

# *Maria Sibylla Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA)*



**Inaugural conference:**  
**Africa's Institutions for Sustainable Governance**  
**University of Ghana, Accra**  
**27-28 September 2018**

## **This conference**

- features the fundamental role of Africa's institutions, past and present, in shaping sustainable governance - in the fields of democracy, conflict management, economy and socio-ecological transformation,
- aims at establishing a balance between - at face value - home-grown, adapted or imported institutions,
- draws on the knowledge and experience of scholars from different disciplines.

Institutes for Advanced Studies all over the world are the ideal places for such interdisciplinary work, encouraging encounters of different generations of researchers and providing knowledge hubs for innovation. Therefore, a good part of the conference will be devoted to developing the philosophy of this new research institution based at the University of Ghana: the Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA).



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*Africa's Institutions for Sustainable Governance*  
**Programme**

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**Thursday, 27 September**

**Venue: Great Hall, University of Ghana, Accra**

**8.30 – 9.00 Registration**

**9.00 – 11.00 Opening Ceremony**

**Chair: Professor Takyiwaa Manuh**, Former Director, Social Development Policy Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) (2014-2017), and Professor Emerita of African Studies, University of Ghana

**Welcome from Professor Ebenezer Oduro Owusu**, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ghana

**Introduction to MIASA: Professor Andreas Mehler**, Chair of Executive Council; **Professor Abena D. Oduro**, Director (Ghana); **Professor Gordon Crawford**, Director (Germany)

**Official speakers:** Hon. Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh, Minister of Education, Ghana; Professor Kwesi Yankah, Minister of State (Tertiary Education); Ibrahima Ibour Diallo, Centre de Recherches sur les Politiques sociales (CREPOS) / Université Cheikh Anta Diop; Dr. Annette Steinich, Ministry of Education and Research, Germany; Mr. Christoph Retzlaff, Ambassador, German Embassy, Accra

*Interlude: Ghana Dance Ensemble*

**Keynote speaker: Professor Amina Mama**, Department of Gender and Women Studies, University of California, Davis, U.S.A.

*Title: In the Pursuit of Freedom: Feminist intellectuals in African contexts*

**11.00 – 11.30 Break**

### **11.30 – 1.00 Keynote speech**

**Chair: Professor Dzodzi Tsikata**, Director of the Institute for African Studies, University of Ghana

**Speaker: Dr. Kwesi Aning**, Director of the Faculty of Academic Affairs & Research (FAAR), KAIPTC (Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping and Training Centre), Accra, Ghana

*Title: Producing the next generation of scholars in an era of globalisation*

**1.00 – 2.00 Lunch, Venue: ISSER Conference facility, University of Ghana, Accra**

### **2.00 – 3.30: Panel I: Sustainable Democracy and Africa**

**Chair: Professor Mamadou Diawara**, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Frankfurt, Germany and Director “Point Sud”

**Speakers:**

- **Professor Paul Nugent**, Centre of African Studies/ School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh, UK
- **Professor Gabrielle Lynch**, Department of Politics and International Studies/ Faculty of Social Sciences, Warwick University, UK
- **Dr. George Ofosu**, Department of Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis, U.S.A.
- **Professor Dominika Koter**, Political Science Faculty, Colgate University, U.S.A.

**3.30 – 4.00 Break**

### **4.00 – 5.30 Roundtable: The Role of an Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa in the 21st Century: Opportunities and Challenges**

**Chair: Professor Bernd Kortmann**, Director Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS), University of Freiburg, Germany

**Speakers:**

- **Professor Elisio Macamo**, Centre for African Studies, University of Basel, Switzerland
- **Zenebework Tadesse**, Principal Vice President of Ethiopian Academy of Sciences (EAS)
- **Dr. Olivier Bouin**, Director of the Network of French Institutes for Advanced Study
- **Dr. Christoff Pauw**, Programme Manager, Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS)

**Friday, 28 September**

**Venue: ISSER Conference Hall, University of Ghana, Accra**

**9.00 – 10.30 Keynote speech**

**Chair: Professor Francis Dodo**, Pro-Vice Chancellor Research, Innovation and Development, University of Ghana

**Speaker: Professor Francis Nyamnjoh**, Social Anthropology Department, University of Cape Town, South Africa

*Title: Incompleteness and Conviviality: A Reflection on International Research Collaboration on Institutions for Sustainable Governance*

**10.30 – 11.00 Break**

**11.00 – 12.30 Panel II: Africa's Institutions for Sustainable Peace**

**Chair: Professor Joseph Kof Teye**, Director Centre for Migration Studies, University of Ghana

**Speakers:**

- **Professor Gilbert Khadiagala**, Department International Relations, University of Witswatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa
- **Dr. Mimmi Söderberg Kovacs**, Head of Research at Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sweden
- **Professor Andreas Mehler**, Director Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institut, University of Freiburg, Germany

**12.30 – 1.30 Lunch**

**1.30 – 1.45 Introductory remarks about the role of Biodiversity as an integral part of sustainable governance models in Africa**

*Presentation of the German Africa Award winner 2018 Gerald Bigurube*

**Speaker: Ingo Badoreck**, Secretary General of the German Africa Foundation

**1.45 – 2.15 Protection of Biodiversity in Africa: how to reconcile economic growth with the sustainable use of land and natural resources; Tanzania as a case study**

**Speaker: Gerald Bigurube**, Country Director Tanzania Frankfurt Zoological Society, former Head of Tanzania National Parks Authority (TANAPA) and Laureate of the German Africa Award 2018

**2.15 – 2.30 Discussion**

**2.30 – 2.45 Break**

**2.45 – 4.15 Panel III: Sustainability Transformation: The challenges of land, energy and livelihoods**

**Chair: Professor Thomas Maissen**, German Historical Institute, Paris, France, and Le Centre de Recherches sur les Politiques sociales (CREPOS), Dakar, Senegal

**Speakers:**

- **Dr. Simon Bawakyillenuo**, Statistics and Survey Division at the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana
- **Professor Ruth Hall**, Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS)/ Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, University of the Western Cape, South Africa
- **Professor Vanesa Castan Broto**, Urban Institute/ Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Sheffield, UK
- **Dr. Boubacar Barry**, International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Burkina Faso and Initiative Prospective Agricole et Rurale (IPAR), Dakar, Senegal

**4.15 – 5.00 Closing Ceremony: Conclusion and Outlook: MIASA until 2020**

**Chair: Professor Andreas Mehler**, Chair of Executive Council; **Professor Abena Oduro**, Director (Ghana)

**Saturday 29 September**

**Venue: Dept. of Economics, conference facility, University of Ghana, Accra**

**9.30 – 12.00 MIASA Executive Council meeting (only by invitation)**

## Location

The conference “Africa’s Institutions for Sustainable Governance” will be held at the University of Ghana, Legon (Accra).



## Registration

All papers are invited papers only.

Participants need to register via [miasa@frias.uni-freiburg.de](mailto:miasa@frias.uni-freiburg.de)

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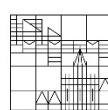
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