

International Qwaqwa Interdisciplinary Conference (IQIC2024)

PROGRAMME

*Africa in the Age of Global Crises– Wars, Pandemics, Climate
Emergencies, and Financial Subordination: The Search for
Decolonial Responses and Sustainable Recoveries*



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Day 1: 20 November 2024

Programme Director: Dr Grey Magaiza

Time	Session	Details
08:00 – 09:00	Registration and Coffee	Welcome and registration desk open (Venue B4)
09:00 – 09:15	Opening and Welcome	Dean of Humanities, University of the Free State: Prof Mogomme Masoga
09:15 – 09:20	Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Dr Gorden Moyo , University of the Free State
09:20 – 10:20	Keynote Address	Prof Adebayo Olukoshi , University of the Witwatersrand – Securing Africa's Place in the Age of Polycrisis
10:20 – 10:40	Q and A	Dr Gorden Moyo
10:40 – 10:45	Vote of thanks by Acting Vice Principal, UFS – Qwaqwa Campus	Prof Aliza Le Roux
10:45 – 10:50	Group photo	Photographer
10:50 – 11:00	Coffee Break	Refreshments available (B11)

Parallel Sessions 1: 11:00 – 13:10

Session 1A (Venue B4)

Chair: Sello Sele

Theme: Gender, Climate Emergency and the Aftermaths of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Africa

Gendered Subjectivities and Their Impact on Climate Change Adaptation in Rural South African Communities: A Systematic Review

Dr Shadreck Muchaku and Dr Shingirayi Chamisa, University of the Free State

Climate Crises and Redefining of Masculinities in Displacement Settings of Maratane and Corrane, Mozambique

Mandlenkosi Maphosa and Gracious Maviza, Alliance of Bioversity & CIAT, CGIAR

Session 1B (Venue B3)

Chair: Dr Khangelani Moyo

Theme: Africa and Global Conflict Zones and Africa's Coup Epidemic

The Perfect Crisis: El Nino Induced Drought, Conflict, and Threats to Social Cohesion in the SADC Region

Shaun Kinnes, African Centre for Construction Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD)

Climate-change Induced Displacements and Human Security Risks in Southern Africa: A Case of Mozambique and Zimbabwe

Sindiso Ndlovu and Dr Gracious Maviza, Alliance of Bioversity & CIAT, CGIAR

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Theme: Gender, Climate Emergency and the Aftermaths of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Africa	Theme: Africa and Global Conflict Zones and Africa's Coup Epidemic
<p>Girls at the Centre of the El Nino Drought: Correlations Between Child Marriage and Climate Change in Southern Africa <i>Dr Raymond Chirowamhangu, University of Pretoria</i></p>	<p>Climate, Peace, and Security in Southern Africa: Exploring the Interlinkages Between Climate Change, Social Cohesion and Stability <i>Dr Gracious Maviza, Alliance of Bioversity & CIAT, CGIAR</i></p>
<p>Dignity and Disaster: The Pursuit of Menstrual Well-being Among Women Affected by Floods and a Pandemic in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa <i>Dr Sinazo Nomsenge, University of KwaZulu Natal</i></p>	<p>Localising and Africanising Climate Security Approaches to Curbing Climate-related Conflicts in Africa <i>Joseph Makanda, Alliance of Bioversity & CIAT, CGIAR</i></p>
<p>Socio-economic Challenges Faced by Basotho Women in Informal Cross-border Trade <i>Dr Keneuoe Thibello-Maphosa, University of Pretoria</i></p>	<p>Rainfall, Sand Availability, and Community Conflict in the Wild Coast Region of the Eastern Cape, South Africa <i>Lufefe Sopazi, Rhodes University</i></p>
<p>Challenges and opportunities for combating COVID-19 in Africa: A case of rural areas in Zimbabwe <i>Mitchel Gwarada, Midlands State University</i></p>	<p>Impact of Service Delivery Protests in the Maluti-A-Phofung Municipality, Free State <i>Sanelisiwe Khumalo, University of the Free State</i></p>
<p>Factors associated with hypertension and diabetes comorbidities among adults aged 50 years and above in South Africa <i>Obakeng Dibakwane, University of Witwatersrand</i></p>	
13:10 – 14:00	Lunch Break and Networking (Venue B1)

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Plenary Session 2 (Venue B4): 14:05 – 15:20

