



The 28th Annual Africa & Diaspora Conference:  
Peace Commerce: The Role of Peace in Economic  
and Business Development

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**Present**

**The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Africa & Diaspora Conference**  
**April 25-27, 2019**

**Conference Preliminary Program**

**Theme:**

**Peace Commerce: The Role of Peace in Economic and Business  
Development**

**Location:**

**University Union  
California State University-Sacramento**

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## Mission

The Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution (CAPCR) was established in 1996 at California State University, Sacramento, to provide conflict resolution and reconciliation services for agencies, governments, institutions, businesses, civil society and community organizations and other groups through training, education, research, and intervention.

CAPCR develops curricular/materials and provides training on mediation, negotiation, arbitration, and other conflict resolution services for governmental and nongovernmental organizations, business and community groups, public and private agencies, educational institutions and allied professional associations in the United States and Africa.

## Goals

- Develop and implement programs that educate and promote peace and conciliation among families, organizations, community groups, and governments, both in the US and Africa.
- Conduct research and evaluations on African conflict situations and serve as a clearinghouse/resource center.
- Establish institutional and community network of support in the US and Africa on conflict resolution and assist in creation of indigenous conflict resolution institutes in Africa.
- Assist in mediation/arbitration/resolution of conflicts among Africans, when possible and with consent of disputing parties.

Since CAPCR's founding in 1996, CAPCR has developed independently, and in conjunction with other agencies, numerous major initiatives on

conflict resolution, alternative dispute resolution and peace education. Our partners include the U.S. State Department and Department of Education, the U.S. Institute of Peace, USAID, JAMS Foundation, World Bank, California Wellness Foundation, the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in Lagos, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, the Nigerian Human Rights Commission, the University of Ghana-Legon, the Ghana Bar Association, Judiciary and Ministry of Justice, the Ghana Association of Certified Mediators and Arbitrators, Ethiopia Dispute Resolution Association, Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA)-Kenya and Ethiopia, National University of Rwanda-Butare, The Gambia Judiciary, Addis Ababa University, the University of Liberia in Monrovia, the University of Dakar in Senegal, the African Center for Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD), among others.

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## Peace Commerce: The Role of Peace in Economic and Business Development

Social peace and economic and business development are intertwined concepts and actualities. Conflict and war are not the bedrocks upon which economic and business development can be built. *Mutatis mutandis* we can say that the lack of economic and business development is at the inception of many situations of conflict that have escalated or may escalate to war. No justice, no peace, no social justice, no social peace, that is the motto that so well entails this reality.

The economic and business development this conference is concerned with is democratic economic development, development that is spread across all social strata, especially to those at the bottom that have been excluded from the prosperity that some are able to enjoy. For the most part, neo-colonialism maintained the exploitative and resource draining “development” of extractive economies, that have had a terrible effect on the peaceful coexistence of peoples in Africa and elsewhere in the world. Examples of this deleterious resource exploitation are the extraction of gold and diamonds in South Africa and Angola, oil and diamonds in Angola/Cabinda and Nigeria/Biafra, coltan and other rare minerals in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the list of raw materials exported to developed countries, the list of the disappeared riches of Africa and of the many countries of the African Diaspora, it is too long to cite here.

Left behind in the place of those riches there remain monumental environmental disasters, profound

corruption of institutions and officials, and squalor for large masses of people.

This is the situation that real democratic economic and business development ought to reverse. And democracy implies open, transparent governance and the respect of all ethnic, religious and cultural groups, and the inclusion of girls and women in the structures of economic, political and social power.

Additionally, today Africa(ns) face the daunting challenges of accelerated climate collapse. Never before endured droughts, storms, floods, cyclones, and extremes of cold and heat, have forced millions to migrate, again robbing the land of the best and most entrepreneurial people, such as industrial scale slavery did centuries ago.

The 28th Annual CAPCR Conference raises the curtain and scratches the surface of many of these issues relating especially, but not only, to Africa and the African diaspora. In this still new 21st century Africa(ns) will experience many challenges, both new and old. Despite it all, and with sustained efforts, we are hopeful about the prospects of Africa and Africans all over the world.

