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**Present**

**Beyond SDG 5: African Women, Innovation, and the Future**

**Date**

Thursday, 18 May 2017

**Venue**

Carleton University – Room: CO 270 - 274 Residence Commons, Ottawa, ON K1S 5B6, Canada

**Registration & Breakfast**

8:30 – 9:00 am

**Welcome Address**

**Professor Pius Adesanmi**

Director, Institute of African Studies

9:00 – 9:10 am

**Opening Remarks**

**Professor Roseann Runte,**

President of Carleton University

9:10 – 9:20 am

**Her Excellency Florence Chideya**

General Dean of the Diplomatic Corps & Ambassador of Zimbabwe

9:20 – 9:30 am

**Keynote Address**

**Hon. Celina Caesar-Chavannes**

Parliamentary Secretary for Minister of International Development

9:30 – 10:00 am

**Q&A**

10:00 – 10:15 am

**Health Break**

10:15 – 10:30 am

## **Panel 1: Women and the Economic Future of Africa**

10:30 – 12:00 pm

### **Moderator**

**Louise Ouimet**, Vice President at ACT-for-Performance and Former Chairperson, Africa Study Group

### **Speakers**

1. **Sanjeev Singh**, Global Lead for Economic and Enterprise Development, CUSO International - “Unlocking Women’s Economic Empowerment (WEE) as a catalyst for African Economic Growth & Development”
2. **Professor Doris Buss**, Department of Law and Legal Studies, Carleton University. - “Beyond the Rituals of Inclusion: Women and Resource Governance in Africa”
3. **Mme Paule Drouin**, Directrice Programme de Finance Solidaire at Développement International Desjardins (DID) - « L’accès aux services financiers, un levier essentiel pour l’autonomie des femmes ! »

### **Lunch Break**

12:00 – 13:00 pm

## **Panel 2: Women and the Apparatus of Power: Politics, Governance, & Rights**

13:00 – 14:30 pm

### **Moderator**

**Professor Pacifique Manirakiza**, Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, University of Ottawa

### **Speakers**

1. **Mme Shakilla Umutoni**, Charge d’Affaires, Embassy of Rwanda - "Gender equality and women empowerment: the case of Rwanda."
2. **Her Excellency Florence Chideya**, Ambassador of Zimbabwe to Canada - “African Women in Diplomacy: Progress, Opportunities and Challenges.”
3. **Professor Melchisedek Chetima**, Department of Cultural History, Université de Maroua, Cameroon, and Post-doctoral fellow, Université de Basel, Switzerland - « Femmes, Economie Servile et Boko Haram dans le Bassin du Lac Tchad »

### **Health Break (Coffee & biscuits)**

14:30 – 14:45

### **Panel 3: Women's Health and Reproductive Rights in Africa**

14:45 – 16:15 pm

#### **Moderator**

**Professor Meredith Terretta**, Gordon F. Henderson Chair in Human Rights, University of Ottawa

#### **Speakers**

1. **Professor Valerie Percival**, Assistant Professor of International Affairs, NPSIA, Carleton University - "Difficult conversations: Can health interventions provide guidance on addressing harmful gender norms?"
2. **Professor Susanne Klausen**, Department of History, Carleton University. - "From Rights to Justice: The Ongoing Struggle for Reproductive Freedom in Post-Apartheid South Africa"
3. **Professor Thomas LeGrand**, Département de démographie, Université de Montréal - « Droits reproductives des femmes et le dividende démographique en Afrique subsaharienne »

#### **Rapporteur's Recap**

16:15 – 16:45

**Professor Yiagadeesen Samy**, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University

#### **Vote of Thanks**

16:45 – 17:00

**His Excellency Solomon Azombie**, Ambassador of Cameroun

## Biographies

### Panelists:

**Doris Buss** teaches and researches on global governance, international law and human rights, women's rights, feminist theory, and more recently, resource governance. Her research examines how gender equality and women's rights norms are framed and contested in various international legal, regulatory and policy sites. She is currently collaborating with colleagues in Africa and Canada on two studies (with SSHRC and GROW [IDRC/DFID/Hewlett Foundation funding]) on women's livelihoods in artisanal and small-scale mining in six African countries, exploring the gendered dynamics of national and international governance reforms of resource extraction. Her publications include (with Didi Herman) of *Globalizing Family Values: The International Politics of the Christian Right* (Minnesota Press, 2003), co-editor (with Ambreena Manji) of *International Law: Modern Feminist Approaches* (Hart, 2005), and co-editor (with Joanne Lebert, Blair Rutherford, and Donna Sharkey) of *Sexual Violence in Conflict and Post-Conflict Societies: International Agendas and African Contexts* (Routledge, 2014).

