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2026 DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE INSTITUTE

DRAFT PROGRAMME

"MIGRATION GOVERNANCE": *RETHINKING MOBILITY AND DEMOCRATIC AGENCY IN AFRICA*

28TH SEPTEMBER – 9TH OCTOBER 2026

LAGOS, NIGERIA

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SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

ARRIVALS

DAY 1

MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Opening and orientation

08:30 – 09:00	REGISTRATION	
09:00 – 10:00	OPENING SESSION	
	Chair: Ayemi Lawani , Deputy Executive Secretary, CODESRIA	Rapporteur for Day 1: Kabelo A. Maphuru
	Welcome Remarks	
	Godwin Murunga, Executive Secretary, CODESRIA Mary Setrana, Director of the Centre for Migration Studies, University of Ghana	
10:00 – 10:30	LAUREATES' INTRODUCTIONS, EXPECTATIONS & INTELLECTUAL POSITIONING	
10:30 – 11:00	TEA BREAK AND GROUP PHOTO	
11:00 – 11:45	INTRODUCTORY LECTURE: What does it mean to rethink Mobility and democratic governance in Africa?	
	Speaker: Faisal Garba	
11:45 – 13:00	DISCUSSION	
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK	
14:00 – 14:30	VIRTUAL PRESENTATION: Resources, Mobility and Governance from Below in Africa	
	Speaker: Ikal Angelei	
14:30 – 15:30	DISCUSSION	
15:30 – 16:00	GUIDED WORK	
16:00 – 17:00	TEA BREAK AND INDIVIDUAL REFLECTIONS	
17:00	END OF DAY 1	

DAY 2**TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2026**

09:00 – 09:45	LECTURE: Towards a Democratic Africa-centred and Gendered Migration Governance	
	Speaker: Mary Setrana	Chair for Day 2: Faisal Garba Rapporteur: Fotso Claude Dzelamonyuy
09:45 – 11:00	DISCUSSION	
11:00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK	
11:30 – 12:00	VIRTUAL PRESENTATION: Democracy, Mobility and Structural Transformation in Africa Speaker: Takyiwaa Manuh	
12:00 – 13:00	DISCUSSION	
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK	
14:00 – 15:30	ACTIVITY: Facilitators: Faisal Garba & Mary Setrana	
15:30 – 16:00	GUIDED WORK	
16:00 – 17:00	TEA BREAK AND INDIVIDUAL REFLECTIONS	
17:00	END OF DAY 2	

DAY 3**WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2026**

09:00 – 09:45	LECTURE: De-migrantising and Democratising Migration Studies: History, Concepts and Categories	
	Speaker: Faisal Garba	Chair for Day 3: Mary Setrana Rapporteur: Mahamane Moussa Charifatou
09:45 – 11:00	DISCUSSION	
11:00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK	

11:30 – 13:00	PRESENTATION: Borderlands as Governance Frontiers: Interrogating the Nexus of Subnational Mobility, Non-Kinetic Early Warning, and Democratic Agency in West Africa	
	Presenter: Ruth Aigbe	
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK	
14:00 – 15:30	PRESENTATION: Mobilités forcées et pouvoir d'agir des populations : Gouvernance des frontières et insécurité au Nord-Togo	
	Presenter: Yao Ebafeyi FALA	
15:30 – 17:00	PRESENTATION: Climate Change, Migration Governance and Democratic Agency: A Review of Community Participation in Climate-Related Mobility in Southern Africa	
	Presenter: Emmah Mandishona	
17:00	TEA BREAK I END OF DAY 3	
DAY 4		
THURSDAY 1 ST OCTOBER 2026		
9:00 – 09:45	LECTURE: La gouvernance migratoire contrariée. Libre circulation, externalisation et agencéité démocratique en Afrique	
	Speaker: Elieth Eyebiyi	Chair for Day 4: Margaret Monyani Rapporteur: Aigbe Ruth
09:45– 11:00	DISCUSSION	
11:00– 11:30	TEA BREAK	
11:30 – 13:00	PRESENTATION: Mobilités pastorales et participation citoyenne dans la gouvernance transfrontalière du bassin du Niger	
	Presenter: Mahuna Nicanor Sinhou	
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 – 15:30	PRESENTATION: Mining Migrants: Agrarian Displacement, Labour Recomposition, and the Ungoverned Mobility of Critical Minerals Extraction in Zimbabwe	
	Presenter: Valerie Rumbidzai Jeché	
15:30 – 16:00	GUIDED WORK	
16:00 – 17:00	TEA BREAK AND INDIVIDUAL REFLECTIONS	
17:00	END OF DAY 4	

DAY 5

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2026

09:00 – 09:45	LECTURE: Who Governs African Mobility? Democratic Legitimacy and Accountability across Africa's Migration Governance Architecture	
	Speaker: Margaret Monyani	Chair for Day 5: Elieth Eyebiyi Rapporteur: Valerie Rumbidzai Jeché
09:45 – 11:00	DISCUSSION	
11:00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK	
11:30 – 13:00	PRESENTATION: Governance from Below: Migrant Agency, Informality and Inequality in Botswana within the Southern African Development Community	
	Presenter: Kabelo Abednico Maphuru	
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 – 15:30	PRESENTATION: Governing Mobility from Below: Hybrid Diaspora Institutions, Democratic Legitimacy, and the Limits of Voice across African Emigration States	
	Presenter: Ramy Magdy Abdelmonem Ahmed	
15:30 – 16:00	GUIDED WORK	
16:00 – 17:00	TEA BREAK AND INDIVIDUAL REFLECTIONS	
17:00	END OF DAY 5	

