



GENDER INSTITUTE 2026

DRAFT PROGRAMME

GENDER AND INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE: *WOMEN AS KNOWLEDGE BEARERS*

06TH – 11TH JULY

DAKAR, SENEGAL

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DAY 1

MONDAY 06TH JULY 2026

Foundations: African Women as Knowledge Producers & Epistemic Justice

08:00 – 08:30	REGISTRATION	
08:30 – 09:30	OPENING SESSION	
	Chair: Ayemi Lawani, Deputy Executive Secretary, CODESRIA	Rapporteurs for Day 1: Jane Flora Nguye Okuku Sainabou Drammeh Djibrine Bichara
	Welcome Remarks	
	• Godwin Murunga, Executive Secretary, CODESRIA	
	• Ambreena Manji, University Dean for Africa, Cardiff University	
	• Paul Awoniyi, Senior Research Fellow, Obafemi Awolowo University	
09:30 – 10:30	LAUREATES’ INTRODUCTIONS, EXPECTATIONS & INTELLECTUAL POSITIONING	
	Activity	
	Epistemic Mapping Exercise	
10:30 – 10:45	TEA BREAK	
10:45 – 12:00	AFRICAN WOMEN AS KNOWLEDGE PRODUCERS	
	Chair: Ambreena Manji	
	Speaker: Paul Awoniyi	
12:00 – 13:00	GUIDED DISCUSSION & REFLECTIVE EXERCISE	
	Activity	
	Reflective Mapping Exercise	
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK	
14:00 – 15:15	EPISTEMIC INJUSTICE AND THE GENDERED POLITICS OF KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION	
	Chair: Lucy Mandillah	
	Speakers: Ambreena Manji Paul Awoniyi	
15:15 – 16:00	GUIDED DISCUSSION & CITATION AUDIT EXERCISE	
	Activity	
	Citation Audit: <i>Whose scholarship do we cite? Who remains excluded from knowledge canons?</i>	
16:00 – 19:00	BREAK	
19:00	WELCOME DINNER END OF DAY 1	

DAY 2**TUESDAY 07TH JULY 2026***Land, Environmental Futures & Recognition*

8:30 – 09:45	INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE, LAND AND RECOGNITION POLITICS	
	Chair: Patricia Gomes	Rapporteurs for Day 2: Naa Densua Tordzro Adebola F. Ajetomobi Aurèle F. Deutchua Nguelieu
	Speaker: Ambreena Manji	
09:45 – 10:30	GUIDED DISCUSSION	
10:30 – 10:45	TEA BREAK	
10:45 – 12:00	INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE, GENDER AND ENVIRONMENTAL FUTURES	
	Chair: Patricia Gomes	
	Speaker: Paul Awoniyi	
12:00 – 13:00	GUIDED DISCUSSION & FEMINIST ECOLOGICAL MAPPING EXERCISE	
	Activity	
	Feminist Ecological Mapping	
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK	
14:00 – 15:15	PRESENTATION: LIEUX ÉPISTÉMIQUES ET RECONNAISSANCE DES SAVOIRS. OÙ SONT LES FEMMES?	
	Chair: Ambreena Manji	
	Speaker: Fatoumata Hane Professor of Sociology Université Alassane Seck de Ziguinchor	
15:15– 16:00	GUIDED DISCUSSION	
16:00	TEA BREAK END OF DAY 2	

DAY 3**WEDNESDAY 08TH JULY 2026*****Ethics, Governance & Feminist/Decolonial Methodologies***

8:30 – 09:45	ETHICS, OWNERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE OF WOMEN’S KNOWLEDGE	
	Chair: Lucy Mandillah	Rapporteurs for Day 3: Bineta Dia Tatenda T. Machingauta Charles Tweheyo
	Facilitators: Ambreena Manji Paul Awoniyi	
09:45– 10:30	GUIDED DISCUSSION & CASE INTERROGATION	
	Activity	
	Case Interrogation Exercise	
10:30 – 10:45	TEA BREAK	
10:45 – 12:00	FEMINIST AND DECOLONIAL METHODOLOGIES FOR ENGAGING INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE	
	Chair: Lucy Mandillah	
	Speaker: Paul Awoniyi	
12:00 – 13:00	GUIDED DISCUSSION & RESEARCH REDESIGN CLINIC	
	Activity:	
	Research Redesign Clinic	
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK	
14:00 – 16:00	LAUREATE PRESENTATIONS I	
	Facilitator: Ambreena Manji	
	GUIDED DISCUSSION	
16:00	TEA BREAK END OF DAY 3	

