



# Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution

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**The 31st Annual Africa & Diaspora International Conference:  
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR), 25+ YEARS LATER:  
LESSONS LEARNED, IMPACT, AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS**

**April 27 – 29, 2023**

Conference Registration link:  
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*The conference is open to the public and free for Sac State students, faculty & staff, and students in the Sacramento region.*

*All times are Pacific Standard Time (PST)*



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**Thursday, April 27th 2023**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS 8:30am**

*Location: Redwood Room, University Union  
Coffee/tea provided*

**SESSION A 9:00am – 10:30am**

**Location: Redwood Room, University Union**  
*ADR and Broader Perspectives on Peace and Justice*

1. Justice Transformation In Africa. Adama K. Dempster, Independent Human Rights Investigators-IHRI, Liberia.
2. Does ADR Cost More Or Less Than Litigation? Ijeoma Ononogbu, Solicitor, International Dispute Resolution- England and Wales, United Kingdom
3. President Melchior Ndadaye, The Seeds of Democracy, Truth And Reconciliation In Burundi. Béatrice Russell, California State University, Sacramento
4. Diffusing Conflicts In Africa And The Third World From The Diaspora: An Overdue Discussion. Benedict D. Ilozor, School of Visual and Built Environments, Eastern Michigan University.

Moderator: Nicole Fox, California State University, Sacramento

**Concurrent Morning Session SESSION B 10:35pm – 12:05pm**

**Location: Redwood Room, University Union**  
*Gender, Violence, and Dynamics of Justice in Rwanda*

1. Gender, Judges and Rwanda's Gacaca Court. Hollie Nzitatira, The Ohio State University & Nicole Fox, California State University, Sacramento
2. The 1994 Rwandan Genocide against the Tutsi: Rescuers of Unknown Tutsi. Amanda DeLaby, California State University-Sacramento
3. The 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi. Daria Quintero, California State University Sacramento.
4. Women's Agency During Genocide: The Case for Comparative Analysis. Sara Brown, The Center for Holocaust, Human Rights & Genocide Education.

Moderator: Jaime Jackson, California State University, Sacramento

**Concurrent Morning Session C 10:35pm – 12:05pm**

**Location: Foothill Suite, University Union**  
*Critical Topics in Conflict Resolution Part I*

1. Peer Mediation in Schools: Do Young People Support Peer Mediation? Colins Imoh, Bradford University, United Kingdom.
2. Give Back My Home: The Case For ADR in The Management of Land Disputes in East Africa. Wamukoota Kituyi Sheilla, Independent Researcher, Mpererwe, Kampala.
3. Contemporary Alternative Dispute Resolution and International Diplomacy- A nexus approach to sustainable peace, humanitarian and development practice. Tajudeen Ademola Akanji, Institute for Peace & Strategic Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria & Nkiruka Stella Okonkwo, Humanitarian & Development Studies, Redeemer's University, Osun State. Nigeria.

Moderator: Tina Abena Jordan, California State University, Sacramento

**Luncheon 12:10pm – 1:20pm**

*Plenary 1: Special Guest Presentations  
Lunch Provided!*

JAMS Africa ADR programs and impact: David Brandon & Ellen Bass, JAMS Foundation, San Francisco, California.

The 2023 Nigeria elections: lessons and prospects for peace and reconciliation for nationbuilding: Ambassador Fatima Balla Abubakar, Nigeria Working Group(NWG) for Peace & Good Governance.

Moderator: Ernest Uwazie, California State University, Sacramento

**Keynote Address 1:30pm – 2:45pm**

**Plenary 2**

**Opening Remarks: Ernest Uwazie, Director, CAPCR**

Welcome: Data Barata, Chair, CAPCR Board

Mary Maguire, Dean, College of Health & Human Services

Carlos Nevarez, Provost & VP Academic Affairs(Interim)

Keynote Speaker: Ambassador Betty Bigombe, Global Peace Activist and Mediator, Uganda.

