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Theme:

Kenya, a Nation in Transition: Opportunities and Constraints

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2012

Registration & Breakfast - BTSU 201, 7:30-8:00AM

Opening Remarks – Dean/Vice President, BGSU; BGSU, BTSU 201, 8:00-8:20AM

Opening plenary — Welcome Address by Hon. Elkana Odembo, Kenyan Ambassador in Washington DC, US. BTSU 201, 8:20-9:00AM

Session 1: Diaspora, Globalization, Business Systems and Culture – BTSU 201, 9:00-10:40AM, Chair: Joshua Bagaka's

9:00-9:20AM: Fidelity of Dual Citizenship in the new Kenya constitution– Joshua Bagaka's, Cleveland State University and Wycliffe Nyachoti Otiso, Kisii University College, Kenya

9:20-9:40AM: The African Remittance Market: Understanding the framework – Francis Koti, University of North Alabama

9:40-10:00AM: *Feasibility of an East African Spaceport: Uhuru* - Kwesi Robotham¹, John Butler³, Ian Christensen¹, Allen Herbert³, Robert Howard², Obadiah Kegege², Edward Tunstel²: Institutional Affiliation: ¹Futron Corporation, ²National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Space Special Interest Group (SIG), ³Phezu Space, LLC

10:00-10:20AM: Strategic Opportunities in an E-based Global Economy: The Kenyan-African perspective – Robert Chiuri, University of Phoenix.

10:20-10:40AM: Organization Development Interventions on the Marketing Practices of Nyanhwa Adventist Group of Schools, Kisii, Kenya- Diana Agoki, Narok University College,

Session 2: Emerging Dialogues on Education Practices - BTSU 207, 9:00-10:40AM, Chair: Penina Kamina

9:00-9:20AM: A comprehensive analysis of the 2011 Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (K.C.P.E) results using GIS – Peter Kimosop, Bowling Green State University

9:20-9:40AM: Alleviating Literacy difficulties in Early Childhood: A Look at the Literacy Situation among Children in Kenya – Rachel Boit, University of Akron

9:40-10:00AM: Student Discourse in an after-school science program: a two-perspective analysis- Kennedy Onyancha and Angela Calabrese Barton, Michigan State University

10:00-10:20AM: The school drop-out phenomena from the village vantage: Special attention on

girls- Ochieng' K'Olewe, McDaniel College.

10:20-10:40AM: Handling Examination Results in the Digital Age – Penina Kamina, SUNNY
Oneonta

10:40-10:50AM – COFFEE BREAK

Session 3: Encountering the Political Realities of Change or Coming to Terms with Democracy? - BTSU 201, 10:50AM-12:10PM, Chair: Eric Otenyo

10:50-11:10AM: *Justice and Impunity In Colonial Kenya: the Fates of Galbraith Cole and Peter Poole* – R. Maxon, West Virginia University.

11:10-11:30AM: *Political Parties and Democracy in Kenya: The Ideological Problematic* - Wanjala Nasong’o, Rhodes College

11:30-11:50AM: *Talking Transition: The discursive construction of change* – Beverly Achieng’, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

11:50AM-12:10PM: *Combating corruption in Kenya: Rethinking strategy and suggestions for way(s) forward* - Joshua Eric Otenyo, Northern Arizona University.

Session 4: Environmental Systems and Land Resources - BTSU 207, 10:50AM-12:10 PM, Chair: Christine Mathenge

10:50-11:10AM: *Green Infrastructure and Green Jobs Are Viable Agents for Sustainable Development in Kenya and Other Developing Countries* – Beatrice Miringu, City of Toledo, USA.

11:10-11:30AM: *Adjoint Sensitivity Analysis for Weather Prediction* – Vani Cheruvu, University of Toledo

11:30-11:50AM: *Survey of Traditional Farmers in Western Kenya* – Frederick Bein, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Gilbert Nduru, Moi University, Kenya

11:50AM-12:10PM: *Land policy, Legislation and Administration under the 2010 Constitution* – Christine Mathenge, Austin Peay State University.

12:10-12:20PM – TRANSITION BREAK

LUNCH AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS: BTSU 207, 12:20-1:40PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Hon. Professor Margaret J. Kamar, MP, Minister for Higher Education Science and Technology, Republic of Kenya

1:40-1:50PM – GROUP PHOTO – BTSU 201 Stairs

PLEASE NOTE: SESSION 5, 6 and 7 WILL RUN CONCURRENTLY

Session 5: Gender, Culture and Business Practices-BTSU 201, 2:00-3:40PM, Chair: Charles Manyara

2:00-2:20PM: *Changing Attitudes towards Traditional Cultural Practices: The Case of Somali Immigrants* – Nasra Abubakar, University of Toledo.

2:20-2:40PM: *Women's Place is everywhere: The Case of Kenyan Women* - Jerono Rotich, North Carolina A&T State University and Charles Manyara, Radford University.

2:40-3:00PM: *Business Ethics & Culture: Is there something to learn for Africa?* - Loic Dimithe. University of North Alabama.