**Melchisedek Chetima**, senior lecturer in Cultural History at the Université de Maroua in Northern Cameroon, joins the Centre for African Studies on a one year FCS postdoc fellowship. His disciplinary affiliation is with the Department of History (Prof. Julia Tischler). Chetima is a graduate of Ngaundere University of Cameroon and earned his PhD at Laval University in March 2015. He has a particular interest in theories of material culture and materiality, vernacular housing theories, theories of consumption and social identity, servile memory and modernity and with material culture of slavery and colonization. In his research, he straddles the disciplines of History, Anthropology, Archaeology and Political Science.

**Her Excellency Mrs. Florence Chideya** is the Ambassador of Zimbabwe in Canada and currently acts as the Deputy Dean, Diplomatic corps in Ottawa. She recently became the most Senior diplomat (Dean) in Ottawa. She bagged her Post Graduate Diploma in Public Administration and Public Policy Analysis from the University of Zimbabwe, and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Management from the State University of New York, Buffalo. HE Florence Chideya is a progressive professional with vast business and public administration experience as well diplomatic leadership. In addition, she has over twenty years of experience in public servicing with various ministries which include; Health, Industry & Commerce and Foreign Affairs.

**Mme Paule Drouin** has worked in international development since 1987, and more particularly in the field of microfinance with Développement international Desjardins (DID) since 1992. She is currently Director at the Solidarity-based Finance Programme of the Desjardins Group, which was placed under the coordination of DID in 2014. Mrs Drouin has solid experience in the field: Tunisia (1987-1990), Peru (1990), Niger (1992-1995) and Senegal (1995-1998 / 2007-2014). In Senegal, she namely led DID's regional office for West Africa, where she coordinated a capacity building project for microfinance institutions in French-speaking Africa. She has also designed and implemented microfinance products adapted to the needs of women. Director of Human resources at DID's headquarters from 2001 to 2007, she was responsible at the same time for corporate communications for three years. She had previously served as Program Advisor attached to the Africa Division. She has developed a reference guide for the development of microfinance products for women and helped to revise DID's monitoring tools, in addition to carrying out consultation mandates in Guinea Conakry, Haiti, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mexico, Niger and Paraguay.

**Susanne Klausen** is an associate Professor in the Department of History at Carleton University, Ottawa. Her main areas of research are Nationalism and Sexuality, Politics of Fertility in Modern South Africa, and Movements for Reproductive Rights in a Transnational Perspective. Her teaching subjects include ancient and modern African history, medical history, and gender and sexuality in a transnational context. She is the author

of *Race, Maternity, and the Politics of Birth Control in South Africa* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2004) and *Abortion Under Apartheid: Nationalism, Sexuality, and Women's Reproductive Rights in South Africa* (Oxford University Press, 2015), which won two major awards. She has also published articles in South African, Canadian, British and American journals.

**Thomas LeGrand** is the former director of the Department of Demography at the Université de Montréal, and vice-president (and president elect) of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) – the international association of demographers and population scientists. Over the past 30 years, Professor LeGrand's research has focused on the causes and consequences of population phenomena in low and middle income countries, especially in French-speaking West Africa. His interests encompass women's reproductive health and relations between fertility and child mortality, adolescent transitions to adulthood (sexuality and marriage), population growth and the environment, population aging, rural-urban migration and access to employment, and most recently data for development in the framework of the UN 2030 (SDG) development agenda. Much of his work has also focused on providing training for advanced graduate students and contributing to institutional capacity-building in Africa, in particular in partnership with the Institut Supérieur des Sciences de la Population at the Université de Ouagadougou. To date, he has directed the doctoral thesis research of 17 students from sub-Saharan Africa (plus five others from France, Canada and Haiti), and the work of 13 postdoctoral fellows, all of whose research dealt with fertility and health issues in Africa. His work has been supported by various American foundations (Gates, Hewlett, Rockefeller, Mellon) and both Canadian and French government agencies.

