

WEEK 2 UPDATED PROGRAMME AFRIAK INDUCTION WORKSHOP

MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER – FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER

Notes:

In addition to interventions by the mentors and intellectual hubs, Week 2 is largely dedicated to Group Presentations. Each day, **a mentor (facilitator)** will facilitate the group presentations, while each group presentation will have **a discussant** drawn from another group. The roles of the facilitator and discussant are as follows:

FACILITATOR: Provides overall leadership for the sessions

- Ensures presenters and participants stay on schedule
- Manages the Q&A session and transitions between speakers
- Encourages inclusive participation

DISCUSSANT: Focuses on the ideas and arguments presented

- Listens attentively to the presentations and offers a short 5-minute response (it is expected that at least 3 members of the discussant group will speak)
- Highlights the strengths, key insights and potential gaps in the work that warrant further reflection
- Connects the presentation to broader indigenous knowledge debates.
- Raises at least 3 key questions that will stimulate dialogue among the participants and enrich the discussion

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 DISCUSSIONS

13:30 – 14:30

LUNCH BREAK

14:30 – 16:30

PRESENTATION: HOW THE 2025 AFRIAK FELLOWSHIP WILL BE STRUCTURED

Q&A Session

Speakers: **Godwin Murunga**, Executive Secretary, CODESRIA
Ayemi Lawani, Deputy Executive Secretary, CODESRIA

Q&A Session

END OF DAY 5

DAY 6**TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2025****10:00 – 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

Q&A Session

11:00 – 11:30**TEA BREAK****GROUP PRESENTATIONS****Facilitator: Priscilla Santau****11:30 – 12:30****GROUP Presentation (15 mins)**

Discussant intervention (5 mins)

Q&A Session (35 mins)

12:30 – 13:30**GROUP Presentation (15 mins)**

Discussant intervention (5 mins)

Q&A Session (35 mins)

13:30 – 14:30**LUNCH BREAK****GROUP PRESENTATIONS****Facilitator: Priscilla Santau****14:30 – 15:30****GROUP Presentation (15 mins)**

Discussant intervention (5 mins)

Q&A Session (35 mins)

15:30 – 16:30**GROUP Presentation (15 mins)**

Discussant intervention (5 mins)

Q&A Session (35 mins)

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
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Afolayan Adeshina (Nigeria) Professor, Department of Philosophy University of Ibadan
	Q&A Session
11:00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK
GROUP PRESENTATIONS Facilitator: Jacques Tshibwabwa	
11:30 – 12:30	GROUP Presentation (15 mins) Discussant intervention (5 mins)
	Q&A Session (35 mins)
12:30 – 13:30	GROUP Presentation (15 mins) Discussant intervention (5 mins)
	Q&A Session (35 mins)
13:30 – 14:30	LUNCH BREAK
GROUP PRESENTATIONS Facilitator: Jacques Tshibwabwa	
14:30 – 15:30	GROUP Presentation (15 mins) Discussant intervention (5 mins)
	Q&A Session (35 mins)
15:30 – 16:30	GROUP Presentation (15 mins) Discussant intervention (5 mins)
	Q&A Session (35 mins)
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****GROUP PRESENTATIONS****Facilitator: Afolayan Adeshina****11:30 – 12:30****GROUP Presentation (15 mins)**

Discussant intervention (5 mins)

Q&A Session (35 mins)**12:30 – 13:30****GROUP Presentation (15 mins)**

Discussant intervention (5 mins)

Q&A Session (35 mins)**13:30 – 14:30****LUNCH BREAK****GROUP PRESENTATIONS****Facilitator: Afolayan Adeshina****14:30 – 15:30****GROUP Presentation (15 mins)**

Discussant intervention (5 mins)

Q&A Session (35 mins)**15:30 – 16:30****GROUP Presentation (15 mins)**

Discussant intervention (5 mins)

Q&A Session (35 mins)**END OF DAY 8**

DAY 9**FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2025****GROUP PRESENTATIONS****Facilitator: Simphiwe Sesanti****09:00 – 10:00****GROUP Presentation (15 mins)**

Discussant intervention (5 mins)

Q&A Session (35 mins)**10:00 – 11:00****GROUP Presentation (15 mins)**

Discussant intervention (5 mins)

Q&A Session (35 mins)**11:00 – 11:30****TEA BREAK****GROUP PRESENTATIONS****Facilitator: Simphiwe Sesanti****11:30 – 12:30****GROUP Presentation (15 mins)**

Discussant intervention (5 mins)

Q&A Session (35 mins)**12:30 – 13:30****GROUP Presentation (15 mins)**

Discussant intervention (5 mins)

Q&A Session (35 mins)**13:30 – 14:30****LUNCH BREAK****14:30 – 16:30****CLOSING SESSION** by CODESRIA

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END OF INDUCTION WORKSHOP