



CODESRIA

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9 – 26 AUGUST 2021

GOVERNING AFRICAN CIVIL SOCIETY IN A CONTEXT OF SHRINKING CIVIC SPACES

PROGRAM

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- **Dr. Eric Ndeh Ngang**
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FIRST WEEK: 09-13 AUGUST

Day 1: 9 August 2021

Session 1

Chair: Godwin Murunga, Executive Secretary, CODESRIA

Rapporteur: Cecy Edijala Balogun

- 09:00-10:45 Opening Session
Opening Remarks
- Welcome Remarks, Executive Secretary, CODESRIA
 - Overview of CODESRIA, its mandate and mission
 - CODESRIA Intellectual Agenda and the place of its Governance Institute
- Introduction of the 2020/2021 Governance Institute Resource Persons and Laureates
- Introduction of the Institute Director and Resource Persons
 - Introduction of laureates and their motivations: name, institution, motivations and expectations
 - Organizational aspects of the Institute by the Head of CODESRIA's Training Grants and Fellowships Programme and the ITC Officer
- 10:45-11:00 *Break*

Session 2

Chair: Eric Ndeh Ngang

Rapporteur: Célestin Tshimande Tukala

- 11:00-12:00 Contextualizing the Shrinking/Shifting Civic Space in Africa- Bhekinkosi Moyo
- 12:00-13:00 Discussions
- 13:00-14:00. *Break*

Session 3:

Chair: Bhekinkosi Moyo

Rapporteur: Olusegun O Oladeinde

- 14:00-15:00 Framing Governance in Africa: The role of Civil Society- Adebayo Olukoshi
- 15:00-16:00 Discussions

Day 2: 10 August 2021

Session 4

Chair: Ibrahim Oanda Ogachi

Rapporteur: Hugues Heumen Tchana

- 09:00-10:00 Framing the Civic Space- Awino Okech
- 10:00-11:00 Discussions
- 11:00-11:30 *Break*

Session 5:

Chair: Mohsine El Ahmadi

Rapporteur: Deogratius Massagwe

11:30-12:00 Governing Civil Society in Africa- Adebayo Olukoshi

12:00-13:00 Discussions

13:00-14:00 *Break***Session 6**

Chair: Ibrahim Oanda Ogachi

Rapporteur: Michel Bakay Asuma

14:00-15:00 Defining the Civic Space- Bhekinkosi Moyo

15:00-16:00 Discussions

Day 3: 11 August 2021**Session 7**

Chair: Khady Diop

Rapporteur: Mohamed Lamine Diakite

09:00-10:00 Thematic Focus: State-Civil Society Relations- Mohsine El Ahmadi

10:00-11:00 Discussions

11:00-11:30 *Break***Session 8**

Chair: Bhekinkosi Moyo

Rapporteur: Antoinette Danebaï Lama

11:30-12:00 State-Civil Society Relations- Mohsine El Ahmadi

12:00-13:00 Discussions

13:00-14:00 *Break***Session 9: Work Group**

Chair: Eric Ndeh Ngang

Rapporteur: Etanislav Ngodi

14:00-15:00 Work group
Group 1: What mechanisms would you propose for dialogue between the state and civil society on public service delivery in your countries?

Group 2: What are the concrete points for engaging in an honest and serious dialogue with the state on the subject of GB?

Group 3: What role should external actors (international and regional) play in promoting better interaction between the state and civil society in Africa?

15:00-16:00 Presentation and Discussions

Session 10

Chair: Mohsine El Ahmadi

Rapporteur: Albert Chukwuma Okoli

09:00-10:00 Civil Society and Gender- Bhekinkosi Moyo and Magdalene Madibela

10:00-11:00 Discussions

11:00-11:30 *Break*

Session 11: Syndicate/ Group Work

Chair: Leonide Azah Awah

Rapporteur: Justin Beya Mulumba

11:30-13:00 Syndicate/Group Work

Group 1: Gender and Politics (Discuss in your group the relation between gender and politics, paying particular attention to how women and girls are treated, regulated and conceptualized. What are the various frames used to determine participation of women and girls in politics? What recommendations would you give to your incoming government? Use examples from your countries.)

Group 2: Gender and Digital Spaces (What are the opportunities and limitations brought about by new technologies including the cyber space and different digital tools and platforms for women and girls? What are the policies and laws in your countries that govern the cyberspace and how do these laws, policies and practices affect women and girls? Using case studies, demonstrate both opportunities and obstacles for women and girls. What would you advise the women's movement and the broader civil society to do in this current context?).

Group 3: Gender and Development (What are the different spaces for women in development, to develop and be empowered? What are the limiting factors and the obstacles both systemic and structural? What role should the academy play in further theorizing gender and development?).

Group 4: Gender and Good Governance (The history of governance and good governance in the continent is contested as we heard in one of the lectures by Prof Olukoshi. What has been the role of women in governance? Discuss examples or cases from your countries and demonstrate whether the space for women in governance has been shrinking, changing or shifting. What are the main recommendations you can give to international actors such as donors that work in most of our countries on governance).