**Valerie Percival** is currently with the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University. She studied at the University of Toronto, Carleton University and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Through previous positions at the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the International Crisis Group, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and the Peace Research Institute Oslo, she has experienced the difficulties of international engagement in conflict affected states, the challenges of policy development, and the risks and rewards of inter-disciplinary research. Her current research focus is on the relationship between conflict and health.

**Sanjeev Singh** is a South African born international development and management consulting professional. With over 15 years of experience, Sanjeev is currently the Global Lead for Economic and Enterprise Development at Cuso International and is responsible for providing technical and program assistance across 16 countries. Sanjeev has advised and consulted extensively to organizations such as World Education Inc, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), The International Finance Corporation (World Bank Group), The European Commission, The German Technical Agency (GTZ), Anglo Platinum Ltd, Lonmin Platinum Ltd, the private and NGO sector. In 2007 he was appointed as a professional service provider to the Technical Advisory Unit at the National Treasury in South Africa and in 2010 to the Department of Trade & Industry Research Panel. He currently serves on the Board of the Adaptive Design Association in New York working with children who suffer from disabilities.

**Mme Shakilla Umutoni** is a diplomat at the High Commission of Rwanda to Canada since 2011. She is a graduate of the National University of Rwanda and pursued courses and received additional trainings in many countries around the world. Ms. Shakilla started her career soon after she graduated. Her very first work experience was with national as well as International NGOs dealing with poverty and diseases eradication for sustainable development. She spent couple of years working with the world bank, PEPFAR, USAID and the Global Fund to fight HIV, TB and Malaria funded programs in Rwanda. She joined the Rwandan foreign Ministry in 2007, with her first posting as Counsellor in Dar Es salaam, United Republic of Tanzania. She is a passionate women's rights advocate and has always supported women organizations at the grassroots level. She is currently serving as Chargée d'Affaires a.i at the high commission of Rwanda in Ottawa, Canada.

## **Moderators:**

**Pacifique Manirakiza** is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law (Common Law Section), University of Ottawa where he teaches Canadian criminal law and international criminal law and African international law. Professor Manirakiza has just completed a 4-year term as a member of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights. In that capacity, he was the Chairperson of the Working Group on Extractive Industries, Environment and Human Rights Violations and a member of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities in Africa. In 2014, he was appointed member of the first African Union-led Commission of Inquiry on South Sudan. He has been a member of a Defence team before the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (2000-2004) where he previously served as a legal intern. In Burundi, he served as an Assistant Professor at University of Burundi as well as a Deputy Prosecutor in Ngozi and Rutana Provinces. Dr. Manirakiza also participated, as a legal adviser, in Burundi peace negotiations held in Arusha (Tanzania) from 1998 to 2000.

**Louise Ouimet** was the Chair of the Africa Study Group, affiliated to the Canadian International Council - National Capital Branch between June 2013 and 2016. She has over 40 years of experience in international development, with a particular emphasis on Africa. Among other positions, Ms Ouimet was posted as Canadian Ambassador to Burkina Faso from 1995 to 1997 and Mali from 2001 and 2005. In 2000-01, she was Senior Advisor, Development and Africa for the Prime Minister of Canada, working at the Privy Council and Chief of Staff to the President of CIDA in 2007-08. Ms. Ouimet is currently Vice President at ACT-for-Performance and provides support to public sector reforms in DRC, Senegal and Mali.

**Meredith Terretta** is currently a Member at the Institute for Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies in Princeton, New Jersey, where she is working on a book entitled *Activism along the Fringe: Rogue Lawyers and African Rights Claims, 1920s-1970s*. She is Associate Professor of history at the University of Ottawa. She is co-editor, with Benjamin Lawrence and Iris Berger, of *African Asylum at a Crossroads: Activism, Expert Testimony and Refugee Rights* (Ohio University Press, 2015). Her most recent single-authored book is *Nation of Outlaws, State of Violence: Nationalism, Grassfields Tradition and Statebuilding in Cameroon, 1948-1971* (Ohio University Press, 2015). She has published numerous articles in *The Human Rights Quarterly*, *Politique africaine*, *The Journal of World History*, *The Journal of African History*.

