



**MEANING-MAKING RESEARCH INITIATIVES (MRI)
2019 AFRICA-DIASPORA NETWORKS**

METHODOLOGY AND SCHOLARLY WRITING WORKSHOP

Venue: Kigali, Rwanda

Date: December 02–04, 2019

PROGRAM

Day 1: December 2, 2019

8:30–9:15

Opening session

Chair: Representative of the University of Rwanda

- Center for Conflict Management (CCM)
- Godwin Murunga, Executive Secretary, CODESRIA
- Representative of the University of Rwanda

9:15–10:45

Talk 1: Researching higher education in Africa as a process of meaning-making: Theoretical and conceptual considerations

Speaker: Michael Cross

Chair: Innocent Rugaragu

Rapporteur: Hugues Heumen Tchana

10:45–11:00

Health Break

11:00–12:00

Project presentation / Group 1

Chair: Mogamad Aslam Fataar

Rapporteur: Group 2

- i. Understanding the shifting dynamism between higher education, state and society: A revisit of the 1970 conference outcomes and the 2015 Higher Education Summit Action Plan for Revitalizing Higher Education for Africa's Development (*Gerald Ouma, Ishmael Munene, Samuel Fongwa, Ntimi Mtwá*)

Discussion



12 :00-13:00

Project Presentation / Group 2

Chair: Mogamad Aslam Fataar

Rapporteur: Group 1

- ii. The academic profession in the rising knowledge societies in Africa: A comparative analysis of Makerere University and the University of the Western Cape (*Florence Ndibuuza, Geri Augusto, Ronald Bisaso*)

Discussion

13:00–14:00

Lunch Break

14:00–15:00

Project Presentation / Group 3

Chair: Yann Lebeau

Rapporteur: Group 4

- iii. Re-conceptualization of quality assurance in African higher education: In search of an Afrocentric approach (*Patrick Swanzy, Francis Ansah Gloria Asamoah, Joy Nyondo, Douglas Mpondi*)

Discussion

15:00- 16:00

Project Presentation / Group 4

Chair: Yann Lebeau

Rapporteur: Group 3

- iv. Promoting research transparency and openness in African higher education (*Kacana Sipangule, Soazic Elise Wang Sonne, Panin Amma, Roukiatou Nikiema, Jayne Tusiime*)

Discussion

16:00–16:15

Health Break

16:15- 17:15

Project presentation / Group 5

Chair: Jean Bosco Habyarimana

Rapporteur: Group 6

- v. Rapid transformation of epistemology and students' demands in the African higher education landscape: The case of the University of the Western Cape (*Kemende Wunseh Quinta, Martina Bi Ambe, Beya Kalala Laurent, Elizabeth Bifuh-Ambe*)

Discussion



Day 2: December 3, 2019

8:30-10:00 **Talk 2:** Researching higher education in Africa as a process of meaning-making: Epistemological and methodological considerations

Speaker: Yann Lebeau

Chair: Jean Bosco Habyarimana

Rapporteur: Amma Panin

10:00-11:00 **Project presentation / Group 6**

Chair: Michael Cross

Rapporteur: Group 5

- vi. Exploring an inclusive educational system to enhance positive identity formation and agency: A study in five African universities (*Elmarie Costandius, Freeborn Odiboh, George JS Dei, Hugues Heumen Tchana, Maha Ayham Bali*)

Discussion

11:00–11:15

Health Break

11:15- 12:15 **Project presentation / Group 7**

Chair: Mogamad Aslam Fataar

Rapporteur: Group 8

- vii. Organizational culture and the gender question in top-level higher education leadership: A comparative study of three flagship universities in Africa (*Addisalem Tebikew Yallew, Fadzayi M. Maruza, Amina Mama*)

Discussion

12:15- 13:15 **Project presentation / Group 8**

Chair: Mogamad Aslam Fataar

Rapporteur: Group 7

- viii. Disability support for staff and students at public and private universities in Southern Africa (*Sandra Makwembere, Serges Alain Djoyou Kamga, TStitsi Chataika, Masauso Chirwa*)

Discussion

13:15–14:15

Lunch Break

14 :15- 17:15 **Group work**

18:00

Group Dinner



Day 3: December 4, 2019

8:30-10:00 **Talk 3:** The study of African higher education in broader social scientific and humanities research: links, intersections and disjuncture
Speaker: Mogamad Aslam Fataar
Chair: Ibrahim O. Oanda
Rapporteur: Gloria Asamoah

10:00- 11:00 **Updated on Project revision**
Chair: Ibrahim O. Oanda

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Rapporteur: Group 4

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Closing session

Chair: Godwin Murunga

Rapporteur: Chifaou I. J. Amzat

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17:00–

Visit of the Genocide Memorial