ecology study using Camera trap and GPS collars

Interviews to local communities and other stakeholders around Nairobi National Park.

2016 - 2020

Research at rural areas

Leopard Ecology study using Camera trap to local communities and other stakeholders around the areas

Most of local communities are pastoralists

2021 - 2023

Add on the studies 2016-2020, Maasai communities perceptions of Lion hunting

Interviews and drawings analysis

### EDUCATION

2015

Ph.D, African area Study, Kyoto

University in Japan

Bachelor Of Fishery Chemistry, M.Sc. of African Area Studies Ph.D of African Area Studies

### WORK EXPERIENCE

2015 -

Visiting Researcher: Tokyo metropolitan University  
2021 -

Special appointed assistant professor: Kyoto University  
2023-

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Nairobi Research Station,  
Director





**Amb. Dr. Cecilia W. Yu 余詠詩**

Amb. Dr. Cecilia W. Yu 余詠詩 is an Australian of British Hong Kong Chinese ancestry, who serves as an Ambassador to the UN for PEPA L'Humanitaire NGO in special consultation with UN ECOSOC. As Executive Director of the UNSDG Action Hub in Kenya, appointed by the late Professor Ezekiel Okemwa, Cecilia is working closely with the UN Nairobi Civil Society Organisations to continue the legacy of Nobel Peace laureate, founding IPCC Oceanographer Scientist Professor Ezekiel Okemwa. She holds an Honorary Doctorate in Sustainable Economic and Cultural Development from Alfred Nobel OBS and is a Nobel Prize Teacher.

She lends her expertise to UN agencies such as UNFCCC, PACJA, UNDP, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNECOSOC, while she also provided strategic expertise to various Nobel Laureates & Foundations (2022, 2010, 2007, and 1994). As an expert in Sustainable Economics and Cultural aspects of Sustainable development, she has contributed to Global South #Climatejustice advocacy. Her San Francisco-based

NGO fiscal sponsored the launch of Nobel Women Initiatives in 2012 via the Inspiring Women Summit.

In Sept 2024, Cecilia was elected onto the International Executive Committee of Scottish Greens Party to entrench Sustainability values into the Scottish Constitution, nominated by members from the Scottish Greens Women Network.

As an international visual artist, Cecilia's works are exhibited globally, with a permanent display in a £20 million art facility in Japan. Her art participated in the Beijing and London Olympics and received global accolades, including twice winning Artist of the Year Scotland (2023-2025), award by Corporate Livewire Publications.

Cecilia has authored over 1.2 million distribution editorials and numerous publications. Currently she is a regular columnist for Lancashire and Northwest county Magazine in England.

Her recent International award was her inclusion on the "Wall of Inspiration" - EWIS in Hawaii, joining empowered women such as Kamala Harris, Michelle Obama, Reshma Saujani, Ariana Huffington, Hillary Clinton, Madeleine Albright & many more, as fellowship of female leaders worldwide, to elevate Women and Girl-child education in STEM.



## **Brightness Mangolothi**

Brightness Mangolothi is a Director at Higher Education Resource Services – South Africa (HERS-SA). A South African non-profit organisation dedicated to the empowerment of women leaders in the higher education sector through capacity building, advocacy, research, and strategic collaborations. Brightness stands as a beacon of knowledge and experience on women's issues in higher education and leadership development, with a rich background in public and private higher education, research, lecturing, community service, advocacy, and communication. She has carved a distinguished path over more than two decades. Her research interests are women leadership, workplace bullying, strategic communication and humanising the workplace. As a lecturer, postgraduate research supervisor, facilitator, and keynote speaker, Brightness has not only imparted knowledge but has also been a driving force in advancing the landscape of education, having been featured in major mainstream

media. She was the University South Africa Forum USAf, Higher Education Leadership and Management (HELM), Women in Leadership Executive Coach Supervisor. A former Head of Department at Nelson Mandela University and Head of Programme at IIE, ADvTECH. She is the African Women Leaders Network (AWLN) – South African Chapter, Treasurer General. An erstwhile Public Relations Institute in Southern Africa Board Member and National Workers Union (NEHAWU) NMMU Branch Chairperson. In 2023 she co-edited a book titled, *Women's Empowerment for a Sustainable Future: Transcultural and Positive Psychology Perspectives*. 2023. In 2020, she earned the esteemed title of the University of Georgia Fellow for the African Civic Engagement Academy Program and was recognised as a 2015 Standard Bank Rising Star Finalist. The International Association for Business Communicators (IABC) also acknowledged her significant contributions to the communication field. Brightness continues to mentor and coach both male and female leaders, and aspiring leaders. Her recent research article from her doctoral study is titled: *Workplace Bullying and Its Implications for Gender Transformation in the South African Higher Education Sector: An Intersectional Perspective*.