DAY 6

MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2026

09:00 – 09:45	LECTURE: Beyond Gender Mainstreaming: Towards an Africa-Centred Theory of Gender-Responsive Migration Governance	
	Speaker: Mary Setrana	Chair for Day 6: Faisal Garba Rapporteur: Ramy M. A. Ahmed
09:45 – 11:00	DISCUSSION	
11:00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK	
11:30 – 13:00	PRESENTATION: Governance from Below: Internal Migration, Urban Belonging and Access to Public Services among Migrants in Lusaka, Zambia	
	Speaker: Marksman Foloko	

13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 – 15:30	PRESENTATION: Governing Mobility through Discourse: Language, Belonging and Democratic Agency in Kenya	
	Speaker: Naftal Nyakundi	
15:30 – 16:00	GUIDED WORK	
16:00 – 17:00	TEA BREAK AND INDIVIDUAL REFLECTIONS	
17:00	END OF DAY 6	
DAY 7		
TUESDAY 6 TH OCTOBER 2026		
09:00 – 09:45	LECTURE: Researching Migration Governance from Below: Methodological Approaches to Voice, Lived Experience and Epistemic Justice	
	Speaker: Margaret Monyani	Chair for Day 7: Elieth Eyebiyi Rapporteur: Marksman Foloko
09:45 – 11:00	DISCUSSION	
11:00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK	
11:30 – 13:00	PRESENTATION: Governing Mobility from Below: Migrant Agency, Democratic Legitimacy, and Migration Governance in Morocco	
	Presenter: Yousra Kadi	
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 – 15:30	PRESENTATION: Displacement and education governance in Cameroon's North-West region	
	Presenter: Fotso Claude Dzelamonyuy	
15:30 – 16:00	GUIDED WORK	
16:00 – 17:00	TEA BREAK AND INDIVIDUAL REFLECTIONS	
17:00	END OF DAY 7	
DAY 8		
WEDNESDAY 7 TH OCTOBER 2026		
	LECTURE: Enquêter sur les infrastructures socio-matérielles de la mobilité	

09:00 – 09:45	Speaker: Elieth Eyebiyi	Chair for Day 8: Mary Setrana Rapporteur: Naftal Nyakundi
09:45 – 11:00	DISCUSSION	
11:00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK	
11:30 – 13:00	PRESENTATION: Gouvernance des migrations de retour en Côte d'Ivoire : acteurs, participation et agentivité des migrants dans les processus de réintégration socio-économique (<i>“Governance of Return Migration in Côte d’Ivoire: Stakeholders, Participation and Migrants’ Agency in Socio-Economic Reintegration Processes”</i>)	
	Presenter: Konan Talibet Kouacou Yves Rhodrigue	
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 – 15:30	PRESENTATION: Femmes migrantes de retour et gouvernance des migrations en Casamance : quelles formes d’agencéité face aux dispositifs de réinsertion ?” (<i>“Returning Migrant Women and Migration Governance in Casamance: What Forms of Agency do they Exercise in the Face of Reintegration Schemes?”</i>)	
	Presenter: Fatoumata Coumba Mballo	
15:30 – 16:00	GUIDED WORK	
16:00 – 17:00	TEA BREAK AND INDIVIDUAL REFLECTIONS	
17:00	END OF DAY 8	
DAY 9		
THURSDAY 8 TH OCTOBER 2026		
09:00 – 10:30	PRESENTATION: Access as Border: Land, Encampment and the Governance of Movement in Malawi, c. 1953–2023	
	Presenter: Kayira Wasambo	Chair for Day 9: Elieth Eyebiyi Rapporteur: Yousra Kadi
10:30 – 11:00	TEA BREAK	
11:00 – 13:00	PRESENTATION: Agencéité des femmes migrantes au Niger : entre invisibilité dans les politiques migratoires et résistances sociales” (<i>“The Situation of Migrant Women in Niger: Between Invisibility in Migration Policies and Social Resistance”</i>)	
	Presenter: Mahamane Moussa Charifatou	
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 – 15:30	PRESENTATION: Inverted Disillusionment and Democratic Agency: Rethinking Mobility, Governance from Below, and Ubuntu in Africa's Migration Governance	
	Presenter: Oyewumi Olatoye Agunbiade	
15:30 – 17:30	Guided Paper Revision Session with Co-Directors and Resource Persons	
	Facilitators: Resource Persons	

17:00	TEA BREAK END OF DAY 9	
DAY 10		
FRIDAY 9 TH OCTOBER 2026		
09:00 – 11:00	KEYNOTE ADDRESS:	
	Speaker: Fayemi Kayode	Chair: Godwin Murunga Rapporteur: Mahuna Nicanor Sinhou
11:00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK	
11:30 – 12:00	FINAL EVALUATION	
12:00 – 13:00	CLOSING SESSION	
	Chair: Ayemi Lawani, Deputy Executive Secretary, CODESRIA	
	Remarks by:	
	- Faisal Garba, University of Cape Town - Godwin Murunga, Executive Secretary, CODESRIA	
13:00	LUCNH END OF THE INSTITUTE	