

DRAFT PROGRAMME AFRIAK INDUCTION WORKSHOP

WEEK 1

TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER – FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER

DAY 1

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09:00 – 09:30	REGISTRATION
09:30 – 11:00	OPENING SESSION
	Welcome Remarks from CODESRIA
	Godwin Murunga, Executive Secretary, CODESRIA
	Welcome Remarks from Mastercard Foundation
	Ayo Ojebode, Director of Research Systems Strengthening and Knowledge Mobilization
11:00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK
11:30 – 13:00	PRESENTATION: INTRODUCING AFRIAK
	Speaker
	Godwin Murunga, Executive Secretary, CODESRIA
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00 – 16:00	REFLECTIONS FROM THE 2025 AFRIAK APPLICATIONS REVIEWERS: SESSION I
	Speakers
	Mshai Mwangola (Kenya)
	Ayemi Lawani
	Performance Scholar
	Deputy Executive Secretary
	Member, CODESRIA Executive Committee
	CODESRIA
	Q&A Session
END OF DAY 1	

DAY 2**WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2025**

09:00 – 11:00	PRESENTATION: INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION IN THE SAHEL
	Chair: Jean-Christophe Boungou Bazika (Republic of the Congo) Director, CERAPE Member, CODESRIA Scientific Committee
	Speaker:
	Marèma Touré (Senegal) • Sociologist Vice-Chair, CODESRIA Scientific Committee
	Q&A session
11:00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK
11:30 – 13:00	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: ON THE MENTORSHIP OF YOUNG AFRICANS
	Chair: Keneilwe Mooketsane (Botswana) Senior Lecturer, Political and Administrative Department University of Botswana Member, CODESRIA Scientific Committee
	Speaker
	• Funmi Olonisakin (UK) Vice-President, International, Engagement & Service Professor of Security, Leadership & Development King's College London Member, CODESRIA Scientific Committee
	Q&A Session
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00 – 15:40	PRESENTATION: CODESRIA's Safeguarding Policy
	Speaker:
	• Patricia Gomes Chair, CODESRIA Safeguarding Committee Acting Head of Research, CODESRIA
	Q&A Session
15:40 – 16:00	SHORT BREAK
16:00 - 17:00	VIRTUAL LECTURE: AJAMI SOURCES - AN UNDEREXPLORED ASPECT OF INDIGENOUS AFRICAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS
	Chair: Godwin Murunga , Executive Secretary, CODESRIA
	Speaker
	• Fallou Ngom (USA) Professor of Anthropology Boston University
	Q&A Session

END OF DAY 2

DAY 3

THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2025

09:00 – 11:00

PRESENTATION: A HISTORIAN IN SEARCH OF INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE - FIELD PITFALLS, METHODOLOGICAL RESPONSES.

Chair: **Jacques Tshibwabwa (DRC)**

Professor, Department of Political Science
University of Kinshasa
Member, CODESRIA Executive Committee

Speaker:

- **Chikouna Cissé (Cote d'Ivoire)**
Professor of History, University Félix Houphouët Boigny, Abidjan
Member, CODESRIA Scientific Committee

Q&A Session

11:00 – 11:30

TEA BREAK

11:30 – 13:00

PANEL: INTEGRATING INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE INTO AFRICA'S PUBLIC POLICY SPHERES

Chair: **Nansozi Muwanga (Uganda)**

Executive Director, The Julius Nyerere Leadership Centre,
Makerere University, Uganda
Member, CODESRIA Scientific Committee

Speakers:

- **Priscilla Santau (Kenya)**
Former Head, Division of Child and Adolescent Health
Ministry of Health, Kenya
- **Hlengiwe Portia (Eswatini)**
Senior Lecturer
University of Eswatini
Member, CODESRIA Scientific Committee

Q&A Session

13:00 – 14:00

LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 16:00

PRESENTATION: RESEARCH AND EVIDENCE MOBILIZATION SKILLS (WITH A FOCUS ON INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE RESEARCH)

Speaker: **Robyn Read**

Lead for Research and Evidence Mobilization

Mastercard Foundation

Q&A Session

END OF DAY 3

DAY 4

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2025

09:00 – 10:30

REFLECTIONS FROM THE 2025 AFRIAK APPLICATIONS REVIEWERS: SESSION II

Speakers

• **Priscilla Santau (Kenya)**

Former Head, Division of Child & Adolescent Health,

Ministry of Health, Kenya

• **Afolayan Adeshina (Nigeria)**

Professor, Department of Philosophy

University of Ibadan

Q&A Session

10:30 – 11:00

TEA BREAK

11:00 – 12:30

REFLECTIONS FROM THE 2025 AFRIAK APPLICATIONS REVIEWERS: SESSION III

Speakers

• **Simphiwe Sesanti (South Africa)**

Professor, Department of Language Education

University of the Western Cape, SA

• **Jacques Tshibwabwa (DRC)**

Professor, Department of Political Science | Member, CODESRIA Executive Committee