### **Dr (MA) Maïmouna**

Dr (MA) Maïmouna BOLOGO/TRAORÉ is a CAMES Senior Lecturer and teacher-researcher in Sociology at the 2iE institute. She is Head of the Human, Social and Managerial Sciences Department (SHSM).

She holds a PhD in Anthropology from the University of Poitiers, and her doctoral research focused on the relationship between identity logics and household waste management in the city of Ouagadougou.

At 2iE, Dr (MA) Maïmouna BOLOGO/TRAORÉ is in charge of courses in Student Work Organization, Data Collection Techniques and Tools, Development Sociology, Social Mobilization Approaches for Behavior Change, and Knowledge of Societies.

Her research focuses on climate change, behavior change in the context of hygiene and sanitation promotion, and gender.

In terms of administrative responsibilities, Dr Maïmouna BOLOGO/TRAORÉ is inter alia :

- ↗ Chair of 2iE's Gender Committee ;
- ↗ Responsible for Social Safeguards in World Bank project management teams (CEA-Impact Center of Excellence and College of Engineering - COE);
- ↗ Member of the 2iE Institute's Research Ethics Committee.

Dr (MA) Maïmouna BOLOGO/TRAORÉ has a dozen years' experience in teaching and research.

# Schedule of Events

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

	8.45- 9.00am	DELEGATES LOGIN	Secretariat/ ICT
		<b>SESSION ONE OPENING CEREMONY</b>	
ALL PARTICIPANTS	9.00AM – 10.45AM	<p><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>Keynote Address</b> Dr. Yumi Yamane, <b>Director of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Nairobi</b></p> <p>Amb. Dr. Cecilia W. Yu. <b>Ambassador to the UN for PEPA L’Humanitaire NGO in special consultation with UN ECOSOC.</b></p>	<p><b>Moderator</b> Dr. Jeniffer Birech</p>
		<p><b>Q/A / DISCUSSIONS (PLENARY)</b></p> <p><b>VOTE OF THANKS</b></p>	Dr. Marygorety Akinyi

		<b>SESSION TWO</b>	
		<i>Theme: Economic Empowerment of women for Sustainable Livelihoods</i>	
<b>BREAK OUT ROOM 1</b>	<b>11.00AM-12.00NOON</b>	<p>Impacts of Accessing Quality and Affordable Childcare on Women Economic Empowerment: Results From A Quasi-Experimental Study of Women In Cross Border Trade In Kenya.  <b>Prof. Mary Mbithi, Dianne Kabiru and Rachael Keeru Women Economic Empowerment Hub, University of Nairobi, Kenya.</b></p> <p>The Voices of African Woman as Liberation Discourses: A Gendered Cultural Hermeneutical Lens to1 Samuel 25  <b>Rev. Dr. Dorcas Chebet Juma</b>  <b>Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Pwani University</b></p> <p>Centrality of Women's Sustainable Livelihoods in Bolstering the 2030 Agenda on Economic Inclusion  <b>Patricia Munayi</b>  <b>University of Nairobi</b></p> <p>Economic Empowerment of Women for Sustainable Livelihoods  <b>Collins Nkumbwa, Mavis Owusu-Gyamfi, Naila Kabeer, Penelope N. Mwila</b>  <b>University of Ghana</b></p>	<p><b>Moderator</b>  Dr. James Kariuki</p>
		<b>Q/A / DISCUSSIONS (PLENARY)</b>	

