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SECTION ON AFRICAN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (SAPA)



SAPA 2024 SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

“Pathways of Enhancing Resiliency in African Governance and Development”

**Minneapolis, Minnesota | In-person | April 12, 2024 | 9:00AM to 6:00PM
St Croix Room, Hyatt Regency Minneapolis**

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Presentation: 10 minutes (max) per panelist
Audience Q & A Engagement: 20 (max) minutes per panel

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SYMPOSIUM OPENING REMARKS

(9:00 AM to 9:30 AM)

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

(9:30 AM to 10:00 AM)



Dr. George Kojo Scott
Secretary General
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Dr. Anastase SHYAKA
Ambassador of Rwanda in Poland



Dr. Ghada BARSOUM
Associate Professor of Public Policy and Administration
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Dr. Brian LEVY
Professor of the Practice of International Development
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Panel I: Rebounding from Challenging Times

(10:15 AM to 11:25 AM)

- What are the key characteristics of community resilience in the African continent context?
- What are the roles of public administration in building democratic governance resilience?
- How does community-based leadership cultivate and sustain local democratic governance?
- How do home-grown approaches to resilience play out on the continent during challenging times?

Moderator: Peter Fuseini HARUNA (Texas A&M International University, USA)

Presenters:

- **Warner WOODWORTH** (University of Utah)
“Small Scale African Village Development Through Community Collaboration Strategies: Building Resilience and Social Justice from Bottom Up”
- **Mohamed AWWAD** (Egypt Ministry of Planning and Economic Development)
“Youth Participation in Peacebuilding and Public Affairs – The Case of Egyptian Youth”
- **Rym KAKI** (University of Southern California)
“Breaking the Barriers of NEET Youth Inclusion and Economic Resilience – The Case of Tunisian Youth”
- **Aminata SILLAH** (Townson University)
“Youth Engagement in the political landscape of Gambia and Pathways to Strengthen Their Resilience.”



Panel II: Methodological Innovations to Better Ascertain Local Circumstances

(11:30 AM to 12:40 PM EST)

- What methodology supports the acquisition of local knowledge?
- What methodological innovation arises in fragile states?
- Are there cases of public and private partnerships in policy design and implementation?
- What could scholars and practitioners offer in analytical frameworks to study community resilience (Insights for research, evaluation, and capacity training)?
- What roles do civil society organizations play in policy formulation and evaluation?

Moderator: Genevieve MEYERS (University of Detroit Mercy)

Presenters:

- **Juliana Abagsonema ABANE** (Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology)
“Assessing Local Community Resilience and Climate Change in Ghana: The Perspectives of Households in Ashanti Agogo, Ghana”
- **Jean-Claude Mansanga NDONGO** (I-DIEM)
“Gender Responsive Budgeting, Public Procurement, and Resilience in African Countries”
- **Monica Amanda Amelewoosi SIAW** (Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration) and **James K. AGBODZAKEY** (University of North Texas at Dallas)
“Institutional Design Darkside of Mining on the Human Side of Enterprise: Governance Intervention through Use of Policy Instruments and Building Resilient Communities”
- **Mohamed ECHKAOU** (Idaho State University) and **Shin Kue RYU** (Idaho State University)
“Measuring Federalism in Morocco: Operationalization Challenges and Its Effects”



Panel III-A: A Probe into African Political Institutions' Resilience

(1:30PM to 2:40 PM EST)

- What happens to systems and community resilience when democratic governance is failing or fails?
- What types of systems and community resilience exist during turbulence, volatility and conflict?
- How do governments on the African continent build capacity to address new and unforeseen challenges (tools of governance and their availability)?
- How do governments partner with local communities to support resilience (Comparative case studies of successful partnerships)?

Moderator: Bok Gyo JEONG (Kean University)

Presenters:

- **Kesley RICHARDSON** (Loyola University of Chicago)
“Successful Adaptation of Resilience in Fragile States through the Paradigm of Innovative Structural Change”
- **Oluwole OWOYE** (Western Connecticut State University)
“The Resilience of the Vital Institutions in African Countries in the 21st Century”
- **Peter F. HARUNA** (Texas A&M International University)
“Public Managers in Africa are at the Frontlines of Climate Action: Are They Ready?”
- **Sombo MUZATA** (James Madison University)
“Citizens’ Portrayals of Resilience in Zambia’s Debt Crisis”



Panel III-B: A Probe into African Political Institutions' Resilience

(2:50 PM to 3:50 PM EST)

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Moderator: Rym KAKI (University of Southern California)

Presenters:

- **Bakry ELMEDNI** (Long Island University)
"From Resistance to Emergency Response: Building Resilient Societies During War and Conflicts in Sudan"
- **Berhanu, MENGISTU** (Old Dominion University)
"How the Tribalization of Politics Stunts African Democracy."
- **Gedeon MUDACUMURA** (IARCPA, Executive Director)
"From a War-torn Country to Africa's Inspiring Success: Rwanda Miracle"
- **Martin JAM** (Idaho State University)
"Goat-tethering governance, the case of Former British Southern Cameroons and the Resilience of Ambazonians"



Panel IV: Theoretical Frameworks on Comparative Studies among African Nations

(4:00 PM to 5:00 pm EST)

- Are there identifiable characteristics that African nations have in common when facing adversity?
- How could the youth and grassroots organizations lend insights to making sense of resilience in diverse African countries?
- How could scholars, practitioners, and pracademics collaborate in building a contextualized African development governance?

Moderator: Aminata SILLAH (Towson University)

Presenters:

- **James K. AGBODZAKEY** (University of North Texas at Dallas) and Sandra SCHROUDER (Barry University)
“The Current State of Medical Diplomacy in Africa’s Healthcare Regime: The Parallel of COVID 19 and HIV/AIDS”
- **Keba SYLLA** (Queensborough Community College)
“What are the key characteristics of Community Resilience in the African Continent Context”
- **Phil Sibanda NYAKU** (Idaho State University)
“SADC’s Triadic Identity in Managing the Cabo Delgado Insurgency: Member States Veto Privileges and SADC’s Quest for Bureaucratic Autonomy”
- **Elijah AGYAPONG** (Regent University)
“Teaching Ethics and Values: A Content Analysis of Public Administration Programs in Africa”

Concluding Remarks

Rym KAKI (University of Southern California), SAPA Chair





SAPA Annual Business Meeting
(Open to all SAPA members)

5:00 PM to 6:00 PM a | St. Croix Room | Hyatt Regency Minneapolis

Presiding Section Chair: Dr. Rym KAKI



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