University of Kinshasa, DRC

Q&A Session

12:30 – 14:30

PRESENTATION: HOW THE 2025 AFRIAK FELLOWSHIP WILL BE STRUCTURED

◇ Duration

◇ Timelines

◇ Institutional hubs | Mentorship

◇ Finances

◇ Working Groups

▪ Purpose of Working Groups

▪ Guidelines on formation of Working Groups

▪ Assignments for Week 2 Group Presentations

◇ Fellowship Reports/Outputs

Q&A Session

Speakers:

• **Godwin Murunga**

Executive Secretary

CODESRIA

• **Ayemi Lawani**

Deputy Executive Secretary

CODESRIA

Q&A Session

14:30

LUNCH | END OF WEEK 1

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WEEK 2

MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER – FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER

DAY 5

MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2025

09:00 – 11:00	PRESENTATION: THE RELEVANCE OF INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE IN AFRICA TODAY
	Chair: Mshai Mwangola (Kenya) Performance Scholar Member, CODESRIA Executive Committee
	Speaker
	• Simphiwe Sesanti (South Africa) Professor, Department of Language Education University of the Western Cape, South Africa
	Q&A Session
11:00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK
11:30 – 13:30	GROUP PRESENTATIONS
	FACILITATOR: Priscilla Santau (Kenya) Former Head, Division of Child & Adolescent Health, Ministry of Health, Kenya
	Q&A Session
13:30 – 14:30	LUNCH BREAK
14:30 – 16:30	GROUP PRESENTATIONS
	FACILITATOR: Priscilla Santau (Kenya) Former Head, Division of Child & Adolescent Health, Ministry of Health, Kenya
	Q&A Session
END OF DAY 5	

DAY 6**TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2025**

09:00 – 11:00	PRESENTATIONS BY INTELLECTUAL HUBS
	Chair: Ayemi Lawani , Deputy Executive Secretary, CODESRIA
	Speakers:
	• Komi Agboka (Togo)
	Director, West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use
	Togo
	• Saliou Ngom (Senegal) TBC
	Head of the Anthropology Laboratory Institut fondamental d'Afrique noire (IFAN)
	Senegal
	Q&A Session
11:00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK
11:30 – 13:30	GROUP PRESENTATIONS
	FACILITATOR: Mshai Mwangola (Kenya) Performance Scholar Member, CODESRIA Executive Committee
	Q&A Session
13:30 – 14:30	LUNCH BREAK
14:30 – 16:30	GROUP PRESENTATIONS
	FACILITATOR: Mshai Mwangola (Kenya) Performance Scholar Member, CODESRIA Executive Committee
	Q&A Session
END OF DAY 6	

DAY 7**WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2025**

9:00 – 11:00	PRESENTATION: BEYOND THE CANON - DECOLONISING THE ACADEMY THROUGH INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE
	Chair: Lucy Mandillah (Kenya) Deputy Director, Institute of Indigenous Knowledge, Cultural Studies and Climate Change Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Kenya
	Speaker
	• Afolayan Adeshina (Nigeria) Professor, Department of Philosophy

	University of Ibadan
	Q&A Session
11:00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK
11:30 – 13:30	GROUP PRESENTATIONS
	FACILITATOR: Jacques Tshibwabwa (DRC) Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kinshasa. Member, CODESRIA Executive Committee
	Q&A Session
13:30 – 14:30	LUNCH BREAK
14:30 – 16:30	GROUP PRESENTATIONS
	FACILITATOR: Jacques Tshibwabwa (DRC) Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kinshasa. Member, CODESRIA Executive Committee
	Q&A Session
END OF DAY 7	

DAY 8	
THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2025	
09:00 – 11:00	PRESENTATIONS BY INTELLECTUAL HUBS
	Chair: Dr Godwin Murunga , Executive Secretary, CODESRIA
	Speakers:
	Changu Batisani (Botswana)
	Office of Research, Innovation & Partnership
	Botswana Open University
	Lucy Mandillah (Kenya)
	Deputy Director, Institute of Indigenous Knowledge, Cultural Studies and Climate Change
	Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Kenya
	Q&A Session
11:00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK
11:30 – 13:30	GROUP PRESENTATIONS
	FACILITATOR: Afolayan Adeshina (Nigeria) Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Ibadan.

	Q&A Session
13:30 – 14:30	LUNCH BREAK
14:30 – 16:30	GROUP PRESENTATIONS
	FACILITATOR: Afolayan Adeshina (Nigeria) Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Ibadan.
	Q&A Session
END OF DAY 8	

DAY 9	
FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2025	
09:00 – 11:00	GROUP PRESENTATIONS
	FACILITATOR: Simphiwe Sesanti (South Africa) Professor, Department of Language Education University of the Western Cape, South Africa
	Q&A Session
11:00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK
11:30 – 13:30	GROUP PRESENTATIONS
	FACILITATOR: Simphiwe Sesanti (South Africa) Professor, Department of Language Education University of the Western Cape, South Africa
	Q&A Session
13:30 – 14:30	LUNCH BREAK
14:30 – 16:30	CLOSING SESSION by CODESRIA
	◊ Workshop Recap
	◊ Next Steps
	◊ Final Remarks
END OF INDUCTION WORKSHOP	