		<b>SESSION THREE</b> <i>Theme: Empowering Women through Education and Skills Development for Sustainable progress</i>	
<b>BREAK OUT ROOM 1</b>	<b>11.00AM – 12.00NOON</b>	<p><b><u>Keynote Address</u></b> Dr Maimuna Bologo/Traore, <b>CAMES Senior Lecturer and Teacher Researcher in Sociology, 2iE institute.</b></p> <p>Empowering Women through Education and Skills Development for Sustainable Progress: Opportunities and Challenges <b>Florence Chesseret</b> <b>Moi University</b></p> <p>Empowering Teen Mothers Through Education and Skill Development Sustainable Progress: Overview of progress in research <b>Eunice Kinya &amp; Daniel M. Nzengya</b> <b>School of Education and Social Sciences, St Paul's University</b></p>	<b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Jennifer Birech
		<b>SESSION TWO</b> <i>Theme: Harnessing women's leadership in conflict resolution and sustainable peace</i>	
<b>BREAK OUT ROOM 1</b>	<b>11.00AM – 12.30NOON</b>	<p>“Mikononi mwao”: Women, peace, and power: Meaningful participation as a contribution to building sustainable peace in Kenya. A case study of Muslim women leaders in Mombasa. <b>Dr.Mwanakitina Bakari, Dr.Rukiya Bakari</b> <b>University of Nairobi</b></p> <p>Harnessing Women's Leadership in Conflict Resolution and Sustainable Peace: The Case of South Sudan <b>Ms. Lona James Luduro Elia (PhDs)</b> <b>University of Nairobi</b></p> <p>Parallel worlds: the theory and practice of ‘ownership’ in women, peace and security <b>Karmen Tornius</b> <b>Postdoctoral Researcher</b> <b>SCRIPTS Cluster of Excellence – Contestations of the Liberal Script</b> <b>Freie Universtiät Berlin</b></p>	<b>Moderator</b> Dr. Wilkister Were and Reuben Waswa
		<b>Q/A / DISCUSSIONS (PLENARY)</b>	
		<b>SESSION THREE</b> <i>Theme: Health and Well-being: Ensuring Resilient Women</i>	

<b>BREAK OUT ROOM 2</b>	<b>12.00noon – 1.00pm</b>	<p>Women under Covid 19: A challenge and an opportunity – do they go together?  <b>Nurit Hashimshony-Yaffe, PhD. Dinah Kortom Chepkemoi, Sabdio Wario Galgallo</b>  <b>The Academic College of Tel Aviv Yaffo</b></p> <p>Integrating health policies into government frameworks, treaties, and conventions for Protecting women's rights and children toward Tobacco Free Generation  <b>Thamer AL Hilfi, Anne Jones</b>  <b>Madenat Alelem University College</b></p> <p>The challenges towards health and care of older women: A case study of Kwale County, Kenya  <b>Kaori Miyachi, Ken Masuda</b>  <b>Kochi University</b></p>	<p><b>Moderator</b>  Dr. James Kariuki and Esther Kyalo</p>	
		<b>Q/A / DISCUSSIONS (PLENARY)</b>		
		<b>1.00 – 2.00PM: LUNCH BREAK</b>		

		<b>SESSION FOUR</b> <i>Theme: Role of Women in Climate Change Resilience Mitigation and Adaptation</i>	
<b>BREAK OUT ROOM 1</b>	<b>2.00P - 5PM</b>	<p>The Role of Women in Agriculture Transition and Sustainability  <b>Dr. Martina Mutheu</b>  <b>University of Nairobi</b></p> <p>Empowering Women in Climate Action: Enhancing Resilience, Mitigation and Adaption.  <b>Felistus Mooka Mubukwanu, Phyllis In’utu Sumbwa-Sialubanje</b>  <b>University of Zambia</b></p>	<b>Moderator</b> Prof. Joyce Muchemi, USIU-Africa and Dr Marygorety Akinyi
		<b>Q/A PLENARY DISCUSSION</b>	



			<b>SESSION FOUR</b> <i>Theme: Technology and Innovation for Women empowerment in Africa.</i>	
	<b>BREAK OUT ROOM 2</b>	<b>2.00P - 5PM</b>	<p>Technology and Innovation for Women empowerment in Africa.  <b>Marygoretty Akinyi (PhD), Dorcas Kedogo</b>  <b>University of Nairobi</b></p> <p>The role of technology and innovation in empowering Kenyan women politically and socially  <b>Dr Caroline Shilaho</b>  <b>University of Nairobi</b></p>	<b>Moderator</b> Reuben Waswa
			<b>Q/A DISCUSSIONS (PLENARY)</b>	
			<b>5.00PM: DAY ONE CLOSURE</b>	

