

2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICA INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE RESEARCH NETWORK, CARLETON UNIVERSITY, OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA

THEME:

**Shifting Paradigms with Transformative Wise Practices: Indigenous Knowledge,
Entrepreneurship, and Sustainable Livelihood in Comparative Perspectives**

DATES:

25–27 August 2026

Model: Hybrid Split

(Stream A: Ottawa | Stream B: Virtual Africa Hub)

Attendance Status Key:

■ **Stream A (Ottawa In-Person): Rooms 1-7**

■ **Stream B (Virtual Africa Hub): Rooms V1-V7**

Join Stream A (Ottawa In-Person)

Conference Room	Physical Location
Room 1	Dunton Tower 1723
Room 2	Dunton Tower 1706
Room 3	Dunton Tower 1813
Room 4	Dunton Tower 1816
Room 5	Dunton Tower 404
Room 6	Dunton Tower 1304
Exhibition Area	Dunton Tower 1811
Lunch Venue	Paterson Hall 201

Join Stream B: Virtual Africa Hub

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CONFERENCE PANEL THEMES

- **Theme 1: Activism, Indigenous Literature, Languages, and Cultural Heritage** (*Streams A & B*)
- **Theme 2: Indigenous Economies and Neo-Capitalist Practices** (*Stream B*)
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- **Theme 4: IKS, Territories, and Transformative Wisdom** (*Streams A & B*)
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- **Theme 17: Indigenous Oral Art, Performance, and Community Development** (*Streams A & B*)
- **Theme 18: Indigenous Health and Epistemic Justice** (*Streams A & B*)
- **Theme 19: Agronomic Science and Indigenous Sustainability** (*Streams A & B*)
- **Theme 20: Youth, Indigenous Entrepreneurship, and Sustainable Development** (*Stream B*)
- **Theme 21: IKS, Climate Justice, and Climate Change Adaptation** (*Streams A & B*)
- **Theme 22: IKS, Environmental Stewardship, and Biodiversity Conservation** (*Streams A & B*)
- **Theme 23: IKS, Corporate Governance, and Rights-Based Policy** (*Streams A & B*)
- **Theme 24: IKS, Craft Economies, and Youth Entrepreneurship** (*Stream B*)
- **Theme 25: IKS and Medicinal Research and Approaches** (*Stream A*)
- **Theme 26: IKS and Decolonizing Development in Africa** (*Stream A*)
- **Theme 27: IKS, Digital Entrepreneurship, and Sustainable Innovation** (*Stream A*)
- **Theme 28: IKS and Gender Performance, and Gendered Genealogy** (*Stream A*)

DAY 1: TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST 2026

Shifted Start: 08:00 Ottawa (15:00 East Africa)

Time (Ottawa)	Time (East Africa)	Activity / Details	Stream
08:00 - 09:00	15:00 - 16:00	REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS	Both
09:00 - 10:30	16:00 - 17:30	OPENING CEREMONY (DT 2017) Program Director: Dr. Jabulile Mzimela • National Anthem • Land Acknowledgement: Indigenous Elder Goodwill Messages: • Prof. Pauline Rankin, Provost/Vice President, Carleton University. • Dr. Jacqueline Ottmann, President, First Nations University. • Her Excellency, Souriya Otmami, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Ottawa. • Mallory Baxter, Head Program Evidence, Mastercard Foundation • Resty Nabaggala, Coordinator, AIKRN Youth Forum • Prof. Anne Bowker, Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences • Prof. Dan Irving, Director, School of Interdisciplinary Studies • Prof. Nduka Otiono, Director, Institute of African Studies • Welcome Address: Prof. Samuel Ojo Oloruntoba (Convener, Founder, AIKRN)	Both
10:30 - 11:30	17:30 - 18:30	KEYNOTE ADDRESS I (DT 2017) Mrs Bamidele Ademola-Olateju, (former State Commissioner/ Provincial Minister)	Both
11:30 - 12:30	18:30 - 19:30	PLENARY SESSION I: Public & Private Sector (DT 2017) Title: Indigenous Knowledge: Policy, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program Director: Dr. Zainab Monisola Olaitan • Dr. Olutoyin Oyelade (Casa Foundation & Friends of Africa Coalition) • John Nelson (Black Entrepreneurship Knowledge Hub) • Elisabeth LAMBRECHT, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development	Both

		• Dr. Illa Carrillo Rodríguez (Canada Research Coordinating Committee Secretariat)	
12:30 - 13:30	19:30 - 20:30	LUNCH BREAK	Both
13:30 - 15:00	20:30 - 22:00	PARALLEL SESSION I (Themes 1–7)	Split
15:00 - 15:30	22:00 - 22:30	SNACK BREAK	Both
15:30 - 17:00	22:30 - 00:00	PARALLEL SESSION II (Themes 8–11)	Split
17:00	00:00	END OF DAY 1	

DAY 1 | PARALLEL SESSION I (Themes 1 – 7)

Time: Ottawa: 13:30–15:00 | East Africa: 20:30–22:00

Room	Stream	Theme	Presenters & Paper Titles
Room 1 (DT 1723))	A (Ottawa In-Person)	1. Activism, Indigenous Literature, Languages, and Cultural Heritage <i>[Chair: Professor Abimbola Adelakun]</i>	Simelane Nomkhosi Swelihle and Sipho Ntombela – Why Gauteng High School Learners Prefer Novels to Folktales: An Analysis of Shifting Preferences in Oral Literature. Baloyi Magezi Elijah – The role of language in decolonising African funeral burial rites- a case study of <i>Timhisi</i> as grave diggers within Vatsonga Context. Adane Kassie – Embroidery: A Cultural Entrepreneurship among the Amhara People in Ethiopia. ADU Funmilayo – Indigenous Culture and Hybrid Identities in Yoruba Transnational Diaspora: A Critical Perspective. Auguste Laura Michel, Stanley Mesilas, Schmid Walter Mesilas – Legacies, Alliances, and Indigenous Futures.
Room V1	B (Virtual Africa Hub)	1. Activism, Indigenous Literature, Languages, and Cultural Heritage <i>[Chair: Dr. Dickson Ajisafe]</i>	Emily Shungu Mashonganyika – The Invisible Knowledge Systems (Re)Produced Through Dress among Korekore Women in Makonde, Zimbabwe. Bayo Omolola – African Languages: Vehicle for Transmitting Indigenous Knowledge in Diaspora. Dickson Ajisafe, Paul Aladegba, and Anthonia-Lola Dickson – Re-Aligning Indigenous Ethical Practices to Professional Ethics in Diplomatic Relations: Revisiting Diplomatic Hullabaloo between South Africa and the United States of America. OYEWOLE, Fikayo Stephen – Language Decolonisation and Knowledge Reclamation in Postcolonial Africa. Dickson Mdugala – Activism through Literature: Advocating for Alternative

