

# Africa in Transition: Locating the Place and Space of Global Africa and the World

October 8-11, 2024

## Conference Programme

<b>DAY 1 (Oct 8)</b>	REGISTRATION (1.00pm – 4.00PM) MEET AND GREET AT HOTEL (6.00pm -- 8.00pm)
<b>DAY 2 (Oct 9)</b>	
Registration (8.30am-9am)	
Opening Plenary (9 am – 10.00am)	<p><b>Opening Remarks:</b> Professor Ian Boxill, Conference Chair</p> <p><b>Greetings:</b> Dr Kofi Osei-Kusi, President and Founder of Pan African Leadership Institute (PALI), Ghana</p> <p>Professor Johannes Maerk, University of Applied Sciences FH Campus Vienna, Austria.</p> <p><b>Remarks:</b> The Honourable P.J Patterson, Former Prime Minister of Jamaica Statesman-in-Residence, The P.J. Patterson Centre for Africa-Caribbean Advocacy, UWI, Mona, Jamaica</p> <p><b>Feature Address:</b> Mr Kevoy Burton, President, Ghana Caribbean Association</p>
<b>COFFEE BREAK (10.00-10.30)</b>	
<p>Panel 1: Africa in transition: taking stock of the Social, Economic, Political and technological changes (10.30 --12.30)</p> <p>Chair: Professor Philip Osei</p>	<p>“Digital Transformation and Government Service Delivery in Africa: Prospects and Challenges”, Dr. Frank K. Teng-Zeng, Senior Lecturer, Simon Diedong Dombo University of Business and Integrated Development Studies, Wa Ghana.</p> <p>“Industrialisation and Mechanisation of Agriculture to address food and malnutrition insecurity, Job and wealth creation” Agricultural development and investment” Mr. Rashid Conteh, Entrepreneur, Sierra Leone.</p> <p>“Challenges and Options for Air Transportation between Africa and the Caribbean” Dr Ian Boxill (Professor of Comparative Sociology and Development) and Ms Savannah Peridot, (Director of Centre for Community Outreach and Development), UWI, Mona, Jamaica</p>
<b>LUNCH (12.30-1.30)</b>	

<p>Panel 2: (Re) designing a relevant education, labour and socio-economic policy framework for the changing times (1.30-3.30)</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Frank K. Teng-Zeng</p>	<p>“Pedagogy is Never Neutral: Interrupting and Disrupting Post-colonial Contexts through Trauma-Responsive Practices in Higher Education.” Dr. Tracie Rogers, Lecturer Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work, UWI, Mona, Jamaica</p> <p>“Surmounting Challenges and Breaking Barriers: Re(designing ) a Relevant Educational System for the Changing Times” Professor Ibrahim Ajagunna, Deputy President, Caribbean Maritime University, Kingston, Jamaica</p> <p>“Integrating Sex Workers’ Education in Government Policy Framework: The Cases of Jamaica and South Africa” Ms. Rashalee M. Mitchell, Lecturer and PhD Candidate, The UWI, Mona Campus, Jamaica</p>
<p><b>COFFEE BREAK (3.30—4.00)</b></p>	
<p>Wrap-up summaries and conclusions (4.00-4.30).</p>	<p>Rapporteurs</p>
<p><b>Cultural event in the evening</b></p>	
<p><b>DAY 3 (Oct 10<sup>th</sup>)</b></p> <p>Round Table 1: Africa is open for business: challenges and opportunities for entrepreneurs (9.30—11.00)</p> <p>Chair: Dr Charles Amo-Agyemang</p>	<p>“Reflections on doing business in Ghana” Mr. Monty Graham, Caribbean-American Entrepreneur and Music Producer</p> <p>“Doing business in Ghana, lessons and recommendations” Ms. Lakeshia Ford, Vice President, Jamaica Ghana Chamber of Commerce”, Ghana.</p> <p>“Opportunities for Ghana and Jamaica to collaborate on digital innovation” Sheldon Powe, Sheldon Powe MSc, PMP, ITIL, CISA, CISM, CSM; CEO &amp; Director of Markets and Product Commercialisation</p> <p>“Establishing Business in Ghana: A Diasporic Perspective” Mr Michael-Edward James, formerly of the UWI, Mona, Jamaica; Currently, Researcher and Operations Manager, Africa Caribbean Centre for Development, Accra, Ghana.</p> <p>“Doing Business in Ghana” Miss Daisy Stead Entrepreneur, Owner of Scented by DDSD, Ghana</p>
<p><b>COFFEE BREAK (11.00-11.30)</b></p>	

<p>Panel 3: Sports and Culture as Catalysts for Development (11.30—1.00)</p> <p>Chair: Dr Tracy McFarlane</p>	<p>“The Pervasion of Jamaican Reggae Music and its Contribution to the Evolution of Reggae Derivative Genres and Reggae Bands Outside Jamaica” Dr. Perminus Maturi, Lecturer, University of Namibia, and Gustav Gustav, Senior lecturer for Music Education, University of Namibia and Mr Clive M. Mukundu, Monolio Studios, Harare, Zimbabwe. (<a href="#">Online</a>)</p> <p>“Watchdog or Lapdog? South African Broadcasting Corporation News in the Coverage of the 2021 Local Government Elections” Mrs. Todani Nodoba, Department of English, Media Studies &amp; Linguistics, Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education, University of Venda, South Africa. (<a href="#">Online</a>)</p> <p>“Post-Olympic transition of Jamaica and African athletes” Dr Olivia Rose, sports Psychologist, Faculty of Sports, UWI, Mona, Jamaica</p>
<p><b>LUNCH (1.00-2.00)</b></p>	
<p>Panel 4: Global Africa and the World: What is to be done? (2.00-3.30)</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Johannes Maerk</p>	<p>“A Kaleidoscope of Identity: The Psychology of Self Definition and its Consequences for Global Africa” Dr Tracy McFarlane, Senior Lecturer in Psychology, UWI, Mona, Jamaica.</p> <p>“Uniting the African family – Implementing Marcus Garvey’s Dream” Dr Michael Barnett, Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work, UWI, Mona, Jamaica. (<a href="#">Online</a>)</p> <p>“Migration and Development: Ghana and the Caribbean” Dr Julian Devonish, Lecturer in Demography, UWI, Mona, Jamaica.</p> <p>“W.E.B. Du Bois: Putting the African in African American” Dr. Soji Akomolafe , Executive Director, Center for African American Public Policy (CAAmPP), Chair, Department of Political Science, Norfolk State University, Virginia (USA)</p>
<p>Round Table 2: Where do we go from here? (3.30-4.30)</p> <p>Chair: Professor Ian Boxill</p>	<p>Professor Philip Osei, formerly, Vice Chancellor at SD Dombo University of Business &amp; Integrated Development Studies, Wa, Ghana.</p> <p>Dr Kofi Osei-Kusi, President and Founder of Pan African Leadership Institute (PALI), Ghana</p> <p>Professor Johannes Maerk, University of Applied Sciences FH Campus Vienna, Austria.</p>

	Ms. Lakeshia Ford, Vice President, Jamaica Ghana Chamber of Commerce”, Ghana.
<b>Coffee Break (4.30-4.45)</b>	
Final Wrap-up Comments (4.45 -5.00)	Rapporteurs and Conference Chair
<b>FREE EVENING</b>	
<b>DAY 4 (October 11<sup>th</sup>)</b>	Visit to <b>Elmina Castle</b> which was the first trading post built on the Gulf of Guinea and the oldest European building in existence south of the Sahara Desert. It was at the centre of the Atlantic Slave trade.