# Day Two

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

		<b>8.45AM-9.00: DELEGATES LOGIN</b>	<b>Secretariat/ICT</b>
		<b>9.00AM-9.15AM: RECAP OF DAY</b>	<b>Moderator</b> Mrs. Anna Mwangi
		<b>SESSION ONE</b>	
<b>ALL</b>	<b>9.15am – 9.45am</b>	<b>Keynote Speakers</b> Brightness Mangolothi, <b>Director, Higher Education Resource Services – South Africa (HERS-SA)</b>	<b>Moderator</b> Dr. Kathleen Anangwe
		<b>SESSION TWO</b> <i>Theme: Women Leading Cultural Transformation for Sustainable Communities.</i>	
<b>BREAKOUT ROOM 1</b>	<b>9.00am – 9.45am</b>	<p>Women and Cultural resistance: Sustainable Communities <b>Florence Wamahiga Githuthu PhD</b></p> <p>Evolving Faces of hegemony: The case of Kiriri Women’s University of Science and Technology. <b>Dr. Wilkister A. Were</b> <b>Kiriri Women’s University of Science &amp; Technology</b> <b>Dr. Boaz Were</b> <b>Kenyatta University</b></p> <p>An exploratory study of patriarchal societies: Women's role in sustainable development in the Southern Province of Zambia. <b>Phyllis In’utu Sumbwa-Sialubanje, Felistus Mooka Mubukwanu</b> <b>University of Zambia</b></p>	<b>Moderator</b> Dr. Jennifer Birech and Anna Mwangi
		<b>Q/A PLENARY DISCUSSION</b>	
		<b>SESSION TWO</b> <i>Theme: Health and Well-being: Ensuring Resilient Women</i>	
<b>BREAK OUT ROOM 2</b>	<b>9.45 - 10.45am</b>	<p>Empowering Rural Women for Resilient Health and Well-being: A Case Study of Chipinge rural, Zimbabwe <b>Winnat Hokoza, Shingirai Majaji, Primrose Hove</b> <b>University of Zimbabwe</b></p> <p>Health and Well-being: Ensuring Resilient Women <b>Mary Ndinda David</b> <b>Revive Mental Health Organization</b></p>	<b>Moderator</b> Mary Wambui Kanyi

		Strengthening Newborn Care practices among women of reproductive age in low-income urban centres. <b>Emily Lihanda, Jeniffer Birech</b> University of Nairobi	
		<b>Q/A / DISCUSSIONS (PLENARY)</b>	
		<b>10.45AM-11.00AM : HEALTH BREAK</b>	
		<b>SESSION THREE</b> <i>Theme: Health and Well-being: Ensuring Resilient Women</i>	
<b>BREAK OUT ROOM 1</b>	<b>11.00AM – 1.00PM</b>	Health and Well-being: Ensuring Resilient Women <b>Ruth Masese Ongaga</b> University of Nairobi	<b>Moderator</b> Dr.
		Combating Drug Abuse in Zimbabwe: An Inclusive Approach to Enhancing Women’s Participation and community resilience in Drug Policy Making <b>Beullah Matinhira</b> University of Zimbabwe	
		Treating Depression and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in the public sector primary care settings in Kenya and the impact on wellbeing and productivity: A case for women empowerment <b>Muthoni Mathai</b> University of Nairobi	
		<b>Q/A / DISCUSSIONS (PLENARY)</b>	
		<b>SESSION THREE</b> <i>Theme:</i>	
<b>BR EA</b>	<b>11.00A</b>		
		<b>Q/A / DISCUSSIONS (PLENARY)</b>	
		<b>1.00PM-2.00PM: LUNCH BREAK</b>	<b>ALL</b>