			Religious Philosophies to Safeguard Children and Other Vulnerable Groups: Insights from 'Unmarried Wife' and 'Parched Earth'. 6. Lucas Van Boyden et al. - The Human Face of Repatriation: Indigenization and Interculturalization of Heritage Collections at the University of Montana. 7. Adjei, Edwin Asa, Abubakari, Hasiyatu, Kyere, Abena, Gli, Vivian Mawuli, Adétómíwá, Anuoluwapo Adéwùnmí – Voicing the Earth: A Literary Exploration of Community Elders’ Discourse in Environmental Education. 8. Chielotam – Cultural authenticity of the Drum Dance Festival, performed by Aboriginal peoples in the Northwest Territories of Canada.
Room V2	B (Virtual Africa Hub)	2. Indigenous Economies and Neo-Capitalist Practices <i>[Chair: Professor John Mary Kayanmurwa]</i>	1. Adebakin, Azeez Babatunde and Ayanlowo, Adesoji Emmanuel – Sustaining Indigenous Entrepreneurship for Youth Empowerment and Cultural Reorientation in Nigeria: The Role of Tertiary Education 2. Kelebogile Motlhabane – Community-Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) as a Driver of Cultural Loss and Indigenous Knowledge Erosion in the Okavango Delta, Botswana. 3. Oluwatoyosi Awolola – Indigenous Economy. 4. Ekobi Gabriel – Indigenous Economies. 5. Funsho Olatunde and Ayotunde Adebayo – Indigeneity and Neo-Capitalist Economic Practices. 6. Cynthia Uche Ubogu – Indigeneity and Neo-Capitalist Economic Practices.
Room 2 (DT 1706)	A (Ottawa In-Person)	3. Indigenous Economies, Entrepreneurship, and Livelihood Strategies <i>[Chair: Professor Innocent Moyo]</i>	1. Zandile Dumas – Indigenous Entrepreneurship within Social, Economic, and Cultural Institutional Systems: A Conceptual Analysis. 2. Moyo Innocent – The Epistemological Bases of Indigenous Entrepreneurship.

			3. Jabulile Mzimela – Indigenous Economies and Transformation in Postcolonial Societies.
Room V3	B (Virtual Africa Hub)	3. Indigenous Economies, Entrepreneurship, and Livelihood Strategies <i>[Chair: Dr. Daniel Mengistie]</i>	1. Daniel Mengistie – Resilient Livelihoods and Indigenous Entrepreneurship in Ethiopia: Rethinking Indigenous Knowledge for Sustainable Development. 2. Maureen Twesigane – Indigenous Economies, Entrepreneurship, and Livelihoods in Uganda. 3. Funmilayo Juliana Afolabi - Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Strategies in Indigenous Communities. 4. Sirah Patience Barisua – The Role of Entrepreneurship in Enhancing Livelihood Strategies among Indigenous Communities in Ogoni, Nigeria. 5. Tomoloju Blessing – Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Strategies. 6. Anne Atukwatse – Entrepreneurship and livelihood strategies in indigenous communities in Uganda. 7. Abdallah, Mazin – Indigenous Economies and Sustainable Livelihoods. 8. Pherane Moleboheng – Indigenous Economies.
Room 3 (DT 1813)	A (Ottawa In-Person)	4. IKS, Territories, and Transformative Wisdom <i>[Chair: Dr. Robyn Read]</i>	1. Ogedegbe Hope Ekuetafia – Integrating Indigenous Mathematical Knowledge with Entrepreneurship: A Transformative Framework for Sustainable Livelihoods— A Case Study of Ijaw Communities in Delta State. 2. Namusabi, Sumayyah – Restoring ancestral wisdom for urban climate resilience in Kampala, Uganda. 3. Daniel Kandagor, Evans Nyamwaka, Felix Ogora – Knowledge, Power, and Resilience: Indigenous Economies and Postcolonial Transformation among the Tugen and Abagusii of Kenya. 4. Stanley MESILAS – Indigenous Knowledge Systems, Sustainable Entrepreneurship, and Youth

			Empowerment: A Critical Analysis of the Ghanaian Context.
Room V4	B (Virtual Africa Hub)	4. IKS, Territories, and Transformative Wisdom <i>[Chair: Professor Kiale Nyiayaana]</i>	1. Ndirangu Ngunjiri – Rethinking Organisational Effectiveness: Exploring Indigenous Management Practices in East African Public Institutions. 2. Alex Ayebazibwe Kakama, Ambrose Atuheire, and Danson Sylvester Kahyana – Transformative Wisdom in Health Financing: Indigenous Cultural Foundations of the Kisiizi Community Health Insurance Scheme in Uganda. 3. Joburg Mahuyu – Exploring How Transformative Indigenous Wise Practices Shape More Resilient, Inclusive and Sustainable Livelihoods: Comparative Perspectives from Guruve District in Zimbabwe and Chongwe District in Zambia. 4. Nekesa Gloria – Transformative wisdom in practice: Indigenous knowledge systems, youth-led social entrepreneurship, and sustainable livelihoods in Mbale, Uganda. 5. Matutu Danmore Ngoni – Decolonising Urban Climate Governance: Integrating Indigenous Knowledge Systems for Resilient Futures in Southern Africa. 6. Agutaya, Christian Anthony – Traditional Knowledge for Long-Term Growth of Indigenous Communities. 7. Sambe Iveren – Staging Survival in Rough Seasons: Climate Conflict, Cultural Memory, and the Struggle for Land in Nigeria. 8. Nicola Robins – Re-Cognition: The Organizational Practice of Learning from Indigenous Traditions. 9. Promise Komene Abanee – Ogoni Indigenous Justice System and Post-Colonial Modernity: A Comparative Analysis in Restorative Justice