The conference concludes with the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Africa Peace Awards, a fundraiser for the Africa Peace Fellows initiative, an initiative that aims to build the next generation of peace and development leaders in Africa.

**And still Africa rises!**

## PROGRAM

**Thursday, April 25, 2019**

**Vendor/Career Fair/Registration 9:00am-5:00pm**

**Venue: Redwood Room, 1st floor, University Union**

**Exhibits by sculptors Kojo Gaisie and Eric Adjetey Anang**

**Session A - 10:30am-12noon**

**Venue: Redwood Room, 1st floor, University Union**

**Topic: PEACE AS THE PILLAR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Presenters:**

*Hawking Women, Economic Development, and Peace Building within the Segmented and Protracted Conflict-Ridden Jos City in the Middle Belt of Nigeria"*

**Dr. Elias Lamle**, University of Jos, Nigeria, Fellow, African Peace Fellows Initiative, CAPCR, CSUS

*The Role of Peace in Economic Development*

**Ijeoma Ononogbu**, Solicitor and Arbitrator, London, UK

*The Role of Peace in Economic and Business Development*

**Samuel Baddoo**, Liaison Officer, the Gambia Consulate, Alajo-Accra, Ghana

**Panel Chair: Dr. Michael Walker**, California State University, Sacramento

**Session B - 10:30am-12noon**

**Venue: Pacific Room, 3rd floor, University Union**

**Topic: BUSINESS ACTIVITIES THAT FOSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Presenters:**

*Leisure for Peace: Exploring the Pacific Import of International Tourism*

**Al Chukwuma Okoli**, Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State, Nigeria

**Ikenna Mike Alumona**, Chukwuemeka Oduwegwu Ojukwu University, Igbariam Campus, Anambra State, Nigeria

*Capability Approach for Peace and Economic Development in the Niger Delta*

**Colins Imoh**, University of Toledo, Ohio

*Evaluation of Resilience Policies on Farmers-Pastoralist Conflict: Evidence from Nigeria and Kenya*

**Umanah Evin Ekaete**, Nigeria HIV/AIDS Indicator Impact Survey (NAIIS)

**Panel Chair: Dr. Jessie Gaston**, Board Chair, CAPCR, California State University, Sacramento

**12noon-1:30pm Lunch on own accord at campus eateries**

**Plenary session and Keynote Address - 1:30pm-3:00pm**

**Venue: Redwood Room, 1st floor, University Union**

**OPENING REMARKS BY:**

**Conference Chair: Dr. Maria da Luz Alexandrino**, California State University, Sacramento

**Welcome:**

**Dr. Ernest Uwazie**, CAPCR Director, Chair, Division of Criminal Justice, California State University, Sacramento

**Dr. Jessie Gaston**, CAPCR Board Chair, California State University, Sacramento

**Dr. Fred Baldini**, Dean, College of Health and Human Services, California State University, Sacramento

**Dr. Paul Hofmann**, Associate Vice President for International Programs and Global Engagement, California State University, Sacramento

**Dr. Steve Perez**, Provost & VP Academic Affairs(Interim), California State University, Sacramento

**Keynote Speaker:** Ms. **Almaz Negash**, Founder & Executive Director, African Diaspora Network, Santa Clara, California; Executive in Residence, School of Global Innovations & Leadership, California State University, San Jose, addressing "*Africans Building Africa*"

**Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Dr. Boatamo Mosupyoe**, Chair, Dept. of Ethnic Studies, California State University, Sacramento

**Moderator: Dr. Marlyn Jones**, CAPCR Associate Director, California State University, Sacramento

**Session C - 3:00pm-4:30pm**

**Venue: Redwood Room, 1st floor, University Union**

**Topic: LAND, PEACE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Presenters:**

*Peace and Economic Development in Nigeria: A Study of the Jonathan Administration, 2010-2015*

