CODESRIA 40th Anniversary Conference
Theme: Building on 40 Years of Research and Knowledge Production for Africa
Date: 10-11 June 2014
Venue: Hotel Pullman, Dakar, Senegal

PROGRAMME

DAY 1: 10 JUNE 2014

9.00–10.30: Opening Ceremony

Chair: Mme Aminata Toure, H.E. Prime Minister of Senegal
Session Rapporteur: Abdon Sofonnou, CODESRIA

- Welcoming Speeches:
  - Fatima Harrak, President of CODESRIA;
  - Ebrima Sall, Executive Secretary of CODESRIA;

- Goodwill messages (4 minutes each):
  - Saliou Ndiaye, Rector of Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal;
  - Abdoulie Janneh, Africa Governance Institute & Mo Ibrahim Foundation; former Executive Secretary of UNECA, Dakar, Senegal;
  - Ann Therese Ndong-Jatta, Director of UNESCO-BREDA, Dakar, Senegal;
  - Olive Shisana, CEO, Human Sciences Research Council, South Africa;
  - Ina Soiri, Director, Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden
  - Mwihaki Kimura Muraguri, Rockefeller Foundation, Nairobi, Kenya
10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea Break

11:00 – 13:00 Keynote Address by Souleymane Bachir Diagne, Columbia University, New York, USA

11:30 – 13:00 - First Round Table. Theme: Bridging Knowledge Divides and Negotiating Global Presence: Epistemologies of the South and the Challenges for Southern Scholarship

The struggle to decolonize the social sciences and humanities has been an important part of the effort to transform the global epistemological order, itself being an aspect of the lopsided global order. However, the knowledge divides (along gender, disciplinary, linguistic, and other lines) exist within the scholarly communities of the South too. In what ways are divisions of global knowledge production and consumption changing in a fast transforming world? In what ways are new technologies challenging the boundaries between ways of knowing and ways of being? To what extend does talk of the ‘South’ mask interesting fractures and fissures in the developing world behind a façade of homogeneity? How successful have we been in negotiating global presence for Southern scholarship?

Chair: Samir Amin, Third World Forum, Dakar, Senegal
Rapporteur: Abderahmane Ngaide, Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal

Speakers (10 minutes each):
- Jimi Adesina, Archie Mafeje Research Institute, University of South Africa (UNISA), Pretoria, South Africa;
- Fatou Sow, IFAN, Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal;
- Elisio Macamo, University of Basel, Switzerland;
- Erebus Wong, Lingnan University, Hong Kong & ARENA (Hong Kong);
- Carlos Cardoso, CODESRIA.

General Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 15:45 – Second Round Table

Theme: Thinking Africa
Africa has an intellectual history that goes back many centuries. Yet the challenge of autonomy continues to be a major challenge for the social sciences in Africa. The sociopolitical environment and dominant ideologies still pose major challenges for academic freedom and the independence of thought. How has thinking Africa been thinking about Africa in the world? In what ways have the bulwarks against the reflective African life (thinking Africa) changed over time in Africa? In what ways do new strictures on thought and reflection mirror or relate to old impediments against independent thought in Africa? What is the worth of a thought in the neoliberal Africa of the early 21st Century? The Meanings of Timbuktu; Non-Europhone Intellectuals; L’Encre des Savants [The Ink of the Scholar] and just a few of the titles published by CODESRIA (alone, or in collaboration with other publishers) during the last ten years during the last ten years and that show how our community has always addressed these issues and others.

Chair: Thandika Mkandawire, London School of Economics, London, UK
Rapporteur: Parfait Akana Dtematio, CODESRIA

Speakers (10 minutes each):
- Shamil Jeppie, University of Cape Town, Capetown, South Africa;
- Ifi Amadiume, Dartmouth College, USA;
- Fred Hendricks, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa;
- Ndongo Sylla, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Dakar, Senegal;
- Marema Toure, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Africa, Dakar.

- General Discussion

15:45 – 16:00: Tea Break

16: 18:00: Third Round Table

Theme: Crises and Revolutions

The currency of these two concepts in the literature on Africa coming out of the continent and elsewhere speak to the complexity of the social, economic, political, cultural and technological processes that the continent has lived through over the past few decades. What does the currency of ‘revolution’ and low emphasis on evolutionary change in discourses on Africa tell us about African political economies and the international systems in which they are inserted? What is a revolution? What are the politics behind the changing and highly contested meanings of ‘revolution’? What have been the multiple modes of fashioning and engaging and being with the profound changes in almost every sphere of life on the continent that include global economic transformation, rapid changes in ICTs, the higher education sector and recent political processes in North Africa?