## **Conveners/Organizing Committee:**

**Pius Adesanmi** is a Professor of English and the Director of Carleton University's Institute of African Studies. He obtained a First Class Honours degree in French Studies from the University of Ilorin, Nigeria, a master's degree in French Studies from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, and a PhD in French Studies from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. He is a specialist of Francophone and Anglophone African and Black Diasporic literatures, politics, and cultures, an area in which he has published extensively. One of Nigeria's contemporary leading public intellectuals and celebrated columnists, Adesanmi's portfolio of more than thirty keynote lectures in the last five years includes appearances on such prestigious platforms as the Stanford Forum for African Studies, the Africa Talks Series of the London School of Economics, the Obafemi Awolowo Foundation's annual lecture series, the Vanderbilt History Seminar, the International Leadership Platform of the University of Johannesburg, the African Unity for Renaissance Series of the Africa Institute of South Africa, and the annual talk series of the Academy of Science of South Africa. Professor Adesanmi was a member of the Diaspora Consultation series of the African Union's Agenda 2063 in New York. In 2013-2014, he was a Carnegie Diaspora Visiting Professor of African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon, where he designed the African Thinkers' Program of UG-Ghana's Institute of African Studies. He has since remained an annual facilitator of seminars at the University of Ghana's Pan-African Doctoral Academy. He is a foundation faculty member of the Abiola Irele School of Theory and Criticism at Kwara State University, Nigeria. Adesanmi is the internationally-acclaimed winner of the inaugural Penguin Prize for African Writing (2010) in

the non-fiction category with his book, *you're not a Country, Africa*. His latest book, *Naija No Dey Carry Last: Thoughts on a Nation in Progress*, a collection of essays on Nigerian politics and culture, recently featured on Channels Book Club's best Nigerian Books of 2015.

**Ahmed Buckley** is a diplomat at the Embassy of Egypt in Ottawa, and a PhD candidate at the Norman Patterson School of International Relations. His diplomatic career involved a focus on international cooperation in CVE programs, and the implementation of development projects in Afghanistan, South Sudan and Egypt. His research interests cover the nexus between intra-state inequality and violent conflict.

**M. Kamari Clarke** is an Associate Professor at Carleton University in International and Global Studies. Over her career, she has taught at Yale University (1999-2012), the University of Pennsylvania (2012-2015), and the University Toronto (2015) and was the former chair of the Council on African Studies at Yale (2007-2010). For more than 20 years, Professor Clarke has conducted research on issues related to legal institutions, human rights and international law, religious nationalism and the politics of globalization. She has spent her career exploring theoretical questions of culture and power and in the field of law and anthropology detailing the relationship between new social formations and contemporary problems. One of her key contributions to the various disciplines that she inhabits has been to "demonstrate ethnographically the ways that religious and legal knowledge regimes produce practices that travel globally".

**Louise de la Gorgendiere** is an Associate Professor in Anthropology at Carleton University. She received her PhD in Social Anthropology from Cambridge University in 1993, with research on education and development in Ghana. From 1993-2001, she taught at Edinburgh University in a dual post in which she also worked as a Social Development Adviser for the U.K.'s Department for International Development (DFID). In 2000, she served as a social development / gender specialist for a final evaluation of a French Education Project in West Africa for the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAE, Paris) and DFID (UK). Louise has also carried out development consultancies in several African countries for the International Labour Organization and United Nations Development Program (ILO/UNDP). She is currently conducting research with members of the Ghanaian diaspora in Canada, examining their links to development in Ghana, as well as their experiences in multicultural Canada.

**Chiara Marcazzan** is a public relations professional with nearly 10 years' experience specialized in community and international development. Chiara is currently the Partnerships and Outreach Officer at Cuso International, a development organization that works to reduce poverty and inequality through the efforts of highly skilled volunteers and collaborative partnerships. Prior to Cuso International, she worked for the Canadian Executive Service Overseas (CESO) as a Program Manager for the Small and Medium Enterprises project. Chiara has also worked in communications as a Journalist, TV Host and Radio Host for a Canadian-Italian channel. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Bologna (Italy) and a Master's in Political Science from the Université de Montreal.

**Salwa Mowafi** is the Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Ottawa. She bagged a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science from Cairo University, and was formerly the Director of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Countries and Yemen Affairs, Arab Affairs Department, Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She was the first secretary of the Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Kuwait and acted as the Consulate General of Egypt in Shanghai, China from 2003- 2006.