**Nwokoye Agari Ndubuisi**, Senior Lecturer, Chukwuemeka Odumegwu, Ojukwu University, Uli, Anambra State, Nigeria

*The Role of Peace in Business Development in Nigeria*

**Awele Peace Adingwu**, State Ministry of Education, Asaba, Delta State, Nigeria

**Phylies Awele Makwe**, State Ministry of Education, Asaba, Delta State, Nigeria

*Political Stability in Senegal: A Sign of Trust for Investors*

**Ndeye Katy Dieng**, Institute of Afro-European Cultures, Pantheon-Sorbonne University, Paris

**Panel Chair: Dr. Data Barata**, California State University, Sacramento

**Topic: THE RULE OF LAW AS A REQUIREMENT FOR A PEACEFUL SOCIETY**

**Presenters:**

*Law and Peace: The Necessary Panacea for Economic Development in Nigeria*  
**Benjamin Ogwo**, Kogi State University, Anyigba, Nigeria

*Judicialization of African Human Rights System as an Approach to Dispute Settlement in Africa: The Need for a Re-Focus*

**Timothy F. Yerima**, Center for Human Rights & Legal Pluralism, McGill University, Montreal, Canada & Faculty of Law, Kogi State University, Anyigba, Nigeria

*The Relevance of Technology in Crime and Conflict Management*  
**Charles Ikechukwu Opara**, University of Lagos, Nigeria

**Panel Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Mukiibi**, California State University, Sacramento

**Session E - CAPCR Welcome Reception – 4:30pm-6:00pm**

**Venue: Redwood Room, 1st floor, University Union**

**Topic: Special Panel Presentation: Summer 2019 Faculty Led Student Study in Ghana, West Africa**

**Presenters: Drs. Ernest Uwazie & Nicole Fox**, California State University, Sacramento, and students  
**Denae Bever, Savannah Bradley, Amanda DeLaby, and Gabriella Wofford**

**Moderator: Dr. Alexa Sardina**, California State University, Sacramento

**Friday, April 26, 2019**

**Vendor/Career Fair/Registration 9:00am- 4:00pm**

**Venue: Cottonwood Suite, 2nd floor, University Union (new expansion)**

**Exhibits by sculptor Kojo Gaisie and Eric Adjetey Anang**

**Meeting - 10:00am-4:00pm**

**Venue: Solano Hall, # 5000**

**Board Meeting of the Africa Peace Fellows Initiative (invitation only)**

**Moderator: Dr. Don Taylor**, California State University, Sacramento

**Session F - 10:00am-11:30**

**Venue: Cottonwood Suite, 2nd floor, University Union**

**Topic: ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AS FOUNDATIONS FOR PEACE**

**Presenters:**

*The Role of Economic and Business Development in Achieving Peace—Report from the field*

**Sebastian Theunissen**, Solidaridad Network & University of Guelph, Canada

*Evaluation of Resilience Policies on Farmers-Pastoralist Conflict: Evidence from Nigeria and Kenya*

**Umanah Evin Ekaete**, Nigeria HIV/AIDS Indicator Impact Survey (NAIIS)

*Peace Building/Violence Mitigation Through Investment in Automotive Technology and Entrepreneurial Development in Nigeria*

**Adekola Yinusa Adekunle, Adeniran Yusuf Olalekan, & Osemeha Shedrack Uwarahun**, Federal College of Education Technical, Asaba, Delta State, Nigeria.

**Panel Chair: Colins Imoh, MA, MPhil**, Graduate Assistant / Instructor, University of Toledo, Ohio

**11:30am -1:00pm Lunch on own accord at campus eateries**

**Session G: 1:00-2:30pm**

**Venue: Cottonwood Suite, 2nd floor, University Union**

**Topic: NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF EXTRACTING RESOURCES AND OF DESTROYING EDUCATION**

**Presenters:**

*The Devastating Economic Consequences of the Resource Related Conflicts in the Nigeria's Niger Delta Region*

**Dr. Paulinus Chucks Aju**, Department of Forestry and Environmental Management Technology, Imo State Polytechnic, Umuagwo-Ohaji.