Introduction of the speaker: **Dr Divane Nzima**

Towards a Just Climate Finance Regime for Africa: **Dr Nqobizitha Dube**

Discussant: **Dr Gracious Maviza**

Q and A: **Dr Divane Nzima**

Parallel Sessions 2: 15:30 – 17:30

Session 2A (Venue B4)

Chair: **Coreen Steenkamp**

Theme: Africa and the Climate Emergency, Dysfunctional Global Financial Architecture and the Aftermaths of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Food Insecurity and Chronic Illnesses: Hypertension and Diabetes Amongst Older People in South Africa

Dr Themba Mgwaba, University of KwaZulu Natal

Exploring the Intersection Between Water, Electricity and Quality Healthcare Access in Qwaqwa, South Africa: A Decolonial Perspective of Climate Resilience and Pandemic Preparedness

Jessica Dlamini, University of the Free State

Smart Universities and the 4th Industrial Revolution: The question of adapting for rural-based and previously disadvantaged universities in South Africa

Siphelele Mahlaba and Victor Mlambo, University of the Free State and University of Johannesburg

TB Risk Among Health Workers in the Ekurhuleni Health District as a Consequence of Reprioritisation and Reallocation of Resources

Mpolokeng Moetseloa, South West Gauteng College (TVET)

Session 2B (Venue B3)

Chair: **Prof Philani Moyo**

Theme: Africa and Global Conflict Zones and Africa's Coup Epidemic

Africa engaging and (un) weaving global conflicts in the 21st century

Dr Pinglawathie Udit, Independent Strategic Analyst, Human Rights and African Union

International Recognition and Ontological Security: The recalibration of Russia's external relations in the aftermath of its war in Ukraine

Dylan Yanano Mangani, Durban University of Technology

Voices from the Margins: Refugees' Experiences with Humanitarian Social Protection at the Tongogara Refugee Camp

Raramai Campbel and Dr Gracious Maviza, Alliance of Bioversity & CIAT, CGIAR

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Session 2A (Venue B4)

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Dysfunctional Global Financial Architecture or Dysfunctional Home Management? Explaining Africa's Lackadaisical Development

Prof Sevias Guvuro and Vivian Guvuro, University of the Free State

Gendered Space, Strange Desires: Liminality and Subversion in Emezi's *The Death of Vivek Oji*

Tina Magaqa and Prof Rodwell Makombe, North West University

Resilience Under Pressure: The Unseen Impact of Climate Change on African Peace and Security

Bongokuhle Khumalo, University of the Free State

Session 2B (Venue B4)

Chair: Prof Philani Moyo

Theme: Africa and Global Conflict Zones and Africa's Coup Epidemic

Consequences of Civil War and Displacement on the Status of Community Development in Africa

Ngaka Mosia, Khumalo B.S. and Mtengwane G., University of the Free State

17:30 – 17:45

Wrap-up of Day 1: Summary and Announcements (Venue B4)

Day 2: 21 November 2024

Programme Director: **Dr Divane Nzima**

Time	Session	Details
08:30 – 09:00	Registration and Coffee	Welcome and registration desk open (Venue B4)
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome Remarks by Campus Principal	Prof Prince Ngobeni
09:15 – 09:20	Introduction of the speakers	Dr Magaiza

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Plenary Session 3: 09:20 – 10:20

Global Pandemic Crises and Recoveries: Lessons Learnt for Reimagination: **Dr Mutshidzi Mulondo**

The Rise of the 'Shithole States': Africa Going Beyond Colonialism and Decoloniality:
Prof Hussein Solomon

10:20 – 10:40	Q and A
10:40 – 11:00	Coffee Break

Parallel Sessions 3: 11:00 – 13:00

Session 3A (Venue B4)

Chair: **Dr Gracious Maviza**

Theme: Migration, Climate Emergency and the Aftermaths of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Africa

Averting Climate Violence Exacerbating Childhood Sexual Violence in Neglected and Marginalized Communities: A Case of Seke District Zimbabwe
Tapiwanashe Hadzizi, Young Africa Intellectuals (YAL Group)

Inclusive Anticipatory Action for Climate Resilience: Managing Water and Land Resources in the Somali Region of Ethiopia

Ngowenani Nohayi, International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Southern Africa

Climate change and eco-anxiety amongst South African small-scale farmers: A review of decolonial recoveries,

Dr Ncamisile Mbambo, University of the Free State

Resilience in Crisis: Long-term Impacts of COVID-19 on Residential Care Homes for Children in Zimbabwe