Room V5	B (Virtual Africa Hub)	5. IKS and Wise Practices in Food Security and Community Resilience <i>[Chair: Dr. Joel Kangawo]</i>	1. Joel Kangawo and Colleagues – Ensuring Sustainable Food Security through the Revitalization of Traditional Communal Granaries and Indigenous Knowledge Systems in Busoga, Uganda. 2. Patience Tusingwire Mwesigwa – Cultural Influence in Shaping Health Practices, Behaviours and Food Systems among the Batwa Communities in Rubanda District, Uganda. 3. Reason Mupanga – Resilience Strategies among Women in the Face of El Niño-Induced Food Insecurity in Rural Zimbabwe. 4. Onah, Jude Chidike and Adinnu, Paulina Oluchukwu – Indigenous knowledge management for enhanced agricultural productivity and household food security among rural farmers in North Central, Nigeria. 5. Opeyemi Oluseun Faramade, Johnson Adetunji Adeyemi, Esther Abosede Awojobi and Omolara Olufunmilayo Akinlade – Ifá Divination as an Indigenous Early Warning System for Disaster among the Yoruba. 6. Alaba Favour OGWUMIKE – Sacred Spaces and Historical Memory: Archival and Oral Documentation of Indigenous Spiritual Site in Nigeria.
Room V6	B (Virtual Africa Hub)	6. Innovation, Indigenous Technologies, and Sustainable Livelihoods <i>[Chair: Prof. Adebowale Ayobade]</i>	1. Emmanuel Umoru Haruna and Zakaria Zoundi – Scientific Mapping of Indigenous Technology: Global Research Trends and Implications for Canadian Indigenous Entrepreneurs. 2. Khadijat D. Ajayi and Segun A. Oyeniran Opportunities and Challenges in Harnessing Indigenous Technologies for

			Sustainable Innovation among Students of Universities in Nigeria. 3. Marion Alandi and Ssempebwa Jude – Innovation and Indigenous Technology: A Case Study of the Karamojong People in Uganda. 4. Apollo Kagwa Tugeineyo – Linking Innovation to Indigenous Technologies for Sustainable Urban Abattoir Waste Management: A Community-Driven Review from Uganda. 5. Sarah Kyejjusa, Charles Olupot, Joseph Elasu, Lovince Akurut, Veronica Mukyala and Jane Concy Auko – Revitalising frugal Innovations and indigenous technologies in the food and nutrition subsector: A case of Teso subregion in Uganda. 6. Adebowale Ayobade and Olufemi Muibi Saibu – The prospects and challenges of traditional birth attendance in Nigeria: the example of Ijaw traditional birth attendants in Lagos State. 7. Nadine Priam Plesnage – Participatory Museography and Digital Repatriation: Endogenous Knowledge as a Framework for Culturally Integral Economic Models in Caribbean and African Contexts. 8. Oluwaferanmi Emmanuel Adejuwon – Indigenous Entrepreneurship in the Digital Era: Protecting Innovation, Intellectual Property, and Digital Sovereignty.
Room V7	B (Virtual Africa Hub)	7. Indigenous Cosmologies, Religion, and Spirituality <i>[Chair: Dr. Olabajo Dada]</i>	1. Elizabeth Matilda A. Mantebeah – Decolonizing Heritage Narratives: Embracing Indigenous Ways and Appropriating Indigenous Concepts to Healing. 2. Ifunanya Madufo – Igbo Afa Divination as Algorithmic Epistemology: Bounded, Plural, and Explainable. 3. Angela Khumalo and Zoë Fortuin – 'Ausi can never die': An analysis of the

			enduring presence of Ausi in Gauteng and the Western Cape. 4. Zwane, Li'Tsoanelo – Engaging with the cosmology of Sangomas and their interaction with ancestors. 5. Oluwaseun Olanrewaju – Politics, Governance and Indigenous Knowledge: Contextualizing the Revival of Yoruba Indigenous Religion (Isese) in South-West Nigeria. 6. Olabajo O. Dada – Decolonizing Faith: Reconstituting Christian Theology through Yoruba Cosmologies of Selfhood.
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DAY 1 | PARALLEL SESSION II (Themes 8 – 11)

Time: Ottawa: 15:30–17:00 | East Africa: 22:30–00:00

Room	Stream	Theme	Presenters & Paper Titles
Room 1 (DT 1723)	A (Ottawa In-Person)	8. IKS and Economic Resilience <i>[Chair: Professor Evelyn Mayanja]</i>	1. Ogbor Bulounemugha Faith – Inter-Generational Ingenuity in the Existential Realities of the Izon Ethnic Group: A Discourse of Indigenous Knowledge in the Niger Delta Region of Nigeria. 2. Ikram Yassamine Mekidiche – Collective Resilience and Economic Sustainability: Indigenous Models from Algeria’s M’zab Valley. 3. Precious Kamndaya and Ignasio Ngoma – Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Hydrological Science in Climate-Resilient Bridge Design: A Floodplain Framework for Prestressed Concrete Bridges.
Room 2 (DT 1706)	A (Ottawa In-Person)	9. Territories, Survival, and Sustainable Livelihoods <i>[Chair: Professor Christine Duff]</i>	1. Yousef Samah Ali Abdo – From Somalia to Aden: Negotiating Culture and Belonging Across the Red Sea. 2. Mervil, Ronel Desarrollo, Territorio y Libertad – Análisis de las condiciones de vida en dos quilombos del sur de Brasil (Development, Territory and Freedom: Analysis of Living Conditions in Two Quilombo Communities in Southern Brazil). 3. Helen Lwemamu – Exploring Strategies That Physically Disabled Refugees Employ to Overcome Market Barriers and Access to Capital for Sustainable Livelihoods. 4. Nerisa Jepkorir Kamar and Winny Seroney – Indigenous knowledge as a cornerstone of identity, survival, and resilience for the Sengwer of Kenya. 5. Daniel Rotich Kandagor, Gutwa Peter Oino, Anne Chepkurui – Samburu: A Comparative Analysis of Indigenous Survival Practices Among Samburu, Pokot, and English Communities.

Room 3 (DT 1813)	A (Ottawa In-Person)	10. IKS, Counselling, and Trauma Management <i>[Chair: Professor Vincent Efebeh]</i>	1. Mohau Leqabanyo – Sensitization in Trance: Investing in the Knowledge and Practice of African Healing Traditions, a 3D Exhibition at the National University of Lesotho. 2. Setume Senzokuhle Doreen – Indigenous Knowledge in Grief Counselling: Lessons from Twin Burial Rituals in Botswana. 3. Komane, Kgomotso – Ubuntu’s ethos in Building Peace in Southern Africa.
Room 4 (DT1816)	A (Ottawa In-Person)	11. IKS, Governance, and Political Institutions <i>[Chair: Dr. Tola Odubajo]</i>	1. Tola Odubajo – An advocacy for constitutional roles for traditional rulers in the 1999 constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. 2. Kenneth Olusanmi FRANCIS – Indigenous Institutions and Sustainable Governance in Africa: Cultural Democracy and Political Accountability in the Old Oyo Empire. 3. Nwador Amaechi Fidelis – Indigenous Political Institutions in Transition: Gerontocracy and Monarchic Synthesis Among the Western Delta Igbo. 4. Kyirewiah Francis Kwesi – Local Knowledge and Sustainable Resource Governance.

