



# ISTR Africa

African civil society research network

**4<sup>th</sup> ISTR Africa Regional Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, July 11-13, 2013**

**Venue: KIVI Milimani Hotel, Nairobi**

## **Programme Overview**

<b>DAY ONE: 11 JULY 2013</b>	
8:30-9:30	Registration
9:30-10:30	Welcome & Introduction Plenary
11:00-12:30	Plenary scholarly sessions
13:30-17:00	Plenary scholarly sessions
17:00	Cultural evening
<b>DAY TWO: 12 JULY 2013</b>	
9:00-10:30	Plenary scholarly session
10:45-12:15	Debate: Faith and Politics
13:45-15:15	Key Note lecture (Rev. Njoya)
15:30-17:00	Plenary scholarly session
17:00	Free evening
<b>DAY THREE: 13 JULY 2013</b>	
8:30-10:00	Plenary scholarly session
10:15-11:15	ACORD event
11:15- 12:15	Closing Plenary and vote of thanks
12:15-13:45	Lunch
13:45-16:00	Site visit to Kibera slum

**DAY ONE : 11 JULY 2013**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>
<b>8:30 – 9:30</b>	<b>Registration (Dineo, ISTRAN; Wilkister, ACORD)</b>
<b>9:30 - 10:30</b>	<b><u>Session1. Welcome &amp; Introduction Plenary</u></b> ISTR (Richard Wamai, Jacob Mati, Hagai Katz), IDS (Winnie Mitullah), ACORD (Ousainou Ngum)
<b>10:45 - 11:00</b>	Tea/Coffee Break
<b>11:00 - 12:30</b>	<b><u>Session 2: Faith, philanthropy, giving and volunteerism (Chair: Richard Wamai)</u></b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Susan Wilkinson-Maposa and Bev Russell. <i>Volunteering in Africa: understanding form and motivation</i></li> <li>2. Dineo Shirley Seabe. <i>Volunteering, class and race: examining how conceptions of neighbours and strangers influences how and whom volunteers choose to help.</i></li> <li>3. Hagai Katz. <i>Antecedents of entrepreneurial social engagement among young adults</i></li> <li>4. David Tshimba. <i>Online voluntary engagement and money contributions: The role of social causes and faith</i></li> </ol>
<b>12:30 -13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13.30:00-15:00</b>	<b><u>Session 3: A political economy of civil society</u></b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deborah Simpson: <i>Religious responses to HIV&amp;AIDS in South Africa</i></li> <li>2. Zecharias Berhe: <i>Challenges to civil society in Ethiopia</i></li> <li>3. Jacob Mwathi Mati. <i>Speaking truth to power? Faith based organisations and the search for a new constitution in Kenya</i></li> </ol>
<b>15:00 – 15:45</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>
<b>15:45- 17:00</b>	<b><u>Session 4: Faith and conflict in Africa (Chair: Dineo Seabe)</u></b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rev. Shalom Muwanguzi Nyenje &amp; Baker Sentamu. <i>Faith and conflict focusing on violent extremism in Africa</i></li> <li>2. David Tshimba. <i>When Faith Goes Numb: a case of violence in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo”</i></li> </ol>

	3. Peter Kiwumulo. <i>The relationship between faith based organizations and non government organizations in conflict management in Uganda</i>
<b>Cultural/Social evening</b>	
<b>DAY TWO: 12 JULY 2013</b>	
<b>8:30-10:30</b>	<p><b><u>Session 5: Faith, public sphere and the political economy of development (Chair: Jacob Mati)</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bev Russell: <i>Who is giving, why are they giving, and what role are faith based institutions playing in the mobilising of that giving</i></li> <li>2. LD Hansen. <i>The Thrust to Publicness.” On public theology and the public character of all theology with reference to the work of the Beyers Naudé Centre.</i></li> <li>3. Sholagbade, Abiola Eebi. <i>Islam and Christianity: A Contributions of “Faith-based Groups” to Socio-political and Economic Development of Epe, South-West Nigeria</i></li> <li>4. Paul Opoku-Mensah. <i>Religious NGOs and the politics of development</i></li> </ol>
<b>10:30-10:45</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>
<b>10:45-12:15</b>	<p><b><u>Session 6: Debate: ‘This house believes that faith and politics in Africa cannot be separated’</u></b> (proposers and opposers) (Chair, Paul Okumu, Africa Civil Society Platform)</p>
<b>12:15-13:45</b>	<b>Lunch and ISTR members meeting (Hagai, Jacob and Richard, Paul Opoku-Mensah, to coordinate)</b>
<b>13:45 - 15:15</b>	<p><b><u>Session 7: Key Note lecture (Rev. Njoya)</u></b> (Jacob Mati, Hagai Katz / ISTR to welcome)</p>
<b>15:15-15:30</b>	Tea Break
<b>15:30-17:30</b>	<p><b><u>Session 8: Faith and Governance: (Chair: 4. Paul Opoku-Mensah)</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Belisa Marochi: <i>Faith and third sector in participatory governance: opportunities and challenges for democracy?</i></li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Benaya Niyukuri. <i>How has and does faith affect the mechanics and trajectories of governing in Africa?</i></li> <li>3. Chidiebere James Onwutuebe. <i>Religious Interpretations, Gender Discrimination and Politics in Africa: Case Study of Nigeria</i></li> <li>4. Moustafa Khalil. <i>The Dynamics of Change in Egypt: The Habituation of Success and Failure in Egyptian Civil Society</i></li> <li>5. Christiana Atbil. <i>Does it Matter Where the Money Comes From? African Civil Society and the Question of Dependency on Foreign Donors: Implications for Citizen Participation and Sustainability</i></li> <li>6. Hippolyt Pul. <i>Taking Back from Caesar What Is God's: The Re-entry of Faith In the Public Sphere in Africa's Search for Democracy, Good Governance, and Sustainable Development</i></li> </ol>
	Free Evening
<b>Day Three (July 13, 2013)</b>	
<b>8.30-10:00</b>	<p><b><u>Session 8: Faith, Values and Civil society(ies) in Africa (Chair: Bev Russel)</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Megan Hershey. <i>Faith and Good Works: Understanding How Faith Status Affects Success among Kenyan NGOs</i></li> <li>2. Susan Wilkinson-Maposa. <i>Community Based Organisations: their theory of change for child wellbeing in African contexts</i></li> <li>3. Hippolyt Pul. <i>Boko Haram – terrorists or pioneers for the redefinition of the public space in Africa</i></li> <li>4. Jacob Waiswa. <i>Development of Buddhism in Uganda: Successes, Failures and Opportunities</i></li> </ol>
<b>10:00-10:15</b>	Tea/Coffee Break
<b>10:15-11:15</b>	ACORD event (Salome Zuriel: <b>Tolerance and Human Rights</b> )
<b>11.15-12.15</b>	<b>Closing Plenary; Vote of thanks, next steps (ISTR: Jacob, Richard, Hagai, Paul Opoku-Mensah)</b>
<b>12:15-13:15</b>	Lunch
<b>13:45-16:00</b>	Site visit to Kibera slum, 'ground zero' for CSOs