DAY 4**THURSDAY 09TH JULY 2026***Laureate Presentations: Knowledge, Theory & Research Development*

8:30 – 09:30	VIRTUAL PRESENTATION: AFRICAN FEMINIST AND DECOLONIAL METHODOLOGIES FOR ENGAGING INDIGENOUS RESEARCH.	
	Chair: Ambreena Manji	Rapporteurs for Day 4: Khalifa Mbow Mona Ikirezi Elisabeth D. Dikizeko
	Speaker: Nthabiseng Motsemme	
09:30 - 10:15	GUIDED DISCUSSION	
10:15 – 10:30	TEA BREAK	
10:30– 12:15	LAUREATE PRESENTATIONS II	
	Facilitator: Ambreena Manji	
	GUIDED DISCUSSION	
12:15– 13:15	LUNCH	
13:15 – 15:00	LAUREATE PRESENTATIONS III	
	Facilitator: Paul Awoniyi	
	GUIDED DISCUSSION	
15:00– 16:00	COLLECTIVE REFLECTION SESSION	
	Facilitators: Ambreena Manji Paul Awoniyi	
	Discussion Focus	
	Emerging Themes in Laureate Research	
	Guiding Questions	
16:00	TEA BREAK END OF DAY 4	

DAY 5**FRIDAY 10TH JULY 2026*****Laureate Presentations: Canon Formation & Scholarly Development***

8:30 – 10:15	LAUREATE PRESENTATIONS IV	
	Facilitator: Paul Awoniyi	Rapporteurs for Day 5: Isabelle TOKANNOU Jaël G. ZAWADI Ongezwa N. MBELE
	GUIDED DISCUSSION	
10:15 – 10:30	TEA BREAK	
10:30– 12:15	LAUREATE PRESENTATIONS V	
	Facilitator: Paul Awoniyi	
	GUIDED DISCUSSION	
12:15 – 13:15	LUNCH BREAK	
13:15 – 14:30	CANON FORMATION AND THE RECOGNITION OF WOMEN KNOWLEDGE HOLDERS	
	Facilitators: Ambreena Manji Paul Awoniyi	
14:30– 15:30	COLLECTIVE REFLECTION ROUNDTABLE	
	Activity:	
	Canon Mapping Exercise	
15:30– 16:00	DAY REFLECTION & MENTORING NOTES	
	Facilitators: Ambreena Manji Paul Awoniyi	
16:00	TEA BREAK END OF DAY 5	

DAY 6**SATURDAY 11TH JULY 2026***Research Clinics, Institute Synthesis & Closing*

08:30 – 09:45	LAUREATE RESEARCH CLINICS	
	Facilitators: Ambreena Manji Paul Awoniyi	Rapporteurs for Day 6: Kaila Tsalha Olivia Kamphale
	Focus: Small-group mentoring	
09:45– 10:45	INSTITUTE SYNTHESIS AND REFLECTIONS	
	Facilitator: Ambreena Manji Paul Awoniyi	
	Discussion Focus	
	Guiding Questions	
	Output	
	Collective Knowledge Agenda	
10:45 – 11:00	TEA BREAK	
11:00 – 11:30	FINAL EVALUATION	
	Chair: Godwin Murunga	
11:30 – 12:00	CLOSING SESSION	
	Chair: Ayemi Lawani , Deputy Executive Secretary, CODESRIA	
	Remarks by:	
	• Paul Awoniyi, Obafemi Awolowo University	
	• Ambreena Manji, University Dean for Africa, Cardiff University	
	• Godwin Murunga, Executive Secretary, CODESRIA	
12:00	LUNCH END OF THE INSTITUTE	