

DAY 1: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

(All Friday sessions are in the Guillot University Center)

7:45-8:30AM: Registration – Guillot University Center (GUC) – Performance Center

8:30-8:40AM Conference Opening – GUC Performance Center

8:30-8:40AM: Welcome and Opening Remarks by KESSA Officials

- Francis Koti, KESSA Secretary
- Kefa Otiso, KESSA President

OPENING PLENARY PANEL SESSION 1: 8:40-9:50AM

Panel Session 1: *Women in selected Sector Leadership roles in Kenya: Status, Challenges and Opportunities*
8:40-9:40AM, GUC Performance Center

Moderator: Wycliffe W. N. Simiyu, University of Texas at Tyler

Panelists: Caroline Kamau, University of Phoenix
Billy Jivetti, Wiley College
Jerono Rotich, North Carolina A&T State University

9:55-10:00AM: TRANSITION TO CONCURRENT PANEL/POSTER SESSIONS 3 & 4

Special Panel Session 2: *Indiana University Art Museum's Kenyan Art Collection: Opportunities and Challenges* - Diane M. Pelrine, Indiana University Art Museum
9:40-9:55AM, GUC Performance Center

Panel Session 3: *Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program and other Global Outreach and Education Programs: Experiences and Lessons*

10:00-11:00AM, GUC Performance Center

Moderator: Jean N. Kidula, University of Georgia

Panelists: Wycliffe W. N. Simiyu, University of Texas at Tyler
Jerono Rotich, North Carolina A&T State University
Wakiuru Wamwara, Wright State University
Kefa Otiso, Bowling Green State University

Poster Session 4: *Soft Skills for Career Success via Experiential Learning for Students of Health, Physical Education and Sport*

10:00-11:00AM, GUC Loft/Room 208

Presenters: Wycliffe W. N. Simiyu, Fletcher Njororai and Simon Munayi. University of Texas at Tyler

11:00-11:10AM: TRANSITION TO CONCURRENT PAPER SESSIONS 5-7

Session 5: Education I**11:10AM-12:30PM, GUC Performance Center**

Chair: B.A. Jivetti - Wiley College

- 11:10-11:30** *Situating the Study Abroad Experience: A Guide for U.S. Faculty Leading Programs to Africa* - Mary Gathogo, Ohio University
- 11:30-11:50** *Assessment of Primary School Teacher's Experiences towards Student Learning in Public Schools in Kenya* - Mary Gatua (Clarke University), Yu Lu (Ohio University) and Peter Gitau (African International Foundation for Educational Excellence - AIFEE), USA
- 11:50-12:10** *Correlates of General Satisfaction among Kenyan College Students* - Phillip M. Mutisya and Maureen Short (North Carolina Central University) and Louie E. Ross and (North Carolina Technical & State University)
- 12:10-12:30** *Autochthony and Exclusion of "Strangers": The Journey to the Principal-ship in Kisii Central Sub-County, Kenya* - Joel Abaya (Wichita State University) and B.A. Jivetti (Wiley College).

Session 6: Humanities & Arts**11:10AM-12:30PM, GUC Loft/Room 208**

Chair: Imali J. Abala - Ohio Dominican University

- 11:10-11:30** *Uhuru Women Remember their "Johnnies"* - Mickie Mwanzia Koster, University of Texas in Tyler.
- 11:30-11:50** *Sacralising Struggle: Narratives of Drinking Mau Mau Oaths in Late Colonial Kenya* - Muoki Mbunga, West Virginia University.
- 11:50-12:10** *Dune of Kenyan Expatriates* - Imali J. Abala - Ohio Dominican University
- 12:10-12:30** *Discussion*

Session 7: Social & Security Issues I**11:10AM-12:30PM, GUC Room 200**

Chair: Wakiuru Wamwara, Wright State University

- 11:10-11:30** *Childhood Disability Risk Factors in Kenya: Impact of Poverty and Area of Residence* - George C. T. Mugoya & Kagendo N. Mutua, University of Alabama.
- 11:30-11:50** *Spatial Mobility, Alcohol Use and Sexual Behavior Among Youth in Kenya* - John Musalia, Western Kentucky University.
- 11:50-12:10** *Racializing Africans in the 21st Century* - Ann W. Githinji, University of Virginia
- 12:10-12:30** *Consumer Acculturation and Immigrant Adaptation: Contextual Issues* - Wakiuru Wamwara, Wright State University.