**Professor Jane Kerubo Onsongo** was appointed to the post of Deputy Head of Mission, Kenya Mission, Ottawa, Canada with effect from July 2015. Before joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in the Government of the Republic of Kenya, she served as a commissioner with the Ethics and Anticorruption Commission in Nairobi, Kenya. Jane also served as an Assistant Director Preventive Services at the defunct Kenya Anticorruption Commission. Prior to joining the Anticorruption Commissions Amb. Onsongo served as an Associate Professor of Education at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi for over 15 years. At the University, she served as the Deputy Director of Research and Head of Undergraduate



Studies in Education. She has been involved in gender related research and participated in building the capacity of women academics in research and scholarship in various institutions of higher learning in Kenya, Tanzania and Pakistan through the Association of Commonwealth Universities Women's Programme and the Forum for African Women Educationists (FAWE). Jane Onsongo holds a Ph.D. in Higher and Further Education from the University College London, University of London, United Kingdom, Master of Arts in Women and Higher Education Management from the Institute of Education, University of London, United Kingdom; a Master of Education (Communication and Technology) and a Bachelor of Education (Arts) from Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya.

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**Phil Rourke** is the Executive Director of the Center for Trade Policy and Law (CTPL). He's a trade capacity building specialist with more than 20 years of experience working with trade ministries, universities, business associations, private firms and NGOs in all regions of the world. He also currently serves as Principal Advisor at the Shridath Ramphal Centre at the Cave Hill campus of the University of the West Indies (UWI). He lectures in trade policy and trade and development issues at NPSIA at Carleton University, the law school at the University of Ottawa, and in the Master's in International Trade Policy (MITP) program at UWI.

**Yiagadeesen (Teddy) Samy** is a Professor of International Affairs at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University, Ottawa. He has published widely on issues related to international economics and economic development. Some of his recent work has appeared in *Third World Quarterly*, *International Interactions*, and *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. He was the co-editor of the 2013 issue of *Canada among Nations* on Canada-Africa relations and more recently co-authored the *2015 Africa Capacity Report* on Capacity Imperatives for Domestic Resource Mobilization in Africa. His current research areas include state fragility, aid effectiveness, domestic resource mobilization and income inequality.

**H.E. Motaz Zahran** is the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Canada. Prior to his ambassadorial post, he held numerous positions including Advisor to the Minister for Foreign Affairs on the Middle East Peace Process and Egypt's relations with the United States of America, and Egypt's *Sous Sherpa* to the Nuclear Security Summit. His previous assignments abroad included a stint in Washington, D.C. where he served as Chargé d'Affaires, Political Counselor and Congressional Affairs Officer at the Embassy of Egypt. He also served in his country's missions to New Delhi, and to the United Nations in New York, where he was Rapporteur of the UNGA First Committee covering issues of disarmament and non-proliferation.

### **Master of Ceremonies:**

**Nduka Otiono** is an Assistant Professor at the Institute of African Studies, Carleton University, Ottawa. He obtained his PhD in English from the University of Alberta where he won numerous awards including the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Scholarship, and was nominated for the Governor General's Gold Medal for academic distinction. He was a Postdoctoral Fellow at Brown University where he was also appointed a Visiting Assistant Professor and a Banting Postdoctoral Fellow at Carleton University. A fellow of the William Joiner Centre for War and Social Consequences, University of Massachusetts, Boston, his interdisciplinary research focuses on "street stories" or popular urban narratives in postcolonial Africa, and how they travel across multiple popular cultural platforms such as the news media, film, popular music, and social media. Also a writer, he is the author

of *The Night Hides with a Knife* (short stories), which won the ANA/Spectrum Prize; *Voices in the Rainbow* (Poems), a finalist for the ANA/Cadbury Poetry Prize; *Love in a Time of Nightmares* (Poems) for which he was awarded the James Patrick Folinsbee Memorial Scholarship in Creative Writing. He has co-edited *We-Men: An Anthology of Men Writing on Women* (1998), and *Camouflage: Best of Contemporary Writing from Nigeria* (2006). In 2015 he was awarded a Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship. He is currently working on his first academic monograph, *Street Stories in Africa*.