13:00-14:00 *Break*

Session 12: Plenary Discussions

Chair: Bhekinkosi Moyo

Rapporteur: Abosede Omowumi Babatunde

14:00-16:00 Presentations and Discussions

Session 13

Chair: Coumba Ndoffene Diouf
Rapporteur: Pierre Bupia Kapanga

09:00-10:00 Thematic Area-Civil Society and Digital Space- Eric Ndeh Ngang
10:00-11:00 Discussions
11:00-11:30 *Break*

Session 14

Chair: Khady Diop
Rapporteur: Moise Achille Honoré Noah Ekene

11:30-12:00 Civil Society and Digital Space- Eric Ndeh Ngang
12:00-13:00. Discussions
13:00-14:30 *Break*

Session 15 : Group Sessions

Chair: Mohsine El Ahmadi
Rapporteur: Nhlanhla Landa

14:30-15:30 Group work
Group 1: Is the growth of and use of digital spaces a unique kind of historical phenomenon and how has it shaped or is shaping the democratic governance process across the continent? Are digital spaces replacing public spaces? What are the implications of this for the democratic governance practice?

Group 2: What are the Implications of the historical shifts innovations of the 4th industrial revolution and the digital spaces it creates to the traditional ways in which the civil society is governed?

Group 3: What are the justifications given for shutdowns of digital spaces in the countries represented by the laureates? What are the impacts on civic spaces and how have or can civil society organization across the continent respond when states take such harmful actions?

Group 4: What are the shortcomings and strengths of civil society studies such as the one in Cameroon to estimate impacts of shutdowns? Beyond direct or physical and economic harm resulting from cutting off people's access to digital spaces, what other forms of harm including indirect harms and emotional harms, as well as 'cultural safety' (think about harms to autonomy, intellectual growth, (lack of) access to cultural, intellectual and generational resources)?

15:30-16:30 Presentation and Discussions

SECOND WEEK: 16-20 AUGUST 2021

Day 6: 17 August 2021

Session 16

Chair: Leonide Azah Awah

Rapporteur: Gabriel Bantamba Bonyenga

09:00-10:00 Thematic Area: Civil Society and Organisation Development (A focus on Resource Mobilisation for Civil Society in Africa- Bhekinkosi Moyo

10:00-11:00 Discussions

11:00-11:30. *Break*

Session 17

Chair: Coumba Ndoffene Diouf

Rapporteur: Stanislas Bigirimana

11:30-12:00 Civil Society and Organisational Development (A focus on Capacity Development)- Bhekinkosi Moyo

12:00-13:00 Discussions

13:00-14:00 *Break*

Session 18

Chair: Coumba Ndoffene Diouf

Rapporteur: Sunday Adekunle Alaye

14:00-15:00 Civil Society and Organisational Development (A focus on Covid 19 and its impact on Civil Society)- Bhekinkosi Moyo

15:00-16:00 Discussions

Day 7: 18 August 2021

Session 19

Chair: Bhekinkosi Moyo

Rapporteur: Mohamed Lamine Diakite

09:00-10:00. Thematic Area-Civil Society and Socio-Economic Development- Mohsine El Ahmadi

10:00-11:00 Discussions

11:00-11:30 *Break*

Session 20

Chair: Khady Diop

Rapporteur: Dominic Degraft Arthur

11:30-12:00 Civil Society and Socio-Economic Development- Mohsine El Ahmadi

12:00-13:00 Discussions

13:00-14:00 *Break*

Session 21

Chair: Leonide Azah Awah

Rapporteur: Martin Milolo Nsenda

14:00-15:00 Civil Society and Socio-Economic Development- Mohsine El Ahmadi

15:00-16:00 Discussions

Day 8: 20 August 2021

Session 22

Chair: Bhekinkosi Moyo

Rapporteur: Olawale Olufemi Akinrinde

09:00-10:00 Thematic Area-Civil Society and Electoral Processes- Eric Ndeh Ngang

10:00-11:00 Discussions

11:00-11:30 *Break*

Session 23

Chair: Bhekinkosi Moyo

Rapporteur: Eric Sourn Loumtouang

11:30-12:00 Civil Society and Electoral Processes- Eric Ndeh Ngang

12:00-13:00 Discussions

13:00-14:30 Break

Session 24

Chair: Mohsine El Ahmadi

Rapporteur: Eric Abanati Gbadi

14:30-15:30 Civil Society and Electoral Processes- Eric Ndeh Ngang

15:30-16:00 Discussions

Third Week: 23-27 August 2021

Day 9: 23 August 2021

Session 25 & 26

Chair: Mohsine El Ahmadi

Rapporteur: Robin Beya Keshi

12:00-13:00 Research Methodology- Bhekinkosi Moyo

13:00-13:40 Discussions

13:40-14:00 Break

Session 27

Chair: Bhekinkosi Moyo

Rapporteur: Odair Bartelomeu Barros Lopes Varela

14:00-15:00 Laureates Presentations (20 minutes each)