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST 2026

Shifted Start: 08:00 Ottawa (15:00 East Africa)

Time (Ottawa)	Time (East Africa)	Activity / Details	Stream
08:00-09:00	15:00 - 16:00	REGISTRATION	Both
09:00 - 10:00	16:00 - 17:00	KEYNOTE ADDRESS II Ms. Victoria Labillois	Both
10:00 - 11:30	17:00 - 18:30	PARALLEL SESSIONS III (Themes 12–17)	Split
11:30 - 12:00	18:30 - 19:00	TEA BREAK	Both
12:00 - 13:30	19:00 - 20:30	PARALLEL SESSIONS IV (Themes 18–24)	Split
13:30 - 14:30	20:30 - 21:30	LUNCH BREAK	Both
14:30 - 16:00	21:30 - 23:00	PARALLEL SESSIONS V (Themes 25–28)	Split
16:00 - 17:00	23:00 - 00:00	REST	
17:00+	00:00+	DINNER AND AWARD NIGHT	

DAY 2 | PARALLEL SESSION III (Themes 12 – 17)

Time: Ottawa: 10:00–11:30 | East Africa: 17:00–18:30

Room	Stream	Theme	Presenters & Paper Titles
Room 1 (DT 1723)	A (Ottawa In-Person)	12. Women, Youth, and Intergenerational Knowledge Transmission <i>[Chair: Dr. Gloria A. Ilivieda]</i>	1. Kiros Haftetsion Gebresilassie – Leveraging Indigenous Pottery Knowledge to Strengthen Women-Led Micro and Small Enterprises in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: Practices, Challenges and Opportunities. 2. Lydia Namatende-Sakwa – Indigenous Notions of Female Agency and Empowerment. 3. Mensah, Samuel Arko – In the thoughts of ancestral intelligence: Exploring the wisdom of the Old Woman in indigenous communication. 4. Thatshisiwe Ndlovu – Women, Youth and Intergenerational Knowledge Transmission.
Room V1	B (Virtual Africa Hub)	12. Women, Youth, and Intergenerational Knowledge Transmission <i>[Chair: Professor Doyin Aguru]</i>	1. Folasade Busayo Oguntayo and Oluwaseun Oluropo Ajibare – Women, Youth, and Intergenerational Knowledge Transmission: Sustaining Cultural Heritage and Innovation in a Changing World. 2. Mahabura Nabakooza – Youth and Intergenerational Knowledge Transmission for Sustainable Livelihoods in Wakiso District, Uganda. 3. Hope Obua and Asiimwe Blair – Unpacking the Dynamics of Intergenerational Knowledge Transmission among Women in Different Cultural Contexts from Grandmothers to Granddaughters. 4. Kamar Nerisa Jepkorir – Inter-Generational Transfer of Indigenous Knowledge among Keiyo Women: My Personal Journey Experience. 5. Rashida James-Saadiya and Fatima Diallo – Reimagining Intergenerational

			Knowledge: Women, Youth, and Creative Learning Spaces in Senegal. 6. Ganagana, Doubrapade Peter and Ogor Bolounemughan Faith – Inter-generational Ingenuity in the Existential Realities of the Izon Ethnic Group: A Discourse of Indigenous Knowledge in the Niger Delta Region of Nigeria. 7. Itah Patience Mbethki – Birth Bodies, Indigenous Knowledge and Motherhood in Uganda. 8. Rosemary Anaele – Women, Youth and Intergenerational Knowledge Transmission.
Room 2 (DT 1706)	A (Ottawa In-Person)	13. IKS and Educational Advancement <i>[Chair: Dr. Edward Dolittle]</i>	1. Shelby Eyahpaise – Willow Cree Language Revitalization: Teaching Almost-Extinct Indigenous Languages. 2. KWANINA-ANSA ERIC – Importance of Indigenous Art Forms in Our Education Curriculum. 3. Karisa, Amani Moses and Lydia Namatende-Sakwa – Re-centering African Indigenous Knowledge: Decolonizing Education Research for Equitable and Sustainable Futures. 4. Ntibinyane Alvin Ntibinyane – Decolonizing education, educational sovereignty.
Room V2	B (Virtual Africa Hub)	13. IKS and Educational Advancement <i>[Chair: Dr. Olanike Onimisi]</i>	1. Bright ZorBari-Nwitambu – Leveraging Indigenous Craftmanship in Education Sector for Restorative Development of Ogoni Entrepreneurship System: Eyes on Female Youths. 2. Suzyika Nyimbili – The African university and living heritage: Agency and cultural capability formation through higher education in Zambia. 3. Merga Gudisa Neme – Learning, Teaching, and Authentication Methods for Indigenous Knowledge in Guji Oromo Culture in Southern Ethiopia.

			4. Fupi Regina – Decolonizing the Curriculum in Tanzania: Reclaiming Indigenous Knowledge Systems for Youth Empowerment, Entrepreneurship, and Sustainable Livelihoods. 5. Luqman Qpéyemí Muraina, Adams S. Achanso, and Kojo E. Majialuwe – Exploring the Decolonial Potential of a Community-Centered Development Learning Approach in a Ghanaian University: Decolonising Education. 6. Oluwaseun James Fadeyi – Culturally Responsive Pedagogy in SEND Education: Empowering Diverse Learners through Indigenous Knowledge. 7. ODEYEMI, Ifeoluwa Emmanuel – Teaching Democracy Otherwise: Indigenous Governance and Civic Education in Nigeria’s Basic Education.
Room 3 (DT 1813)	A (Ottawa In-Person)	14. Indigenous Philosophy and Epistemologies <i>[Chair: Professor Oladapo Aremu]</i>	1. Opole, Charles Oando – Postcolonialism and Indigenous Knowledge Systems: Reassessing Colonial Misrepresentations and their Legacies in the Contemporary World Order. 2. Bigá, Jimena – Netsoa Arâyedea as ethico-onto-epistemic Justice: Tuxá youth's Voices on Land, Resilience, and Pluriversal Transformation. 3. Boakye-Yiadom, Noah – Indigenous Research Methodology and Methods. 4. Teele Bernard Matsoso – Comparative epistemologies / higher education.
Room V3	B (Virtual Africa Hub)	14. Indigenous Philosophy and Epistemologies <i>[Chair: Professor Adeshina Afolayan]</i>	1. Tselkxáliya (Denise Findlay) – Indigenous Philosophy as a Way of Life: Revitalizing Sneweyelh and Ethical-Relational Ontologies. 2. Ashiraf Mugalula – Decolonising Knowledge Production: Beyond the Search for an Authentic Epistemology 3. Azaufa Takunjuh Ngundem Betaah – Forging out Epistemological Futures for Indigeneity in Africa: Intelligent

