

# CODESRIA

## Gender Symposium

### Gender Alternatives in African Development: Theory, Method and Evidence

**Date: 27 – 29 October, 2005**

**Venue: Cairo, Egypt.**

## Programme

### Thursday, 27 October, 2005:

- 09.00 – 10.30: **Opening Session**
- i) Welcoming Statements:
    - a) Helmi Sharawy, Director of African-Arab Research Centre, Cairo;
    - b) Adebayo Olukoshi, Executive Secretary, CODESRIA.
  - ii) Opening Keynote Address:
    - a) Introduction of the Keynote Speaker
    - b) Keynote Address: Shahida El-Baz
- 10.30 – 11.00: Tea/Coffee Break
- 11.00 – 13.00: **First Working Session: Open and Hidden Gender Silences in the Theory and Practice of Development**
- Chair:** Christine Obbo
- Speakers:**  
Damian Opata, *Gender Silences in the Theories of Development*  
Manthiba Phalane, *Locating Gender in the Development Discourse: Overcoming Obstacles, Pushing for Progress*  
Irene Pogonson, *Contending Gender Issues and Multiple Worlds*
- Discussant:** Godwin Murunga
- 13.00 – 14.00: Lunch Break

14.00 – 16.00: **Second Working Session: Gender and Feminism in Re-thinking the Theory and Practice of Development**

**Chair:** Charmaine Pereira

**Speakers:**

Pinkie Mekgwe, *Theorising African Feminism: Incorporation*

Susana Awasom, *Random Discourses on African Gender Research in Development in the New Millennium and its Critics*

Zepheniah Muniko Marwa, *Integrating Gender Equity into the Development Index: Double-Edged Exploitation in Tobacco Production in Western Kenya*

**Discussant:** Majorie Mbilinyi

16.00 – 16.30: Tea/Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.30: **Third Working Session: New Modes of Social Mobilisation for Development, Democracy and Citizenship**

**Chair:** Marema Touré

**Speakers:**

Felisiah Arudo Yieke, *Engendering the Public Space: New Constitutional and Legal Strategies for Securing Women's Citizenship in Africa*

Christine Obbo, *Gender Equity and Human Rights in the Development Process*

Jessie Kabwila, *Confronting and Addressing Patriarchy in Africa's Quest for Development: The Case of Malawi*

**Discussant:** Adebayo Olukoshi

19.00 – 20.00: Welcoming Dinner

**Friday, 28 October, 2005:**

09.00 – 10.30: **Fourth Working Session: New Spaces for Engendering Development**

**Chair:** Susana Awasom

**Speakers:**

Patricia Hayes, *The Media in Women's Struggle for Equity and Voice*

Anthonia Simbine, *Strengthening Women's Voices and Representation in Africa*

Sylvie Mpon Tiek, *Engendering the Public Space: New Challenges and Directions*

**Discussant:** Godwin Murunga

10.30 – 10.45: Tea/Coffee Break

10.45 – 12.15: **Fifth Working Session: Gender in the Politics of Speaking to and Subverting Power**

**Chair:** Felisiah Arudo Yieke

**Speakers:**

Charmaine Pereira, *Subverting Power: Gendered Spaces for African Development*

Rabia Abdelkrim Chikh, *African Women Organising in a Globalised World*

Onalena Selolwane, *Speaking to power: Women's Encounter with the structures of traditional Power in Africa*

**Discussant:** Majorie Mbilinyi

12.15 – 13.15: Lunch Break

13.15 – 15.30: Visit to the Pyramids

20.00 – 22.30: Dinner/Nile Cruise

**Saturday, 29 October, 2005:**

09.00 – 11.00: **Sixth Working Session: Local Initiatives for an Alternative Development (I)**

**Chair:** Pinkie Megkwe

**Speakers:**

Cheikh Oumar Ba, *Gender and Rural Professional Organisations in Senegal*

Josephine Ahikhere, *Rethinking the Local, Recasting Development: A Highlight of Lessons from Women's Local Initiatives*

Lydia Wakarindi Wambugu, *Reflecting on the Local Initiatives of Refugee Women in the Great Lakes Region: A Case Study of the Kigoma and Kagera Region of Western Tanzania*

**Discussant:** Godwin Murunga

11.00 – 11.30: Tea/Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00: **Seventh Working Session: Local Initiatives for an Alternative Development (II)**

**Chair:** Onalena Selolwane

**Speakers:**

Perpetue Félicitée Menye Onana, *The Integration of Gender into Sustainable Human Development in Cameroon*

Lilian Siwila, *Women Coping with the Burden of Care-Giving in the Context of HIV/AIDS: A Challenge to Development in Developing Countries: A Case Study of Churches in Zambia*

Zealelem T. Temtime, *Gender and Entrepreneurship: Some Lessons from Botsawna*

**Discussant:** Marema Touré

13.00 – 14.00: Lunch Break

14.00 – 16.00: **Eight Working Session: Claiming Development through Culture and by Transcending Boundaries**

**Chair:** Mohaya Zaytoon

**Speakers:**

Bibi Bakare-Yusuf, *Gender Development through Culture*

Egodi Uchendu, *Towards an Understanding of Changing Masculinities for Gender Research*

Adeyinka A. Bruce, *Productive and Reproductive Roles of Women in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Development Agenda*

**Discussant:** Ndèye Sokhna Gueye

16.00 – 16.30: Tea/Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.00: **Ninth Working Session: Symposium Synthesis: Towards an Agenda for Research, Training and Policy Dialogue**

**Chair:** Shahida Elbaz

**Speakers:**

Marema Touré

Godwin Murunga

Majorie Mbilinyi

Onalena Selolwane

18.00 – 18.30: **Closing Session**

Closing Statement:

i) Helmi Sharawy, Director of Africa-Arab Research Centre, Cairo;

ii) Adebayo Olukoshi, Executive Secretary, CODESRIA.