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

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The 28th 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 28th 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
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. Marilyn 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:

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
Session D - 3:00pm-4:30pm
Pacific Room, 3rd floor, University Union

**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

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 Lawn 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
Oyeniyi 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. Marilyn 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
Parking permits are required and available by using cash or credit at daily permit machines. Machines are located in student lots 1, 7, 8, 9, 5th floor of Parking Structure I, 3rd floor of Parking Structure II, and the 3rd floor of Parking Structure III. See campus map for exact locations. 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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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 Uwazuriike
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 Nmehielle
2015  The African Family: Traditions, Transitions, and Transformations, Dr. Beyene Yewoubdar
2018  The African Peace and Security Architecture: Lessons, Challenges, and Opportunities, Dr. Joao Gomes Porto

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