			Skepticism and Critical Environmental Law / Comparative epistemologies. 4. Chukwudebelu Ifeanyi Anthony – The Metaphysics of Movement: Developing Oganiru as a Progressive Igbo Epistemology for Decolonizing African Economic Futures. 5. Gabanthate Charity Masole – Giving Space, Taking Space: Participatory Feedback as Relational Practice towards Decolonizing Development Research. 6. Mohale Matlhatse Elizabeth, Tanya Dayaram, Christina Mazivila, Romyne Karan, Alice McClure and Lilian Kongani – Epistemic legitimacy of Indigenous Knowledge in National Adaptation Plans in African countries. 7. Adeola Daniel – Postcolonialism and Indigenous Knowledge Systems. 8. Zakari Adokpa Prince – Postcolonialism and Indigenous Knowledge Systems. 9. Gaseitsiwe Itumeleng Mpho – Postcolonialism and Indigenous Knowledge Systems; Comparative Epistemologies.
Room V4	B (Virtual Africa Hub)	15. Extractive Economies and Indigenous Sustainability <i>[Chair: Professor John Mary Kanyamurwa]</i>	1. Ganagana Doubrapade Peter – Indigenous knowledge, job creation and artisan oil refinery in the Niger-Delta: Challenges and Prospects. 2. Baridole David Nwiado – Indigenous Knowledge and Artisanal Oil Refining in Nigeria: A Study of KpoFire in Ogoni. 3. Lebari Gospel – Indigenous economies in ruins: Fishing and the legacy of oil in Ogoni. 4. Muungo Hansinga – Aligning Climate-Smart Indigenous Knowledge and Best Practices with Zambia’s Article 6 Strategy. 5. Tshifhango Thikho – Indigenous Anti-Aging Innovation: Harnessing Blackjack and Marula for Sustainable Skincare and Livelihoods.

			6. Kwazinkosi Sibanda – Navigating Business Strategies in a Changing World and Hostile Environment: A Case of Bazezuru in Botswana.
Room 4 (DT 1816)	A (Ottawa In-Person)	16. IKS, Business Strategy, and Sustainable Cultural Enterprise <i>[Chair: Mr. Sanmi Obasa]</i>	1. Nalwanga Joanie – Advancement of Sustainable Livelihoods through Entrepreneurial Supplier Engagement in Indigenous Communities: Policy Perspectives from Uganda's Local Manufacturing Sector. 2. Gabriel Olatoye and Jacob A. Adeyanju – Indigenous Knowledge Systems, Contemporary Personnel Management Practices and Workplace Performance in Nigeria. 3. Ophilia A. Abianji-Menang – Toghu as Indigenous Knowledge and Cultural Enterprise: Material Traditions, Identity, and National Integration in Cameroon.
Room V5	B (Virtual Africa Hub)	16. IKS, Business Strategy, and Sustainable Cultural Enterprise <i>[Chair: Dr. Ebenezer Osei Jones]</i>	1. Jean D'Amour Ingabire – Community-Based Enterprise Facilitation and Sustainable Community Livelihoods in Rwanda. 2. Samuel Ayodeji Omolawal, Idowu Sulaimon Adeniyi, and Dauda Busari – Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Strategies Shaping Sustainable Development Pathways in Indigenous Communities in Ibadan, Nigeria. 3. Ebenezer Osei Jones – Knowledge, Culture, and Livestock: An Epistemological Study of Indigenous Knowledge Systems for Sustainable Cattle Farming in Urbanized Ghana. 4. Deborah Ikonne – Indigenous Knowledge Systems as Intellectual Property in Promoting Economic Development in Africa. 5. Ssekabembe James – Indigenous Economic Transitions: From Pastoralism to Enterprise in Kaabong District, Uganda.

			6. Abigail A. Aryeh-Adjei, Philip Prince Kwesi Mantey, and Jessica Amarteifio – Harnessing Indigenous Knowledge for Sustainable Food Packaging: A Case Study from Ghana’s Coastline.
Room 5 (DT 404)	A (Ottawa In-Person)	17. Indigenous Oral Art, Performance, and Community Development <i>[Chair Dr. Olubunmi Bakare-Fatungase]</i>	1. Oladiran Olateju – Propagating Yoruba Culture through Visual Storytelling: A Case Study of Kunle Afolayan’s Anikulapo (2022). 2. Albert Dennis – Significance of Fancy Dress Masquerade Costumes in Winneba, Ghana, 1958-2020. 3. Onu, Godwin and Onu Phinex – The Potency of Folklore and Proverbs in Indigenous Governance of Igbos of South-East Nigeria. 4. Awuor PONGE and Yakeu-Djiam Serge Eric – Roots of Knowledge and Cultivating Heritage: Voices of Tradition and Oral Wisdom in African Indigenous Practices. 5. Mensah, Samuel Arko – Staging the sacred: A semiotic analysis of ritual performance as communicative act in Mohammed Ben-Abdallah’s “The Song of a Pharaoh”. 5. Naa Korkor Leeyoo Watson-Nortey – Sustainability of Indigenous Oral Art.
Room V6	B (Virtual Africa Hub)	17. Indigenous Oral Art, Performance, and Community Development <i>[Chair: Dr. Oumaima Elghazali]</i>	1. Oumaima Elghazali and Andrew Larson – Stories that Bind: Intergenerational Transmission of Amazigh Cultural Values through Storytelling in Morocco. 2. Anna Chitando and Angeline M. Madongonda – Beyond Entertainment: African Folktales as a Blueprint for Decolonial Development Praxis. 3. Cherish Vundisa – Indigenous Knowledge, Storytelling and Community Resilience. 4. Lydia Oko-Epelle – Community Radio and Indigenous Health Knowledge: Evaluating

			Maternal and Child Health Practices in Rural Southwestern Nigeria. 5. Anenene, Ese Eunice – Digital Platforms as Bridges for Intergenerational Learning in Nigeria: Exploring Social Media, Podcasts and Digital Archives for Knowledge Sharing between Elders and Youths. 6. Brenda Apeta – A Critical Lens on Gender, Authority, and Indigenous Knowledge in Driberg's Colonial Archive of Lango Folktales.
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DAY 2 | PARALLEL SESSION IV (Themes 18 – 24)