Dr William Muchono & Clement Chipenda, Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University

Session 3B (Venue B3)

Chair: **Dr Joseph Makanda**

Theme: Africa and the Dysfunctional Global Financial Architecture the Aftermaths of the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Impact of Climate Finance and Insurance on Climate Resilience and Social Injustice in Southern Africa

Gadu Siyaxola, Alliance of Bioversity & CIAT, CGIAR

Rethinking Land Ownership and Access in Neo-liberal South Africa: The Case of Xolobeni

Dr Gift Mupambwa and Trevor Chaitzevi, North-West University

Democratisation and contested decolonial pathways/trajectories in post-1994 South Africa: the case of Rehana Rossouw's New Times

Peter Mooipi, University of the Free State

The climate-natural resources-conflict nexus amongst rural communities in Gwanda District, Zimbabwe: Unpacking complex dynamics and interactions

Dr Wayne Malinga, Lupane State University

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Parallel Sessions 3: 11:00 – 13:00 (continue)

Session 3A (Venue B4)

Chair: Dr Gracious Maviza

Theme: Migration, Climate Emergency and the Aftermaths of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Africa

Climate Risk Assessment for Refugee Camp Placement: Integrating Climate Hazards with Conflict and Land Use Dynamics

Jonathan Tsoka, Alliance of Bioversity & CIAT, CGIAR

TB Risk and Reprioritisation of Resources: Pre-COVID-19 and During the Pandemic

Mpolokeng Moetseloa, South West Gauteng College (TVET)

Session 3B (Venue B3)

Chair: Dr Joseph Makanda

Theme: Africa and the Dysfunctional Global Financial Architecture the Aftermaths of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Gender and Food Systems in Displacement Contexts: Experiences of Forcibly Displaced Populations in Mozambique

Thea Synnestvedt, Alliance of Bioversity & CIAT, CGIAR; Dr Anne Mette Lykke, Aarhus University; Dr Mandlenkosi Maphosa, Alliance of Bioversity and CIAT, CGIAR and Dr Gracious Maviza, Alliance of Bioversity & CIAT, CGIAR

Restructuring climate finance: prioritising African leadership in the global context

Prof Tom Okello, Chitongo L, Nuwarinda H and Kariuki P, University of the Free State

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch and Networking

Parallel Sessions 4: 14:00 – 15:30

Session 4A (Venue B4)

Chair: Dr Siyaxola Gadu

Theme: Vulnerabilities, Knowledges and Climate Emergencies

Assessing the Influence of Climate Change on Gully Erosion Using Precipitation and Temperature Data: Experiences from the Drakensberg Region

Nkadimo Tyhokolo and Mukwanda G. University of the Free State

Session 4B (Venue B3)

Chair: Nontombi Velelo

Theme: Climate imperialism, Peace and Security in Africa

Climate Imperialism: The Role of the Global North in Africa's Climate Crisis

Prof Tom Okello, Chitongo L, Nuwarinda H and Matiso L, University of the Free State

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<p>Session 4A (Venue B4) Chair: Dr Siyaxola Gadu</p>	<p>Session 4B (Venue B3) Chair: Nontombi Velelo</p>
<p>Theme: Vulnerabilities, Knowledges and Climate Emergencies</p>	<p>Theme: Climate imperialism, Peace and Security in Africa</p>
<p>The Multidimensional Vulnerability of Informal Entrepreneurs to Climate Change: A Case of Female Entrepreneurs in Qwaqwa <i>Jerit Dube, University of the Free State</i></p>	<p>Recovering from the Margins: Addressing Climate Change, Peace, and Displacement Through Decolonial Lenses <i>Shepherd Gudyani and Tamuka Davira, Great Zimbabwe University</i></p>
<p>Exploring the Role of Indigenous Knowledge for Climate Adaptation in Zimbabwe, Malawi and Zambia <i>Dr Emmah Mandishona, Walter Sisulu University</i></p>	<p>The Arrival of Service Delivery: An Examination of the Experiences of uMkhanyakude District in the Democratic Era <i>Zandile Ngubane, University of KwaZulu Natal</i></p>
<p>Integrating Nguni Spiritual Healing and Biomedical Practices in Post-COVID-19 Architecture: Towards a Holistic Healthcare Centre in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa <i>Hlengiwe Mbalenhle Ngubane, University of KwaZulu Natal, and Dr Majahmahle Nene Mthethwa, Durban University of Technology</i></p>	<p>Decolonisation of Climate Science: Elevating African Voices and Expertise <i>Prof Tom Okello, Chitongo L and Nuwarinda H, University of the Free State</i></p>
<p>From Crisis to Opportunity: How COVID-19 Accelerated Digital Transformation in African Libraries <i>Ojo Jacob Olanrewaju, Federal University Dutse</i></p>	<p>Collaborative Efforts Between Libraries and Health Authorities: A Model for Crisis Information Dissemination During the Pandemic <i>Dr Ahmed Muhammed, Ojo Jacob Olanrewaju, Federal University Dutse</i></p>