*The Business of Destroying Education in North Eastern Nigeria: A Debt that Will Have to be Paid by All*

**Charles Nnaemeka Ezeagwu**, University of Barcelona, Spain

*Biafra: The Emasculation of a Conquered Nation*

**Andy Nzube Udoji**, Esq., LL.B (Hons), Benin, BL. (Hons), Nigerian Law School; LL.M, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife; Higher Diploma, Sports Mgt., National Institute for Sports, Lagos; Ph.D scholar, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka

*In absentia*, paper presented by **Christine Morse-Fitch**, California State University, Sacramento

**Panel Chair: Dr. Maria da Luz Alexandrino**, California State University, Sacramento

**Session H - 2:30pm-4:00pm**

**Venue: Cottonwood Suite, 2nd floor, University Union**

**Topic: SOLVING CONFLICTS AND SUSTAINING PEACE**

**Presenters:**

*Complementarities Between Religion and Traditional Mechanisms for Conflict Resolution in Uganda*

**Kawalya Issa**, Islamic University in Uganda, East Africa

*Sustaining Peace and Collective Action in Post Conflict Settings*

**Oyeniye Abe**, Lagos State University, Nigeria

**Panel Chair: Kenneth Brown**, MA, California State University, Sacramento

**Sightseeing and dining in Sacramento (optional)/TBA - 4:00pm-8:00pm**

**Saturday, April 27, 2019**

**Exhibits by sculptors Kojo Gaisie and Eric Adjetey Anang**

**Session I - 9:00am-10:30am**

**Venue: Redwood Room, 1st floor, University Union**

**Topic: The nascent legal marijuana economy in California: Assessment of the social costs of the war on drugs and current programs for rehabilitation and reinvestment in affected/minority communities.**

**Presenters:**

**Dahir Nasser**, California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development

**Josiah Young**, Attorney and Lobbyist, Sacramento

**Moderator: Dr. Marlyn Jones**, Associate Director, CAPCR, California State University, Sacramento

**Session J - 10:30am-12noon**

**Venue: Redwood Room, 1st floor, University Union**

**Topic: African/Diaspora Community Townhall: On the critical issue of police-community relations and good community policing: Implications for people of African descent and immigrants**

**Presenters and discussants:**

*Ways to combat police excessive use of force*

**Chi Adanna Ilori**, UC Davis student on behalf of the University California Los Angeles Labor Center

**Ryan M. Harrison Sr.**, Attorney-At-Law, Lozano Smith LLP

**Kenneth Brown**, California State University, Sacramento

**Chair: Dr. Boatamo Mosupyoe**, Chair, Dept. of Ethnic Studies, California State University, Sacramento

**Session K – 12:00 – 12:30pm**

**Venue: Redwood Room, 1st floor, University Union**

**Conference Summary & Closing**

**Dr. Maria Da Luz Alexandrino**, Conference Organizing Chair, California State University, Sacramento

**Saturday, April 27, 2019**

**AFRICA PEACE AWARDS DINNER**

**Venue: Ballroom, 1st floor, University Union  
6:00pm-10:00pm**

**Africa Peace Awards Dinner/Fundraiser for the CAPCR Africa Peace Fellows initiative (additional fee: \$55.00 USD; \$1,000 VIP with Reserved Table for ten)**

**Distinguished Keynote Speaker & Honoree:**

**Dr. Bennet Omalu**, prominent Nigerian-American physician, pathologist & neuropathologist; discovered and named chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), subject of the 2015 movie Concussion.

**Peace Awardees:**

**Dr. Daniel Shibru**, Kaiser Permanente, Sacramento  
**Barrister Zannah Mustapha**, Future Prowess Foundation, Northern Nigeria  
**Ms. RoLanda Allaha Wilkins**, Earth Mama Healing, Inc., Sacramento

**CAPCR Student Scholarship Recipients of the Anvar Velji Family Scholarship:**

**Erikeysha Bannerman-Richter** - Sociology  
**Lamont Chatman** - Ethnic Studies  
**Sesen Gebrezghi** - Criminal Justice

## General Conference Information

### **Parking**

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Parking permit fees are \$6 per day or \$3 for two hours.

### **Recommended Hotels** - *Prices are subject to change until booked.*

#### **Goodnite Inn**

25 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95826. Phone: 916-386-8408. Price: \$48 per night/1 bed. Mention that you are a Sacramento State guest.

#### **Comfort Inn and Suites**

21 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95826. Phone: 916-379-0400. Price: 1 bed \$119.32; 2 beds \$129.26, continental breakfast included. Mention that you are a Sacramento State guest to get the price.