Time: Ottawa: 12:00–13:30 | East Africa: 19:00–20:30

Room	Stream	Theme	Presenters & Paper Titles
Room 1 (DT 1723)	A (Ottawa In-Person)	18. Indigenous Health and Epistemic Justice <i>[Chair: Professor Paul Mkandawire]</i>	1. Mubiru Benard – Indigenous Health Transport Systems in Mountainous Areas of Kigali Sub-Region, Southwestern Uganda: The Case of the Engozi Stretcher. 2. Gloria A. Ilivieda – Health, Heritage, and Food Sovereignty: Wise Practices for Sustainable Development in Nigeria. 3. Adeoye Bamigbola Azeez, Adetoun Oyelude and Sophia Adeyeye – Documenting and Disseminating Wise Practices in Health, Food Systems, and Cultural Heritage through Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums in Nigeria. 4. Mupangwa Terence – Revitalization and preservation of eroded Indigenous Knowledge Systems on taking care of a newborn baby by young mothers.
Room V1	B (Virtual Africa Hub)	18. Indigenous Health and Epistemic Justice <i>[Chair: Dr. Mubiru Benard]</i>	1. Akalework Mengesha – Indigenous temporal knowledge and resilience in navigating fragile health systems. 2. MOHAMMED Abdul-Latif – Traditional wisdom and contemporary healthcare delivery in Ghana. 3. Emmanuel Olasope Bamigboye, Racheal Adebola Bamigboye and Israel Ayobami Akintan– Harnessing Indigenous Herbs and Healing Practices: Implications for Sustainable Healthcare Alternative among Rural Households in Ondo State, Nigeria. 4. Isiko Alexander Paul – Navigating Conceptual and Methodological Approaches in African Indigenous Medicine Scholarship. 5. Fadeyi Tolulope Esther – Birthing resistance: indigenous midwifery,

			colonial medicine and the therapeutic politics of healing in Nigeria. 6. Loice V. Mhenger, Tawanda Chisango, Nomathemba L. Chigu, and Showman Gwatibaya – Integrating Indigenous Wisdom: A Study of Ethnoveterinary Medicine Used for Cattle and Poultry Management in Makonde and Hurungwe District Zimbabwe. 7. Florence Munyonyo Asimwe – Negotiating Between Biomedicine and Traditional African Medicine: Understanding Health-Seeking Decisions in Rugando Sub County, Uganda. 8. Alex Tumusiime, Jane Turyasingura, and Ronald Kibonire – Reclaiming Indigenous Epistemologies in Health: Pathways to Epistemic Justice, Livelihoods, and Resilient Global Systems. 9. Gessese Negesse Belay – Ge'ez manuscripts and health practices in Ethiopia. 10. Aloyi and Drisu Ibrahim – Indigenous Knowledge system for Sustainable Healthcare Delivery among Traditional Medicine Practitioners (TMP) in Enugu State, Nigeria.
Room 2 (DT 1706)	A (Ottawa In-Person)	19. Agronomic Science and Indigenous Sustainability <i>[Chair: Professor Teddy Yiagadeesen Samy]</i>	1. Zelalem Yitbarek Ayele and Dr. Yerasework Kebede Hailu – Genetically Modified Seeds in Ethiopia: Epistemic Violence Against Farmers' Indigenous Knowledge. 2. Promise M. Hlungwani and Kuthbert Kwashirai Zvokumba – Sustainability of Commercialisation of Non-Timber Forest-Based Livelihoods: Reflections of the Mapfura/Marula Fruits-Based Livelihoods in Zimbabwe. 3. Célanet Fils-Aimé, Edwens Dorisca, and Luciano Carlos Da Maia – Phenotypic Assessment of a Segregating Rice (<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.) Population for Important Agronomic Traits.

			4. Omobolanle Nosiru and Adewoga Thomas O.S – Leveraging Indigenous Knowledge System: Efficacy of Pawpaw Leaves (<i>Carica papaya</i>) in Management of Coccidiosis in Broilers. 5. Montechristo Israel – Sustainability of Tupinambá De Olivença Indigenous Family Farming: Indicators and Challenges. 6. ABIALA, Abiala Alatise, ADEWALE Ibrahim Abass, OLAWUMI Akinyode Timothy, BANJO Sikiru Oluwole and SANNI Michael Anuoluwapo – The Impact of Indigenous Postharvest Technologies On The Poverty Status of Local Rice Processors.
Room V2	B (Virtual Africa Hub)	19. Agronomic Science and Indigenous Sustainability <i>[Chair: Dr. Montechristo Israel]</i>	1. Bosco Bwambale – Meditations on the Agency of the Farmer Family Learning Group Approach through the Lens of Endogenous Agroecology: Insights into the Foundations of Farmer Social Movements in Africa. 2. Cathal O'madagain, Talib el Aisatti, Ghizlane Goubraim – Culturally Transmitted Knowledge in Moroccan Agricultural traditions. 3. Mathabe Precious – Indigenous wisdom and the economic potential of <i>Sclerocarya birrea</i> (A. Rich.) Hochst in strengthening entrepreneurship to sustain the livelihoods of indigenous people in Limpopo Province 4. Shu Mabel Lum – IKS and Scientific Knowledge in Agricultural Practices. 5. Ihunna, Obinna Innocent – Ahianjoku: Unmasking of the Ji (Yam) Crop within the Vortex of Indigenous Knowledge among the Igbo of Eastern Nigeria. 6. Oludolapo B. Olomola – Transforming Indigenous Knowledge into Digital Entrepreneurship: Strategies for Inclusive Economic