LUNCH AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS: GUC Ballroom, 12:30-2:10PM

12:30 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00– 1:15 *Welcome Address:*

Prof. Francis Koti, KESSA Secretary

Dr. Carmen L. Burkhalter, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of North Alabama

1:15–2:10 *Guest Speaker:* H. E. Prof. George Godia, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Kenya to UNESCO

“THE PROMOTION OF KENYA’S FOREIGN AND DIASPORA POLICY:
THE ROLE OF KESSA”

2:10-2:20

GROUP PHOTO - GUC Atrium Stairway

2:20-2:30PM: TRANSITION TO CONCURRENT BREAK-OUT PAPER SESSIONS 8-10

Session 8: Environmental, Agricultural and Economic Perspectives

2:30PM-4:10PM I- GUC Room 200

Chair: Christopher A. Kefa, Bowling Green State University

2:30-2:50 *Agricultural Biodiversity in Western Kenya* – Rick Bein, Indiana Purdue University Indianapolis.

2:50-3:10 *Evaluating the Role of Meteorological and Physiological Attributes in Frost Occurrence and Crop Damage Thresholds in the Kenyan Highlands* - Susan Kotikot, University of Alabama in Huntsville.

3:10-3:30 *Organizational Capacity and Global Competitiveness of Kenya's Coffee Farmers: A Quantitative Correlational Study* - Robert W. Chiuri, University of Phoenix, Arizona

3:30-3:50 *The Socio-Economic Impact of Artisanal Gold Mines on Local Communities of Western Kenya* - Jivetti, B. A. (Wiley College), Njororai, W. W. S., and Njororai, F. (University of Texas at Tyler)

3:50-4:10 *Assessing the impacts of bioenergy extraction and human land use on the biodiversity of Kakamega Forest, Kenya* - Christopher A. Kefa and Andrew J. Gregory, Bowling Green State University

Session 9: Urban Perspectives

2:30PM-4:10PM, GUC Loft/Room 208

Chair: Lameck Onsarigo, Bowling Green State University

2:30-2:50 *Decontamination and Remediation Strategies for Lead Poisoning in Owino Uhuru Slums - Mombasa, Kenya* - Noelle Mware, Benedict College

2:50-3:10 *Thriving in Disorder: The Untold Complexity of the Informal Sector in East African Cities* - Francis Koti (University of North Alabama) and Herbert Hambati Qambalo (University of Dar es Salaam)

3:10-3:30 *The Urban Night Lights View of Kenyan Urban Areas: Emerging Urban Trends and Challenges* -

Kefa M. Otiso, Bowling Green State University

3:30-3:50 *Design-build Project Delivery Method in USA: A Lesson for Kenya* - James O. Kereri, Bowling Green State University

3:50-4:10 *Meeting Kenya's Water Distribution Needs: Feasibility of Horizontal Directional Drilling for Waterline Installations in Kenya* - Lameck Onsarigo, Bowling Green State University

Session 10: Education II

2:30PM-4:10PM, GUC Performance Center

Chair: Michael G. Wairungu, The University of the South

2:30-2:50 *Gender Leadership: Representation of Women in the Administration of Higher Education in Kenya* - Mary Gathogo, Ohio University

2:50-3:10 *Cluster analysis and Spatial display of KCPE performance: A review of Nairobi County Public Primary Schools* – Charles G. Manyara, Radford University.

3:10-3:30 *The Quest For Quality Education For All: Where Does Kenya Stand?* – George Godia, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Kenya to UNESCO

3:30-3:50 *Language and identity: the failure of Swahili as a national language in Kenya* - Jonathan Choti, Michigan State University

3:50-4:10 *Sheng Goes Viral: Rethinking the “Problem” of Sheng in Kenyan Schools* - Michael G. Wairungu, The University of the South.

4:10-4:20PM: TRANSITION TO SESSION 11 – BUSINESS MEETING

Plenary Session 11: KESSA Business Meeting

4:20-5:00PM, GUC Performance Center

Chair, Kefa Otiso

KESSA Executive • Francis Koti – Secretary’s report

Committee Reports: • Charles G. Manyara – Treasurer’s report
• Christine Mathenge – Student Awards report
• Faith Maina – Proceedings report

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• Prof. Kefa Otiso, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH 43403
• Prof. Francis Koti, University of North Alabama, Florence, AL 35632

Session 12: Dinner Celebration & Dance – Venue: Logan’s Restaurant, 7:30-11:00PM

Dinner Instructions from Francis Koti

6:30 Arrival of Guests

7:00-9:00 Food Service

9:00 – 11:00 Music/ Dance

10:30 End of events

DAY 2: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

(All Saturday sessions are in the University Commons Building)