Moderator: Data Barata, Conference Co-Chair, California State University, Sacramento

**Concurrent Afternoon Session D 3:00pm – 4:30pm**

**Location: Redwood Room, University Union**

**Topic: ADR and Traditional Conflict Resolution Mechanisms**

1. Rethinking Traditional ADR In Nigeria. Banke Olagbegi-Oloba, Adekunle Ajasin University, Ondo State Nigeria.
2. Deity And Peace Negotiation In Contemporary Conflict Space: A Paradigm Shift From Western Ideology To Local Epistemology In Nigeria. Chikaodili Arinze Orakwue, Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Abuja, Nigeria.
3. Return To Peace: Could Customary Practices Provide An Insight Into Effective Alternative Dispute Resolution Systems For Africa's Herder-Farmer Conflicts? Nneka Ikelionwu, Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Abuja, Nigeria.
4. Gender Mainstreaming In Community Justice Systems As Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms In Turkana County, Kenya. Esther Mwangeli Makau, Africa Research and Data Limited, South Africa.

Moderator: Alexa Sardina, California State University, Sacramento

**Concurrent Afternoon Session E 3:00pm – 4:30pm**

**Location: Foothill Suite, University Union**

**Topic: Leadership, Development, and Dispute Resolution**

1. Proactive Dispute Management With a Particular Focus On The Building And Construction Industry. Benedict D. Ilzor, School of Visual and Built Environments, Eastern Michigan University.
2. Resilience and Conflict Prevention in The Context of Extractive Industries in Sub-Saharan Africa. Oyeniyi Abe, Huddersfield Business School, University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom
3. An Analysis of Conflict Resolution Among Farmers in Niger Delta. Nigeria. Felix Onyemekihian University of Delta, Agbor, Delta State, Nigeria and Raymond Chukwuka Onyemekonwu, Dennis Osadebay University, Asaba, Delta State, Nigeria.
4. Peace Studies and the Limits to Growth. Selina Gallo-Cruz, Syracuse University, New York.

Moderator: Elizabeth Mukiibi, California State University, Sacramento

**Welcome Reception 4:30pm – 6:30pm**

**Location: Redwood Room, University Union**

**Coffee/Tea provided**

Welcome: Dr. Piram Prakasam, Assistant Vice-President for International Programs and Global Engagement, CSU-Sacramento

Dr. Alfonso Washington, Executive Director, Africa-USA Chamber of Commerce & Industry/Pan African Trade.

Special Presentation: Hybridity in Nollywood; Ethnic, Cultural and Transnational Dispute Resolution Technique. Emem Isong Misodi, Royal Arts Academy, Lagos, Nigeria & University of the Creative Arts, Farnham, London.

Special Pan African film screening!

Moderator: Ernest Uwazie, California State University, Sacramento

**Friday, April 28, 2023**

**Registration Begins at 8:30 am**

*Coffee/Tea provided*

**Friday Morning Session A 9:00am – 10:30am**

**Location: Redwood Room, University Union**

1. The Implementation of a Unified System of Law in a Pluralistic Society: A Case Study of Nigeria. Katie Todd, Program Specialist, US Institute of Peace.
2. Peace and Conflict Resolution: A Case Study of Umuezeala Ogwara Community In Ehime Mbano, Imo State, Nigeria. John Enyinnaya, Afripeace Sustainable Development Foundation, Nigeria.
3. Alternative Dispute Resolution And Customary Arbitration In Nigeria. Newman U. Richards, University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus, Enugu, Nigeria, And Eghosa O. Ekhator, University of Derby, United Kingdom.
4. Guaranteeing Access To Justice Through ADR Mechanisms: A Case Study of Kenya. Jackie Kamau, High Court of Kenya, Kenya.

Moderator: Michael Walker, California State University, Sacramento

**Concurrent Friday Morning Session B 10:35am – 12:05pm**

**Location: Redwood Room, University Union**

**Topic: Critical Topics in Conflict Resolution (Part II)**

1. "Perceived Discrimination Among Anglophone Cameroonians: Gender And Regional Differences." Elvis Nshom, Isidore Agha, Department of Communication, California State University,
2. Indigenous Crime Prevention and Conflict Management Model: A Study of The Hunters Group in Girei Local Government Area Of Adamawa State, Northeast Nigeria (1999-2019) – Isioma Kemakolam, Program Coordinator, Governance, Justice, and Security program US Institute of Peace
3. Transitional Justice in Africa: Comparative Analysis of Truth Commissions In The Gambia And Sierra Leone – Kaddy Jabbi, Research Assistant, US Institute of Peace
4. Local Turn, Digital Futures: 'African' Mediation In A Changing Conflict Landscape. Sokfa John, Centre for Mediation in Africa, University of Pretoria, South Africa.