			Development among Nigerian Information Professionals.
Room V3	B (Virtual Africa Hub)	20. Youth, Indigenous Entrepreneurship, and Sustainable Development <i>[Chair: Professor Ambrose Kessy]</i>	1. Iorkongoso, Luper and AKPAR, Terver – “Though the Monkey Roams Far, It Does Not Forget its Tail”: An Appraisal of Indigenous Knowledge in the Age of Globalization. 2. Jude Chukwunyere Iwuoha – Harnessing Communal Ethos for Economic Resilience: OKOBI as a Localised Solution to Youth Unemployment and a Catalyst for the SDGs. 3. Priscilla Wilson and Pagouh Raymond – Youth and Indigenous Entrepreneurship as a Pathway to Sustainable Development. 4. Aluko, Rachel Oluwafisayo and Bino, Feranmi – Socioeconomic relevance of Yoruba Proverbs to entrepreneurial and skill acquisition. 5. POPOOLA, Jude Olufisoye – Youth and Indigenous Entrepreneurship: Decolonising Pathways to Sustainable Development. 6. Winnifred Bedigen – Empowerment, Decolonisation, Indigenous Knowledge. 7. Motlogelwa Katso – Youth and Entrepreneurship. Youth and Entrepreneurship. 8. Obi, Callistar – Youth and Indigenous Entrepreneurship.
Room 3 (DT 1813)	A (Ottawa In-Person)	21. IKS, Climate Justice, and Climate Change Adaptation <i>[Chair: Professor Bukola Oyeniya]</i>	1. Bukola Oyeniya – Decolonizing Climate Policy in Nigeria: Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Sustainable Livelihoods 2. Exradallenum Olusegun Akinsanya – Climate Change Adaptation and Conflict Mitigation in Southwest Nigerian Agriculture: A Study of Farmers and Fulani Herdsmen. 3. Eunice Efua Attafuah, Kilisimasi Latu, and Asaad Y. Shamseldin – Indigenous Knowledge as a Pathway to Sustainable

			and Resilient Water Resources Management in River Basins in Africa. 4. Andani Edgar Budeli – The vulnerability of heritage sites to climate change in the Vhembe Biosphere Reserve, South Africa. 5. Tarah – Harnessing Haitian Indigenous Knowledge for Community Resilience in the Face of Natural Disasters. 6. Chikwaza, David – Climate Change Adaptation, Indigenous Knowledge Systems, Western Scientific Knowledge, Agriculture, and Decoloniality. 7. Thamary Mukuya – Indigenous Economies' Climate Change Adaptation. 8. Nyere, Chidochashe – Climate Change. 9. Masunda Octavious – Climate Change Adaptation.
Room V4	B (Virtual Africa Hub)	21. IKS, Climate Justice, and Climate Change Adaptation <i>[Chair: Prof. Amos Adeniyi]</i>	1. Eleonora Lundell – Decolonizing Climate Justice: Lebou Territorial Knowledge and Transforming Livelihoods in Ngor, Senegal. 2. Patience Ngwenya and Precious Mushonga – Integration of Indigenous Knowledge System in Climate Change Adaptation in Ward 28, Lupane. 3. Amos Adeniyi and Olayinka O. Adeniyi – Revitalizing Indigenous Water Knowledge for Sustainable Livelihoods and Community Resilience in Africa. 4. Sunday James Akapoti-Ajibola, Gbenga Owoeye, Foluso Olaitan Oyewumi and Oluwaseun Bola Owa – Climate Change and Policy Implementation for a Sustainable Green Environment. 5. Joy Nyokabi Karinge – Green Development or Climate Co2lonialism?: The Effect of Carbon Markets on Indigenous Livelihoods among Maasai Communities in Kenya and Tanzania. 6. Collins Odhiambo – Indigenous Ways of Knowing in Humanitarian Aviation to Help Communities Prepare for Climate Change & Respond to Emergencies.

			7. Boris Metsagho Mekontcho – Climate Adaptation.
Room 4 (DT 1816)	A (Ottawa In-Person)	22. IKS, Environmental Stewardship, and Biodiversity Conservation <i>[Chair: Dr. Ngoepe Mpho]</i>	1. Kyere Abena – Asase Yaa (Mother Earth): Harnessing Indigenous Knowledge for Environmental Conservation in Africa. 2. Daniel Rotich Kandagor, Anne Chepkurui, Jackline Walumbwa – Bridging Epistemological Gaps: A Comparative Study of Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Western Scientific Epistemologies in Environmental Sustainability. 3. Mukasa Samuel – The integration of indigenous knowledge and environmental stewardship in climate change adaptation among rural communities in Uganda. 4. Kasadha Baker – Traditional Ecological Knowledge, Youth Entrepreneurship, Energy Transition, Uganda.
Room V5	B (Virtual Africa Hub)	22. IKS, Environmental Stewardship, and Biodiversity Conservation <i>[Chair: Dr. Juliet Musoke]</i>	1. John Mary Kanyamurwa and Sultan Juma Kakuba – Indigenous Climate Change, Responsive Governance, and Environmental Stewardship Policy Frameworks in Uganda. 2. Ayeni, Amidu Owolabi Aborisade, Adesina Gbenga and Soneye, Alabi S. O – Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) and Scientific Knowledge Systems (SKS) in biodiversity conservation and management. 3. Juliet Musoke – Indigenous Knowledge and Environmental Stewardship: Traditional Responses to Oil-Induced Displacement in the Bunyoro Sub-Region, Uganda. 4. Mohale Matlhatse Elizabeth, Tanya Dayaram, Christina Mazivila, Romyne Karan, Alice McClure, Christopher Jack, Lilian Kongani, Khadija Ally – Policy on biodiversity/climate change adaptation. 5. Meisie Alphinah Rasakanya – Environmental Stewardship.

			6. Mukooli Nasser – Environmental Stewardship.
Room 5 (DT 404)	A (Ottawa In-Person)	23. IKS, Corporate Governance, and Rights-Based Policy <i>[Chair: Dr. Sophia Adeyeye]</i>	1. Kammwamba Alice Zione and Chimphepo Lilian – Integrating Indigenous and Local Knowledge and a Human Rights-Based Approach in Biodiversity Governance: Evidence from National Ecosystem Assessment. 2. Lerato Chondoma – Reclaiming Botho: Basotho Matriarchal Pedagogies as a Framework for Decolonizing Governance and Rights-Based Policy. 3. Adeyeye, Sophia and Fatimah Jubrin Abduldayan – Indigenous Data Governance (IDG) and Environmental Sustainability Initiatives in Nigeria.
Room V6	B (Virtual Africa Hub)	23. IKS, Corporate Governance, and Rights-Based Policy <i>[Chair: Dr. Lethiwe Zondo]</i>	1. Lethiwe Zondo and Alice Nyamiyahanda – Cosmic Custodianship: A Rights-Based and Health Framework for Batwa Burial Sites, Rock Art, and Indigenous Pharmacopeia. 2. Kaston Adeniyi Ojomo & Lethiwe Zondo – Gendered Genealogies of Corruption and Extractive Governance in Nigeria: A Historical Analysis of Masculinity and the Postcolonial State. 3. Xholiso E. Khazamula and Wandile Kasibe – Institutionalization of Indigenous Knowledge Systems in Government: A Case Study of the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, Republic of South Africa. 4. Ekanade Israel Kehinde – Traditional Leadership as Peace Ambassadors in the Yoruba/Hausa Imbroglia in Fagba, Lagos, Nigeria. 5. Oluwatosin A. Ologbosere and Sophia V. Adeyeye – Embedding Indigenous Knowledge Systems in Corporate Information Governance: A Decolonized Framework for Rights-Based Data Stewardship Libraries.