Chair: Dzodzi Tsikata, Vice-President of CODESRIA
Rapporteur: Ibrahim Oanda Ogachi, Kenyatta University, Nairobi
Speakers (10 minutes each):

- Issa Shivji, University of Dar es Salaam, Dar; Es Salaam, Tanzania;
- Maati Monjib, Institute of African Studies, Mohamed V Souissi University, Rabat, Morocco;
- Amani El Taweel, Al Ahram Centre for Political & Strategic Studies (ACSS), Cairo, Egypt;
- Puleng Lenka Bula, University of South Africa (UNISA), Pretoria, South Africa;
- N'Dri Assie-Lumumba, Cornell University, USA.

18:00 to 19:00 Break

19:00 to 21:00: Reception at CODESRIA where life membership certificates will be awarded to former CODESRIA presidents and former executive secretaries

End of Day One

DAY 2 : 11 JUNE 2014

9:00 - 9:30 Goodwill Messages (4 minutes each):

- Iba Der Thiam, former Vice President of the National Assembly of Senegal, and Coordinator of the General History of Senegal project (HGS), Dakar, Senegal;
- Lungisile Ntebeza, African Studies Association of Africa (AASA, Cape Town), South Africa;
- Shahida El-Baz, African and Arab Research Centre, Cairo, Egypt;
- Abdul Tejan Cole, Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA), Dakar, Senegal;
- Odile Faye, Association of African Women for Research and Development (AAWORD), Dakar, Senegal.

9:30 to 11:00: Fourth Round Table

Theme: The Institutional Development and Governance of CODESRIA: Report of an Internal Review Committee

Chair: Fatima Harrak, President of CODESRIA
Rapporteur: Coumba Ndoffene Diouf, CODESRIA

Main Speakers:
Thandika Mkandawire, Chair of the CODESRIA Internal Review Committee;

Akilagpa Sawyerr, Member of the Internal Review Committee;

Pierre Sane, Member of the Internal Review Committee.

**Respondents (5 minutes each):**

- Taladidia Thiombiano, University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso;
- Zenebework Tadesse, Addis Ababa University; Ethiopia;
- Mamadou Diouf, Columbia University & Social Science Research Council, New York, USA;
- Teresa Cruz e Silva, Eduardo Mondlane University, Maputo, Mozambique.

**General Discussion**

11:00 - 11:15: Tea Break

11:15- 13:00 Discussions on the Report of the Review Committee (Continuation)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:45 Fifth Round Table

**Theme: Development and Transformation**

Rethinking development and exploring alternatives to dominant development paradigms have sometimes gone hand in hand with the study of social and economic transformation. However, in some strands of the literature, there is a tendency to substitute the concept of economic transformation for that of ‘development’. What does ‘transformation’ mean in new debates on development in Africa and what roles can industrialization, service sectors and knowledge economies play in the process? In what ways can regional economic integration be understood as core to the process of economic transformation in Africa? How can the issue of inclusiveness be given enough priority to equal that of growth, which had dominated economic thought for the past two decades in Africa?

Chair: Takyiwaa Manuh, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Rapporteur: Bakary Doucouré, CODESRIA

**Speakers (10 minutes each):**

- Sam Moyo, Africa Institute of Agrarian Studies, Harare, Zimbabwe;
- Ayesha Imam, Women Living Under Muslim Laws, Dakar, Senegal;
- Lennart Wohlgemuth, Gothenburg University, Sweden;
15:45 – 16:00 Tea Break

16:00 – 17:30 Sixth Round Table

**Theme: The Next 40 Years and Beyond: African Futures and the New Frontiers for Social Science Research and Knowledge Production in Africa**

Maintaining its historical Pan-African ideals in the decades ahead as it remakes itself within the broader process of contributing to the positive transformation of the African continent remains one of the dominant pre-occupations of CODESRIA. The debates around the African Union’s ‘Agenda 2063’ and discussions about ‘The Africa We Want’ have shown how important it is for our community to contribute to and engage with representations of the future at various levels. How do we relate new fashions in ‘futures’ thinking with pre-adjustment efforts at development planning in Africa? Is this largely a back to the future move? How does the transgressive spirit, which is core to reimagining and recreating futures interact with the ethos of respect for tradition and history that is seen as core to being African by many? What are the new priorities for research? How can we make the nurturing of new generations of researchers more effective? How can the research-policy-social action nexus be made more effective?

**Chair:** Adebayo Olukoshi, African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP), Dakar, Senegal

**Rapporteur:** Jacques Kuditshini Tshibwabwa, University of Kinshasa, DRC

**Speakers** (10 minutes each):

- Aminata Diaw, CODESRIA;
- Manthia Diawara, New York University, New York, USA;
- Akosua Adomako Ampofo, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana Legon, Ghana;
- Mshai Mwangola, African Leadership Centre, Nairobi, Kenya;
- Ato Kwamena Onoma, CODESRIA.

17.30 to 18.30 Closing Session

**Closing Speeches:**

- Fatima Harrak, President of CODESRIA;
- Ebrima Sall, Executive Secretary of CODESRIA.
H.E. Mary Teuw Niane, Minister for Higher Education and Scientific Research, Senegal (TBC)

Session rapporteur: Alex Bangirana, CODESRIA