3:00-3:20PM: *Immigrants in Kenya? Does Context Influence the Acculturation Experience?* - Wakiuru Wamwara-Mbugua, Wright State University **3:20-3:40PM:** *Kenya Airways: A situation analysis* - Charles, Manyara, Radford University.

3:20-3:40: *Open Discussion*

Session 6: (R E) Examining the Education Sector in the Face of a new Constitution - BTSU 207, 2:00-3:40PM, Chair: Faith Maina

2:00-2:20PM: *Alignment of the Education Sector to the New Constitution* – Hon. Prof. George Godia, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Republic of Kenya, Nairobi.

2:20-2:40PM: *Called to Educate: The Story of Joseph Gikubu and the Development of Youth Education in Kenya, 1957 to Present* – Peter Ojiambo, University of Kansas.

2:40-3:00PM: *Single-gender boarding high schools in Kenya: Opportunity to enhance students' mathematics self-efficacy* – Joshua Bagaka's, Cleveland State University.

3:00-3:20PM: *Special needs education law in Kenya: Challenges and prospects* - Harrison Oonge, West Virginia University.

3:20-3:40PM: *Preparing Teachers for the Devolved Governance System in Kenya* - Faith Maina – Sunny Oswego.

Session 7: Politics, Political Reporting and Culture - BTSU 208, 2:00-3:40PM, Chair: Nicholas Githuku

2:00-2:20PM: *Time to Vote: Using Census Data to Plan for the U.S. Kenyan Diaspora Vote*– Kefa Otiso, Bowling Green State University.

2:20-2:40PM: *Ni Wakati: The Politics of Memory and Hip Hop Music in Kenya*– Mickie Mwanzia Koster – University of Texas, Tyler.

2:40-3:00PM: *Transformation in Political Reporting and News Coverage in Kenya: Retrospection* – Joyce Omwoha, University of the Witwatersrand and Maurice Amutabi, The Catholic University of Eastern Africa.

3:00-3:20PM: *Mchezo wa Siasa: A critical overview of the politics of soccer and soccer in Kenyan politics* – Nicholas Githuku and Robert Maxon, West Virginia University.

3:20-3:40PM: *Open Discussion*

Session 8: KESSA Business Meeting: -BTSU 201, 3:50-5:00PM - KESSA Executive

6:00-8:00PM – Optional Out-of-pocket Dinner & Entertainment - Downtown Bowling Green

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2012

Registration & Breakfast - *BTSU 201, 7:30-8:30AM*

**Session 9: Environmentalism, Reproductive Health Systems and Sustainability -
*BTSU 201, 8:30-10:10AM, Chair: Jane Okwako***

8:30-8:50AM: *Language Planning and Development: A Case for the Promotion of Kenya's Indigenous Languages* – Geofred Osoro, Wellesley College.

8:50-9:10AM: *The Potential and Barriers to Adopting a Green Building Rating System in Kenya* – Peter Khaemba, North Carolina A&T State University

9:10-9:30AM: *Dilemmas of State Environmentalism in Transition Polities: Experiences from Kenya's Protected Areas Management Framework*- Jane Okwako, Western Michigan University

9:30-9:50AM: *Reproductive Health Services and HIV/AIDS Awareness in Kenya: A Geographic Perspective* - Lindsey Warren, University of New Mexico and Francis Koti, University of North Alabama.

9:50-10:10AM: *Adjoint Sensitivity Analysis for Weather Prediction* – Vani Cheruvu, University of Toledo

Session 11: Issues, Dilemmas and Successes in Higher Education - *BTSU 207, 8:30AM-10:10AM, Chair: Mwangi Chege*

8:30-8:50AM: *Liberal Education and Reforming University Curriculum in Kenya*– Michael Mwenda Kithinji, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith

8:50-9:10AM: *Enhancing Quality and Relevant Education by Disengaging from Non-academic Services: An Examination of Kenyan Higher Education Institutions' Priorities* – Enock Obuba, Cleveland State University

9:10-9:30AM: *Portraits of Successful African Immigrant Faculty in U.S Campuses*– Zipporah Wanjira Abla, Bowling Green State University.

9:30-9:50AM: *From a "graduate-mill" to a problem-solving paradigm: Re-Inventing Kenya's higher education* - Mwangi Chege, University of Cincinnati, Blue Ash

9:50-10:10AM: Open Session

**(Panel) Session 9: Organizing Study Abroad Programs and Teaching Abroad:
Opportunities and Challenges 10:20AM-12:00NOON, BTSU 201, Session**

Organizer: Francis Koti, University of North Alabama.

Panelists: Ochieng' K'Olewe, McDaniel College; Wakiuru Wamwara-Mbugua, Wright State University; Gerald Nyambane, Davenport University; Jerono Rotich, North Carolina A&T State University; Lindsey Warren, University of New Mexico; Frederick Bein, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis; Faith Maina, SUNNY Oswego.

**12:00NOON -12:20PM: CLOSING REMARKS BY KESSA OFFICIAL AND GROUP
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**2:00PM - TOUR OF NORTHWEST OHIO – Please register with a KESSA official
if interested in taking the tour. Slots are limited.**