			6. Úchèchūkwū Japheth DAVID – Gendered Exclusion in “Igba Boi”: Women on the Margins in the Ìgbò Apprenticeship System.
Room V7	B (Virtual Africa Hub)	24. IKS, Craft Economies, and Youth Entrepreneurship <i>[Chair: Dr. Elisabeth Lambrecht]</i>	1. Keiphe Setlhatlhanyo, Pammi Sinha, and Eirini Boukla – Broken Threads: A Comparative Study of Intergenerational Knowledge and Youth Entrepreneurship in the Craft Economies of Botswana and Namibia. 2. Paul Oluwasogo OMONIYI – Sukur’s Precolonial Crafts and Structures: Enduring Indigenous Ingenuity for Sustainable Livelihoods. 3. Ashagrie Gibtan – Promoting Inclusive Economic Growth through Indigenous Youth Entrepreneurship. 4. Thomas Sheku Marah – Integrating Indigenous Knowledge Systems into Youth-Led Sustainable Development in Africa. 5. Farombi Feranmi – Indigenous Notion of Infrastructure in Precolonial Ibadan. 6. Achare Elvis Ayamba – Intergenerational Knowledge Exchange . 7. Mirian Ngozi Alike – Youth and Indigenous Entrepreneurship . 8. Ayodele – Youth and Indigenous Entrepreneurship .

DAY 2 | PARALLEL SESSION V (Themes 25 – 28)

Time: Ottawa: 14:30–16:00 | East Africa: 21:30–23:00

Room	Stream	Theme	Presenters & Paper Titles
Room 1 (DT 1723)	A (Ottawa In-Person)	25. IKS and Medicinal Research and Approaches <i>[Chair: Dr. Keepness Shane]</i>	Abushe Omesiri Precious, Efebeh Vincent, Oghoro Norbert Oghenetega, Nwanchukwu Nonyelim Cynthia, and Otanwan Precious Alexander – Utilization of Indigenous Knowledge of Medicinal Plants Among Poultry Farmers: A Study of Delta State. Ogundimu Sodiq Babalola – African Indigenous Knowledge, African Medicinal Systems and Decoloniality: An Epistemic Decolonisation of Education. Mbabazi Ruth Lillian – Traditional use of Ash from Homestead Kitchen Fire Places in Kisoro District, Western Uganda. Anywar, Godwin and James Wanyama – Bones, Plants, and Heritage: Traditional Bone Setting Practices in Uganda. Olawumi Akinyode, BANJO, O.S; ABIALA, A.A, OLAKANYE, M.A AND AKINSILU, A.A – Ethno-medicine and fish farming: A survey on ethno-veterinary practices in fish production in Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State, Nigeria.
Room 2 (DT 1706)	A (Ottawa In-Person)	26. IKS and Decolonizing Development in Africa <i>[Chair: Dr. Araba Ayiaba Zikpor Osei-Tutu]</i>	Kamal Tasiu Abdullahi – Indigenous Knowledge Systems, Governance, and Decolonizing Development in West Africa. Robert Chirima – Decolonizing Development through Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS). Taariqa-Rahamat Adepeju Ilupeju – Indigenous Historical Production and the Decolonization of Knowledge: A Study of Ijebu and Lagos Chronicles.

Room 3 (DT 1813)	A (Ottawa In-Person)	27. IKS, Digital Entrepreneurship, and Sustainable Innovation <i>[Chair: Dr. Sharon Komugisha]</i>	1. Sharon Komugisha – Digital Entrepreneurship and Cultural Resilience among Batwa Youth in Uganda. 2. Mohamadou Moustapha DIEYE – Valuing the Indigenous Knowledge of the Craft Town of Ngaye Mékhé through the Creation of a Showcase Museum. 3. Pierre Gardy – Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainable Innovation: Bridging Heritage and Modernity to Meet the Challenges of the 21st Century. 4. Bakare-Fatungase, Oluwabunmi. D. and Nhlanhla Mkhize – Cyber Wisdom in African Proverbs: Contextualising the BaFFs Digital Wellness Model within Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) Realities
Room 4 (DT 1816)	A (Ottawa In-Person)	28. IKS, Gender Performance, and Gendered Genealogy <i>[Chair: Dr. Damola Adejumo- Ayibiowu]</i>	1. Sunday Caleb Owoade – Performing Gender, Reshaping the Land: Gender Performance Among the Yorùbá. 2. Ossai, Onyinyechi Gift and Akukwe Thecla Ihuoma – Gender-specific adaptation strategies in peri-urban agricultural areas and the resulting injustices.

DAY 3: THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 2026

Shifted Start: 08:00 Ottawa (15:00 East Africa) - CLOSING & FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Time (Ottawa)	Time (East Africa)	Activity / Details	Stream
08:00 - 09:00	15:00 - 16:00	BREAKFAST	Both
09:00 – 10.am	16:00 - 17:00	CLOSING KEYNOTE ADDRESS Presenter: Emmanuel Maleka Theme: Indigenous Futures, Restorative Justice & Transformative Knowledge Pathways	Both
10am-11am	17.00-18:00	ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION Title: Harnessing Indigenous Knowledge for Sustainable Development in a Situation of Global Polycrises Moderator: Florence Etta Presenters: Solomon Waiego, Dang Dagwom, Nurain Ahmed, Angela Inyang and Rinji Kwarkas (AGDEN)	Both
11:00 - 12:00	18:00 - 19:00	Writing Workshop for Emerging Scholars Chair: Dr. Zainab Monisola Olaitan	Both
12.:00 – 12: 30	19:00 - 19:30	TEA BREAK	Both
12:30 - 13:30	19:30 - 20:30	METHODOLOGY WORKSHOP ON CONDUCTING INDIGENOUS RESEARCH Chair: Professor Mary Stetrana Boatemaa	Both
13:30 - 14:30	20:30 - 21:30	LUNCH BREAK	Both
14:30 - 15:30	21:30 - 22:30	BOOK LAUNCH <i>Resource Wars in the Democratic Republic of Congo: Prospects for Peace VIA African Knowledge Systems</i>	Both
15:30-16:30	22:30-23:30	CLOSING CEREMONY & FAREWELL Chair: Professor Samuel Ojo Oloruntoba • Collaborative Research, AIKRN Strategy, Reflections, Publications, and Vote of thanks • Future Host Announcement	Both