

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)

SAPA Symposium Organizing Committee (2021)

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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-BOASIAKO** (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. AGBODZAKEY** (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”

- **Peter HARUNA** (Texas A&M International University)
“Fighting the COVID-19 in Development Perspective: Issues and Experiences in Ghana”
- **Bakry ELMEDNI** (Long Island University)
“Fighting COVID the African Way: Policy Responses in Ethiopia and Sudan”
- **Ahmed Nuhu AHMED** (Kogi State University)
“Realities Of E-Governance: Rethinking Public Governance In Nigeria, Within The Context Of Covid-19”

Panel III: Pandemic Response and Health Care Systems

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

Moderator: David BELL

- **Abbas MUGISHA** (Kabale University, Uganda; Open University of Tanzania)
“Cross Border Business and Survival Mechanisms in The Context Of Covid-19: Empirical Evidence From Katuna Border”
- **Douglas KIMEMIA** (Virginia Commonwealth University)
“Health Pandemic Response: Case for Kenya and Tanzania”
- **Oluwole OWOYE** (Western Connecticut State University) & **Olugbenga A. ONAFOWORA** (Susquehanna University)
“The Economic Impact of Infectious Diseases and the Health Care Systems in Africa”
- **Bok Gyo JEONG** (Kean University) & **Victoria KAYINGO** (Kean University)
“Collaboration between Government, NGOs, and International Organizations responding to Children’s Needs during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Case of Uganda”

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)
“Twenty First Century African Public Infrastructure: Gaps Assessment and the Way Forward in a Resilient African Post COVID-19 Recovery.”

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)
“The State of Africa’s Financial Resource Management and the Role of Diaspora in Africa’s future”
- **David A. BELL** (Indiana University Bloomington)
“Utilization of African Resources: Power and Voice of China, African Nations, and NGOs”
- **Rym KAKI** (University of Southern California)
“Social Finance Institutions in Africa in the Wake of Covid-19 Pandemic: Managing Disruptions, Assessing Setbacks, and Leveraging Financial Technology Innovation”

Concluding Remarks

Rym KAKI (University of Southern California), SAPA Chair