		<b>SESSION FOUR</b>	
		<i>Theme: Empowering Women through Education and Skills Development for Sustainable progress</i>	
<b>BREAK OUT ROOM 1</b>	<b>2.00PM – 3.45PM</b>	<p>Digital literacy programs for women: A path way to sustainable livelihoods for rural women.  <b>Resty Nabaggala</b>  <b>University of Nairobi</b></p> <p>Education for All: A reality or mere fallacy for marginalized communities of Kenya A review of educational- outcomes vis a vis gender parity as a blue print to socio-economic development of women and girls  <b>Hellen A. Mwangovya, Anne Achieng Aseey,</b>  <b>Marygorety Akinyi</b>  <b>University of Nairobi</b></p>	<b>Moderator</b> Dr. Jennifer Birech and Esther Kyalo
		<b>Q/A / DISCUSSIONS (PLENARY)</b>	
		<b>SESSION FOUR</b>	
<b>B</b>	<b>2.</b>	<i>Theme:</i>	
		<b>Q/A / DISCUSSIONS (PLENARY)</b>	
		<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>	
<b>ALL</b>	<b>4.00PM – 4.30PM</b>	<p><b>VOTE OF THANKS</b>  <b>Dr. Marygorety Akinyi</b>  Conference Chairperson  <b>Closing Remarks</b>  <b>Dr. Dorothy Njiraine</b>  Research Coordinator, Faculty of Art and Social Sciences,  University of Nairobi.</p>	<b>Moderator</b>  Dr. Kathleen Anangwe
		<b>VIDEOS ON WOMEN PATHFINDERS</b>	
		<b>Participants Logout at will</b>	

# Day Three at USIU Africa

Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2024

<b>PROGRAM</b>		
9:00-9:30 Registration	At the Rooftop of School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), USIU-Africa	
9:30-10:00 Opening	Welcome Remarks <b>Mwenda Ntarangwi, PhD. Vice Chancellor, USIU-Africa</b> <b>Martin C. Njoroge, Ph.D., Dean, SHSS, USIU-A.</b>	Moderator  Prof. Joyce Muchemi, USIU-Africa
	Opening Remarks <b>Yumi Yamane Ph.D.</b> <b>Director of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Nairobi Research Station.</b>	
	Speech by the Guest of Honour <b>Chargé d' Affaires ad interim, Mr. OGIHARA Hiroshi</b> <b>Embassy of Japan in Kenya.</b>	
	Keynote Speech <b>Hermes Gichane, Ph.D</b> <b>Director, Gender Based Violence Recovery Centre, Kenya Women and Wellness Children Centre.</b>	
10:00-10:30 Tea Break		
10:30-12:30 Morning Session	Academic Panel: Interdisciplinary Approach to Theoretical Perspectives on Women-Led Initiatives, Gender Justice and Gender Equality	
	Translating Global Norms: Vernacularisation and the Impact of Kenya's Anti-FGM Law <b>Ayako Hatano</b> <b>Former UN officer and Ph.D. candidate School of Law, Oxford University.</b>	Moderator  Dr. Marygorety Akinyi, University of Nairobi
	Digital Gender Divide: Role of eLearning in Educational Advancement in Universities in Kenya. <b>Josephine Thua</b> <b>Lecturer, Mount Kenya University.</b>	
Climate Change and Gender Justice: Women led alternative-livelihood models. <b>Joyce Muchemi, Ph.D.</b> <b>Assistant Professor, Chair of the Criminal Justice Department, SHSS, USIU-A.</b>		

	<p>Comment</p> <p><b>Fatuma Ahmed Ali, Ph.D.</b>  <b>Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, SHSS, USIU-A.</b></p>		
	Q and A		
12: 30-13:30 Lunch Break			
13:30-15:10 Afternoon Session	Practitioners Panel: Experiences of Women-lead Organisations in Promoting Gender Justice and Gender Equality		
	<p>Dynamics Among Stakeholders at Various Levels in the Movement to Eradicate Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting in Kenya.</p> <p><b>Manami Hayashi, Ph.D.</b>  <b>Cross border-Postdoctoral Research Fellow (CPD), JSPS and Visiting Researcher of SHSS, USIU-Africa</b></p>	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Dr. Hannah Macharia,  Kenyatta University.  (Lecturer, School of Security, Diplomacy and Peace Studies)</p>	
	<p>From the Ground Up: How women-led movements in Narok County are driving sustainable change.</p> <p><b>Ivy Marigi</b>  <b>Programs Officer of Coalition on Violence Against Women (COVAW)</b></p>		
	<b>ORCHIT PROJECT</b>		
	<p>Changing the position, leadership, and participation of Growth-Oriented Women entrepreneurs in Kenya.</p> <p><b>Njeri Kimotho</b>  <b>Global inclusion and diversity leading lead and feminist policy advisor, SOLIDARIDAD</b></p>		
	<p>Comment</p> <p><b>Prof. Fatuma Ahmed Ali, USIU-A</b></p>		
Q and A			
15:10-15:20 Closing	<p>Vote of Thanks</p> <p><b>Prof. Joyce Muchemi</b></p>		

NOTE: The link for day 3 will be shared later.