#### **Motel 6**

7850 College Town Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. Phone: 916-383-8110. Price: \$52 per weekday; \$56.52 per weekend night (taxes included).

#### **Larkspur Landing Hotel**

555 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95826. Phone: 916-646-1212. Price: \$84 per night (plus tax). Sacramento State rate includes breakfast, wireless internet, fitness center, and laundry.

### **Sacramento Airport Transportation**

**Super Shuttle:** 1-800-258-3826

Feel free to check online for possible lower hotel/transportation rates.

### **Photography and Media Policy**

The Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution (CAPCR) would like to use photographs and video footage from the conference to enhance future print materials, newsletters, our website, and in community outreach. As a participant in this conference, you may opt out of inclusion in photographs and media. Please let one of our organizers know if you would prefer not to be included these materials.

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Lamont Chatman-Ethnic Studies  
Sesen Gebrezghi-Criminal Justice

## Past Africa/Diaspora Conference Themes and Keynote Speakers

- 1992 Africa and New World Order, Ambassador Ibrahim Gambari
- 1993 Africa in the Diaspora: Bridging the Cultures of the African Peoples, Randall Robinson
- 1994 The African Heritage: Myths, Realities and Prospects, Dr. Molefi Asante
- 1995 Conflict Resolution in Africa, Former Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda
- 1996 The African Woman: An Agenda for the 21st century, Ms. Vivian Lowery Derryck
- 1997 African/African American Organizations in US: An Agenda for Political-Economic Empowerment in 21st Century, Mr. Mel Foote
- 1998 The African/African American Family: An Agenda for 21st century, Dr. Nkiru Nzegwu
- 1999 Conflict Resolution and Peace Education in Africa: Lessons and Opportunities, Dr. Chris Bakwesegha
- 2000 Africans in the Americas: Past, Present and Future, Dr. Ali Mazrui
- 2001 Human Rights, Justice, Peace and Development in Africa, Dr. Edmond Keller
- 2002 African Studies in California Schools, Colleges and Universities: Teaching/Thinking across Disciplines/Programs, Dr. Molefi Asante
- 2003 Ethnicity, Religion, and Conflict Diamonds in Africa, Dr. Charles Wedderburn
- 2004 African and African American Relations in US, Americas and Africa, Dr. Karenga Maulana
- 2005 Contemporary/Critical Issues in African Development, Mr. John Prendergast
- 2006 Indigenous African Institutions/Systems in Era of Globalization, Dr. Chudi Uwazurike
- 2007 Building a Culture of Peace in Africa: Best Practices/Models, Mr. Nii Akuetteh
- 2008 Mukoma wa Ngugi: The African Youth in America and Africa: Bridging the Gaps
- 2009 Race, Religion and Ethnic Relations in Africa/Diaspora: Creating Peace and Justice Dialogues, Dr. Judith Byfield and Dr. Kelechi Kalu
- 2010 Africa Health, Peace, Security and Development, Dr. Chinua Akukwe and Dr. Michele D. Pierre-Louis
- 2011 Contemporary Issues in African Development, Dr. George Ayittey
- 2012 Africa at the Crossroads: Revolution, Democracy, Youth Empowerment, Social Media and Nonviolence, Ambassador Robin Sanders
- 2013 African/Diaspora Health and Human Security, Dr. Anvar Velji
- 2014 Rethinking and Managing Ethnic and Religious Relations in Contemporary Africa/Diaspora: Past Experiences, Present Realities and New Directions, Prof. Vincent Nmeielle
- 2015 The African Family: Traditions, Transitions, and Transformations, Dr. Beyene Yewoubdar
- 2016 Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies in Africa, 25 Years Later: Lessons, Best Practices, and Future, Dr. Pauline Baker
- 2017 Peace, Power, and Vulnerability in Africa/Diaspora: Towards Social Justice in National and International Development, Emira Woods
- 2018 The African Peace and Security Architecture: Lessons, Challenges, and Opportunities, Dr. Joao Gomes Porto

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Africa Diaspora Conference: April 23-25, 2020**

**Theme: Building Peace Leaders in Africa-Diaspora Communities and Nations**

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**NOTES:**