15:30 – 16:20	Wrap-up, reflections and future plans: Dr Gorden Moyo, Dr Divane Nzima, Dr Grey Magaiza and Dr Gracious Maviza
16:20 – 16:30	Vote of thanks: Prof Sethulego Matebesi
18:00 – 21:00	Gala Dinner

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Keynote Abstracts

Title of Address:

Securing Africa's Place in the Age of Polycrisis

Prof Adebayo Olukoshi,

University of Witwatersrand



Abstract:

It is now widely acknowledged that the world is in the throes of what observers have described as a polycrisis. It is a complex state of affairs in which multiple and interconnected crises have converged and are playing themselves out simultaneously in a mutually reinforcing manner. Various dimensions of this polycrisis have been discussed by analysts and suggestions have been made regarding their implications for the future of our planet generally, the dominant models of development around the world, and the prospects for late developers like the countries of Africa. Amidst the plethora of competing interpretations of the implications of the polycrisis for Africa's quest for its development, this presentation offers a critique which is anchored on the premise that the continent's core needs for securing and advancing the welfare and prosperity of its peoples must serve as the foundation on which all else is built.

Title of Address:

Global Pandemic Crises & Recoveries:

Lessons Learnt for Reimagination

Dr Mutshidzi Mulondo,

University of the Free State



Abstract:

Africa is in need of policy responses and recoveries which are sustainable for its positionality. In fact, it may be necessary for these responses to be suitable for a re-imagined Africa. Innovative, de-colonial responses are crucial. However, even with re-imagined solutions, it is essential that we learn from our recent pandemic- COVID19. This talk will focus on global pandemics as a global crisis and lessons learnt in an effort to explore a re-imagined global south pandemic-response. The talk will specifically focus on public health responses in Africa owing to the continent's positionality in global economic and knowledge empires.

Keynote Abstracts

Title of Address:

The Rise of the 'Shithole States':
Africa Going Beyond Colonialism and Decoloniality
Prof Hussein Solomon, *University of the Free State*



Abstract:

Former President Donald Trump famously referred to African countries as 'shithole' states. To be frank, whilst being more explicit than others, Trump merely reinforced the prevailing Western narrative that Africa was backward, a continent filled with impoverished people and corrupt leaders. Absent from this narrative is the complicity of the West, and increasingly other countries, in contributing to Africa's malaise. Decolonial scholars whilst correct in their critique, often do not go far enough in their critique. Often, these give African leaders a free pass, despite the fact that the emancipatory rhetoric of leaders often does not align with their oppressive and exploitative practices. In addition, many decolonial scholars lack strategic depth to their critique, and it is hardly ever a guide for serious policy inputs. As such, despite the popularity of decoloniality in academia, it hardly ever translates into practical policy recommendations. For Africa to have a chance to earn its rightful place amongst nations, this will need to change.

Keynote Abstracts

Title of Address:

Towards a just climate finance regime for Africa

Dr Ngobizitha Dube,

Infrastructure Development Bank of Zimbabwe



Abstract:

As the world moves towards the New Collective Quantified Goal on climate finance, it is paramount that Africa proffers contextual perspectives in the negotiations process. Climate justice moves beyond issues of energy and compensation but also focuses on justice in the distribution of global resources for climate change management. This paper focuses on justice in the climate finance arena from an African perspective. Specifically, the paper answers questions related to the pitfalls and alleviation point in the prevailing climate finance regime for Africa; African contributions towards global climate finance; Africa's access to global climate finance resources as well as the key advocacy points to be pursued by African states in the climate finance arena. The paper is based on a desk review as well as primary data perspectives from key climate finance experts on the African continent. Results shall contribute towards climate finance advocacy on the continent.