8:00-8:30AM: Registration – University Commons, 3rd Floor Conference Room

Session 13: Leadership, Race, and Governance

8:30AM-10:10AM, University Commons, 2nd Floor Classroom

Chair: Makhete Fall, West Virginia University

8:30-8:50 *Federalism in Kenya's Past: the 1950s* - Robert Maxon, West Virginia University

8:50-9:10 *Barack Obama Investigation as a Legend* - James Njiru Mwaniki and Phillip Mutisya, Obama Forum

9:10-9:30 *Leadership Perception: The case of Wangari Maathai* - Caroline Kamau, University of Phoenix

9:30-9:50 *African Americans in Global Leadership: Can they Influence Africa's Future?* - Benard M. Manyibe - Langston University

9:50-10:10 *An inquiry into the origins of the political discord in Kenya: Footprints of the European Settlers' political struggles in the East Africa protectorate, 1902-1912, a full moon political legacy* - Makhete Fall, West Virginia University

Plenary Session 14: State of University Education in Kenya

8:30AM-10:10AM, University Commons, 3rd Floor Classroom

Moderator: Joshua Bagaka's, Cleveland State University

8:30-8:50 *Curriculum Overhaul for Better Graduates* - David Ochwangi, Southern New Hampshire University

8:50-9:10 *Re-engineering policies to improve the impacts of research and innovation in Kenya* - Eusebius J. Mukhwana, Commission for University Education

9:10-9:30 *Financing University Education in Kenya: HELB's perspective* – David N. Wachira and Charles M. Ringera, Higher Education Loans Board

9:30-9:50 *University Policies in Post-KANU Kenya: A Tale of Rapacious Expansion and its Mishaps* - Michael Mwenda Kithinji, University of Central Arkansas

9:50-10:10 *Discussion*

Session 15: Social & Security Issues II

8:30AM-10:10AM, University Commons, 3rd Floor Lecture Hall

Chair: Christine Mathenge, Austin Peay State University

8:30-8:50 *Combating Terrorism in Kenya: The Need to Rethink National Security Strategy* - Wanjala S. Nasong'o, Rhodes College

8:50-9:10 *CCTVs in Cities: The transferability of surveillance society concepts and programs to East African nations* - Eric E. Otenyo, Northern Arizona University

9:10-9:30 *Kenya's Foreign and Diaspora Policy - Documents Gathering Dust* - Jonah Ondieki, Bowling Green State University

9:30-9:50 *Criminalizing the athletes and glorifying the agents: A Case Study of Doping Allegations in Kenyan Athletic Environment* - Kipchumba Byron & Jerono P. Rotich, North Carolina A&T State University

9:50-10:10 *On Food Security: Meeting Kenya's Food Needs One County at Time* - Christine Mathenge, Austin Peay State University

10:10-11:50AM: TRANSITION TO CONCURRENT PANEL SESSIONS 16 & 17

Plenary Session 16:

From VW Beetle to Beast: Evaluation of Barack Obama's Presidential Trip to Kenya in Summer 2015

10:20-11:50AM - University Commons, 3rd Floor Lecture Hall

Convener: Kefa Otiso, Bowling Green State University

Panelists: "Obama's visit to Kenya: What's in it for the US" - Kefa Otiso, Bowling Green State University
"The long and short of President Obama's visit to Kenya" - Joshua Bagaka's, Cleveland State University
"Between Obamaphilia and Obamaphobia: Reflections on President Obama's Visit to Kenya" - Shadrack Nasongo, Rhodes College
"No more excuses for treating women as second-class citizens" - Jerono Rotich, North Carolina A&T State University

Panel Session 17: Establishing a Critical Dialogue on Social Change and Identity Development for Kenya and its Diaspora

10:20-11:50AM - University Commons 3rd Floor Classroom

Conveners: Philliph M. Mutisya (North Carolina Central University), Jerono Rotich (North Carolina A&T State University), and Mr. James Mwaniki (Baraka Forum)

Panelists:

Philliph M. Mutisya, North Carolina Central University
Jerono Rotich, North Carolina A&T State University
Mr. James Mwaniki, Baraka Forum Durham, NC
Maureen Short, North Carolina Central University

Session 18:

10:20AM-11:50AM, University Commons, 3rd Floor Lecture Hall

Chair:

12:50PM -1:20PM: CLOSING REMARKS, STUDENT AWARDS, GROUP PHOTO & DEPARTURE

TOUR OF THE SHOALS – pre-registration required