Moderators: Davies Sasere, California State University, Sacramento

**Concurrent Friday Morning Session C 10:35am – 12:00pm**

**Location: Capital Room, University Union**

**Topic: Case Studies in Alternative Dispute Resolution (Part II)**

1. Everyday Negotiation with Bandits in Rural Zamfara, Northwestern Nigeria, Ernest Ogbozor and Noah Doherty, School of International Service, American University
2. Perceived discrimination among Anglophone Cameroonians: Gender and regional differences. Elvis Nshom, California State University, San Marcos.
3. The Evolution And Contribution Of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) In Rwanda's Conflict Landscape: The Case Of Mediation. Denis Bikesha, University of Rwanda, School of Law, Kigali Rwanda.
4. Assessment Of Alternative Dispute Resolution Systems In The Management Of Armed Conflicts In Africa's Great Lakes Region. Badru Hasan Segujja, International Relations, and Diplomatic Studies- Kampala International University, Uganda

Moderator: Theresa Abah, California State University, Sacramento

**Luncheon Plenary 2 12:05pm – 1:05pm**

**Location: Redwood Room, University Union**

**Lunch provided**

Development Administration: Meeting Tomorrow's Leadership Challenges In Africa.  
Robert Dible, Fort Valley State University, Georgia.

Moderator: Maria da Luz Alexandrino, California State University, Sacramento

**Closing Session 1:10pm – 2:00pm**

Conference Summary: Data Barata, Conference Co-Chair

Closing Remarks: Ernest Uwazie, Conference Chair

**Saturday, April 29, 2023**

**Africa Peace Awards Dinner Banquet 6:30pm – 10:30pm**

**Keynote Speaker: Mr. DeVonne Boggan, CEO/Founder, Advance Peace**

**Entertainment**

**Dinner**

**Peace Awardees**

Mr. Adama Dempster- Peace & Justice

Dr. Veronica Ufoegbune- Peacebuilder

Attorney Keith J. Staten- Peace & Justice

Dr. Robert Dibie- Peace Education

Ms. Joyce Brown- Peacemaker

Dr. Angélique Rwiyereka- Peace Health

Advance Peace- Peace Service

## INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Dear Conference presenters, please note that the program provided is preliminary, and is subject to change. Please, prepare/plan for a 15-minute presentation, for each paper, to allow some time for Q/A. Additionally, we would like to remind you that the closest airport to the conference location is Sacramento International Airport (SMF).

### COVID-19 Protocols:

For the entirety of the conference participants, including presenters and all conference organizers, will comply fully with CSUS campus protocols for the COVID-19 pandemic that are in place at the time of the conference. You can find these protocols at: <https://www.csus.edu/compliance/risk-management/coronavirus.html>  
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 Thank you for your attention, and we look forward to seeing you at the conference.

### CAMPUS ADDRESS

California State University, Sacramento  
 6000 J St, Sacramento, CA 95819

### AIRPORT

Our Local Airport is the Sacramento International Airport. The airport code is **SMF**.

### RECOMMENDED HOTELS:

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<b>Rodeway Inn Sacramento</b> University Ave, 25 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95826 Phone: 916-386-8408	1 bed \$83 2 beds \$94 per night	Mention that you are a Sacramento State guest
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- **Android**(<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.paybyphone>)

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**2024 Conference Theme: Restorative Justice & Equitable Peacebuilding.**

## **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 The African Youth in America and Africa: Bridging the Gaps, Mukoma wa Ngugi
- 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

# Past Africa/Diaspora Conference Themes and Keynote Speakers

- 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 Nmehielle
- 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: Joao Porto Gomes
- 2019 Peace Commerce: The Role of Peace in Economic and Business Development: Ms. Almaz Negash
- 2020 Peacebuilders/Peacemakers in Africa & Diaspora Communities and Nations: People, Places and Processes: Dr. Laurence (Laurie) Neil Nathan (Virtual)
- 2021 Cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic challenges
- 2022 The Africa Peace & Security Agenda: Lessons Learned and Future Directions: Dr. Bettina Ng'Weno.
- 2023 Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), 25+ Years Later: Lessons Learned, Impact, and Future Directions: Ambassador Betty Bigombe.



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