1. Lilian Anyango Olick- The Political Economy of Civil Engagements: 'The Digital Era' Background Information and Problem Statement
2. Cecy Edijala Balogun- Gender-Based Civil Society Organizations and Civic Space in Nigeria
3. Olawale Olufemi Akinrinde- Traditional Institutions and Socio-economic Development in Nigeria: A Critical Analysis

15:00-16:00 Discussions

Day 10: 24 August 2021

Session 28

Chair: Bhekinkosi Moyo

Rapporteur: Harrison Adewale Idowu

09:00-10:00 Laureates Presentations (20 mins each)

1. Eric Abanati Gbadi- "Voting Machines" and Elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo: Analysis and Evaluation of Actors' Strategies in Kisangani
2. Martin Milolo Nsenda- The Lockdown of the Citizen Movement in the DRC: A Puzzle for the DR Congo Government
3. Arthur Dominic Degraft- Towards the Understanding of Civil Society Organisations Shrinking Civic Spaces and their Future in Ghana

10:00-11:00. Discussions

11:00-11:30 Break

Session 29

Chair: Bhekinkosi Moyo

Rapporteur: Robin Beya Keshi

11:30-12:30 Laureates Presentations

1. Erick Sourna Loumtouang- "He Who Sells Eggs Does Not Seek Fighting¹": State and Civil Society Organizations during the Anglophone Crisis in Cameroon (2016-2020)
2. Mohamed Lamine Diakite- The Interaction between Civil Society and Politics in West Africa. The Cases of Mali, Senegal and Burkina Faso

3. Célestin Tshimande Tukala- Civil society associations in the Democratic Republic of Congo: Between Contestation and Negotiation

12:30-13:15 Discussions

13:15-14:00 Break

Session 30

Chair: Bhekinkosi Moyo

Rapporteur: Sindiso Zhou & Mohamed Lamine Diakhite

14:00-15:00 Laureates Presentations

1. Michel Bakay Asuma- Pre-electoral Civic Spaces in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Case of the *La lutte pour le Changement* Citizen Movement
2. Sindiso Zhou- Civic Engagement and Online Discourse: Expanding Civic Spaces through Migration to New Digital Spaces in South Africa

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15:00-16:00 Discussions

Day 11: 25 August 2021

Session 31

Chair: Bhekinkosi Moyo

Rapporteur: Cecy Edijala Balogun

09:00-10:00 Laureates Presentations

1. Harrison Adewale Idowu- Re-examining State-Civil Society Relations amidst Covid-19 Pandemic in Nigeria
2. Landa Nhlanhla- Civic Activism in Expanding Socio-technical Spaces and the Down of Cyber Laws in Zimbabwe
3. Justin Beya Mulumba- Gender and Congolese Civil Society Governance in a Context of Civic Space Reduction. Integrated Approach to Equality and Women and Girls' Empowerment

10:00-11:00 Discussion

11:00-11:30 Break

Session 32

Chair: Bhekinkosi Moyo

Rapporteur: Célestin Tshimande Tukala

11:30-12:30 Laureates Presentation

1. Chukwuma Albert Okoli- Political Parties and Challenges of Women's Political Representation in Nigeria
2. Abosede Omowumi Babatunde- Gender Sensitivity in Local NGOs Peace-Building Initiatives in Nigeria's Niger Delta Region

12:30-13:15 Discussion

13:15-14:00 Break

Session 33

Chair: Bhekinkosi Moyo

Rapporteur: Martin Milolo Nsenda

- 14:00-15:00 Laureates Presentations
1. Etanislav Ngodi- Shrinking Civic Space and Democratic Regression in the Republic of Congo: From the Constitutional Referendum in 2015 to the Covid-19 Health Crisis
 2. Antoinette Danebai Lamana- Violence Against Girls and Women in Civic Spaces in Africa
 3. Stanislas Bigirimana- Civil Society in Burundi: Innovation or A Mirror of The Wider Society?
- 15:00-16:00 Discussion

Day 12: 26 August 2021

Session 34

Chair: Bhekinkosi Moyo

Rapporteur: Michel Bakay Asuma & albert Chukwuma Okoli

- 09:00-10:15 Laureates Presentations
1. Odair Bartolomeu Barros-Varela- Rabidantes Women and the Informal Economy in Cape Verde. Academic Activism for an Inclusive Economic Governance in Cape Verde
 2. Moïse Achile Honoré Noah Ekene- Police Governance and Security in Cameroon; Issues and interactions between Police Civil Society and Public Authorities
 3. Robin Beya Keshi- Presidential Mandate and Citizen Movements in Francophone Africa: Attempt to Look for Foreign Involvement in Recent Struggles for Good Governance
 4. Hugues Heumen Tchana- Business Management, Cultural Organizations through the Prism of Social Engagement and Sloppy Funding Management
- 10:15-11:15 Discussions
- 11:15-11:30 Break

Session 35

Chair: Bhekinkosi Moyo

Rapporteur: Abosede Omowumi Babatunde

- 11:30-13:00 Closing Remarks by CODESRIA Executive Secretary
Logistical Announcements and next steps by CODESRIA Secretariat
Evaluation of the Institute
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