The American Society for Public Administration 2021 Annual Conference

SECTION ON AFRICAN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (SAPA)

SAPA 2021 (VIRTUAL) SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

“Africa’s Development Governance Post COVID-19 Disruptions & Setbacks”
Opportunities for An Equitable Socio-Economic Recovery

Friday, April 9th, 2021, 9:00 AM to 3:10 PM (EST)

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Total Time for Each Panel: 60 minutes
Panel Moderator’s Introduction: 2 minutes (max)
Presentation: 8 -10 minutes (max) per panelist
Audience Q & A Engagement: 15-20 (max) minutes per panel
SYMPOSIUM OPENING REMARKS AND KEYNOTE SESSION

(9:00 am to 9:55 am EST)

Kendra STEWART - President, American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)
- Professor of Political Science and Public Administration and Director of the Joseph P. Riley, Jr., Center for Livable Communities at the College of Charleston

Rym KAKI – Chair of ASPA Section on African Public Administration (SAPA)
- Associate Professor and Vice Chair of The Department of Governance and Management at the University of Southern California, Sol Price School of Public Policy

Gedeon MUDACUMURA – Chair-Elect of ASPA Section on African Public Administration (SAPA) And SAPA 2021 Symposium Committee Coordinator
- President of Interdisciplinary Action Research Centers

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

John-Mary KAUZYA

Chief of Public Service Innovation Branch, Directorate for Public Institutions and Digital Government, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)

Jean Pierre ELONG MBASSI

Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa); Chairperson of the Cities Alliance Interim Management Board and Deputy Secretary General of the China-Africa forum of local governments

Margee ENSIGN

President of Dickinson College, PA, USA; Former President of the American University of Nigeria

Sofiane SAHRAOUI

Director General of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS)
Panel I: Public Leadership and Governance in Turbulent Times

(10:00 am to 10:55 am, EST)

Moderator: Genevieve MEYERS

Presenters:

○ John-Mary KAUZYA, (United National DESA)
  “Ten Priority Transformational Leadership Focus Action Areas (FARs) in the context of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Africa’s Renewed Change Leadership Challenge

○ Kwame Badu ANTWI-BOASIANKO (Stephen F. Austin State University)
  “Democracies in Times of Crises: A Comparative Analysis”

○ KEBA SYLLA (Queens Borough /CUNY Community College)
  “The Innovative Role and Responsibility of African Public Sector Leaders Facing new Challenges in Africa.”

○ James K. AGBODAZKEY (University of North Texas at Dallas) & Felix KUMAH-ABIWU (Pan-African Studies)
  “The Chronology of Public Administration in Africa: Can the Center Hold?”

○ Bismark MUTIZWA (University of Zimbabwe)
  “Unpacking Organizational Capacity in the Zimbabwean Public Sector During the COVID-19 Pandemic”

Panel II: Strategic Approaches to Fighting COVID-19

(11:00 am to 11:55 pm EST)

Moderator: Rym KAKI

Presenters:

○ Andrew I. E. EWOH (Texas Southern University) & Justina U. EWOH (The University of Texas Health Science Center)
  “Approaches to Containing COVID-19 Pandemic in Nigeria: Public Policy Responses, Challenges and Lessons Learned”
o Peter HARUNA (Texas A&M International University)
   “Fighting the COVID-19 in Development Perspective: Issues and Experiences in Ghana”

o Bakry ELMEDNI (Long Island University)
   “Fighting COVID the African Way: Policy Responses in Ethiopia and Sudan”

o Ahmed Nuhu AHMED (Kogi State University)

Panel III: Pandemic Response and Health Care Systems

(12:00 pm to 12:55 pm EST)

Moderator: David BELL

o Abbas MUGISHA (Kabale University, Uganda; Open University of Tanzania)

o Douglas KIMEMIA (Virginia Commonwealth University)
   “Health Pandemic Response: Case for Kenya and Tanzania”

o Oluwole OWOYE (Western Connecticut State University) & Olugbenga A. ONAFOWORA (Susquehanna University)
   “The Economic Impact of Infectious Diseases and the Health Care Systems in Africa”

o Bok Gyo JEONG (Kean University) & Victoria KAYINGO (Kean University)
Panel IV. Public Infrastructure, Capacity Building, and Free Trade

(1:00 pm to 1:55 pm EST)

Moderator: Bok Gyo JEONG

Presenters:

- **James K. AGBODZAKEY** (University of North Texas at Dallas) & **Sandra SCHROUDER** (Barry University)
  “Africa’s Governance Infrastructures: The Case of Cuba’s Medical Diplomacy in Healthcare Capacity Building”

- **Jean-Claude Mansanga NDONGO** (Florida Atlantic University)
  “The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement and public procurement in Africa”

- **Frank L.K. OHEMENG** & **Noah TUMFO** (University of Ghana)
  “Bureaucratic Capacity Building in Ghana’s Civil Service to Address Wicked Problems: Lessons from Co-Design Perspective?”

- **Reuel MEBUIN** & **Macsu HILL** (Rutgers University-Newark)
  “Africa’s infrastructural deficits and the implications on public health”

- **Erika Mamley OSAE, Andrew Kweku CONDUAH,** and **Mary Naana ESSIAW**
  (University of Professional Studies)
Panel V. Public Finance and Resource Management

(2:00 pm to 3:10 pm EST)

Moderator: Frank OHEMENG

Presenters:

- Sombo M. CHUNDA (Virginia Commonwealth University)
  “Breaking the cycle of public debt in Zambia: Proposing a framework for collective accountability”

- Pawla WENGA (John Hopkins University)

- David A. BELL (Indiana University Bloomington)

- Rym KAKI (University of Southern California)

Concluding Remarks

Rym KAKI (University of Southern California), SAPAChair