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## Third Annual Conference on Status of African Women

### Conference Aim

The aim of the conference is to bring together scholars involved in research on areas evolving around women and environment; gender issues and environment; women's socio-economic empowerment and environment; gender, environment and governance as well as documenting and preserving African women's knowledge and experiences in relation to environment.

**The African Women's Studies Centre (AWSC) of the University of Nairobi will hold a conference from October 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> with the theme: "African Women, Climate Change, Environment and Technology"**

### Thematic areas:

1. Impact of climate change on African women's lives.
2. Challenges facing women in the struggle for food security in the context of climate change and diminishing natural resources.
3. Appropriateness of science and technology for women in the context of environmental degradation.
4. Vulnerability of African women to natural disasters.
5. Gender issues in the preservation of African cultural indigenous knowledge in the era of technology.
6. Environmental effects on African women.

### CONFERENCE TIMELINE

#### Conference Dates:

14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, October 2020

#### Conference Link:

<https://uonresearch.org/current-events/rw-saw2020>

#### Website:

[awsc.uonbi.ac.ke](http://awsc.uonbi.ac.ke)

#### Registration deadline

September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020



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**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON THE STATUS OF AFRICAN WOMEN**

**Date:** October 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

**Conference Host:** Prof. Wanjiku Kabira

**Conference Chair:** Dr. Grace Nyamongo

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**DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

TIME	ACTIVITY & PERSON RESPONSIBLE
9.00-9.30am	<b>OFFICIAL OPENING and Presentation- Prof. Wanjiku M. Kabira</b> <b>“Women’s Leadership, Resilience and Livelihoods in Marginalized Communities: Experiences of Women in the IGAD Region.”</b>  <b>SESSION ONE: <i>MODERATOR. Grace Nyamongo</i></b>
9.30-10.30 AM	<b>SESSION TWO: <i>MODERATOR. Marygorety Akinyi</i></b> <b>THEME: African Women and Climate Change</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Gender Responsive Climate Smart Agricultural Plan, Monitoring , Evaluation and Learning System. <b>Mary Nyasimi, Inclusive Climate Change Adaptation for a Sustainable Africa (ICCASA)</b></li><li>➤ Gender concerns of Climate risks and their implications for Environmental and Livelihood sustainability  <b><i>Oluoko-Odingo AA, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Nairobi</i></b></li><li>➤ Gender Roles in Climate Change Adaptation of Crop Production in Kakamega County, Kenya <b>Caroline Mulinya, Kaimosi Friends University College – Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology</b></li><li>➤ <b>PLENARY</b></li></ul>

11. 00- 1.00 PM	<p><b>· 10.30-11.10 AM : HEALTH BREAK</b></p> <p><b>SESSION TWO CONT.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Women involvement in Climate Change through STEM education <b>Tabitha. Alango*<sup>1</sup>, I. Motochi, Department of Mathematics and Physical Sciences, School of Science and Information Sciences, Maasai Mara University</b></li> <li>➤ African Women’s Activities and their Contribution to Climate Change: An Overview <b>Julia Chege AWSC- University of Nairobi</b></li> <li>➤ Women and Climate Change triggered Conflict Nexus: The Case of Turkana Community <b>Christine Akoth Oyugi, AWSC- University of Nairobi</b></li> <li>➤ PLENARY</li> </ul>
1.00-1.45PM	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
2.00- 4.00	<p><b>African Women and Food Security</b></p> <p><b>SESSION ONE: <i>MODERATOR: Pamela Ngesa</i></b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Women Tackling Food Security Through Urban Farming: The Case of Kiserian, Kajiado County. <b>Lenity Kathanya, AWSC- University of Nairobi.</b></li> <li>➤ Integrating Gender-responsive Approaches to Natural Resource Management for Food Security <b>Jane Olago, AWSC – University of Nairobi</b></li> <li>➤ Women’s Leadership: Key to Sustainable Food Security in Africa. <b>Kanyi Mary Wambui, AWSC- University of Nairobi</b></li> <li>➤ African Women’s Knowledge in Food Security and Climate Change. <b>Reuben Waswa, AWSC- University of Nairobi</b></li> <li>➤ PLENARY</li> </ul>



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DAY TWO: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> , 2020

TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
SESSION TWO:	<b>African Women and Food Security Cont.</b>	<b><i>MODERATOR: Reuben Waswa</i></b>
9.30 AM – 11.15 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ African Women Traders in Nairobi: Their Roles in Feeding the City, 1963-1972 <b>Pamela Olivia Ngesa, Department of History and Archeology, University of Nairobi</b></li><li>➤ Knowledge Democracy Towards Food Security Policy Interventions in Tanzania: Insights from Women in the Drylands of Chamwino. <b>Mercy Nkatha, MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation, Nyerere Knowledge for Change Hub, Arusha, Tanzania.</b></li><li>➤ Role of Bio-fortified Crops in Mitigating Food Security in the Rural Households in Murang'a County: A Case of Women Farmers of Dry Land Arrow Roots. <b>Julia Chege, AWSC- University of Nairobi</b></li><li>➤ Socio-cultural and Economic values of Doum palm trees (hyphaene species) among the Pastoral Communities of Northern Kenya. <b>Anne N. Gudere, Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization, GIZ/GFA- Marsabit</b></li><li>➤ PLENARY</li></ul>	

11.15 – 11.45 AM	<i>Health Break</i>	
SESSION TWO: AFRICAN WOMEN'S SECURITY AND NATURAL PANDEMICS		
11.45- 1.00 PM	MODERATOR: <i>Pamela Ngesa</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Corona virus pandemic and the girl child: the case of the Maasai women in Kenya. <b>Parita Shah, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Nairobi.</b></li><li>➤ Psychosocial Insecurities affecting the African Woman in the era COVID 19 pandemic: A Systematic Literature Review <b>Kiingati John Bosco, Tangaza University College: Catholic University of Eastern Africa.</b></li><li>➤ Gender Responsive Social Distancing During COVID-19 Pandemic <b>Violet Nekesa Simiyu, Catholic University of Eastern Africa</b></li><li>➤ Gender Analysis of the Determinants and effects of the Covid-19 pandemic in Kenya, <b>Eddah Kanini, Kenyatta University/ Monitoring and Evaluation Professionals Association of Kenya</b></li><li>➤ Self-Quarantine: Personal Experience with Covid -19 <b>Jane Olago, AWSC- University of Nairobi</b></li><li>➤ Gender and COVID 19 Virus <b>Gender Wambui Ngang'a , AWSC,University of Nairobi</b></li><li>➤ <b>PLENARY</b></li></ul>	
1.00 PM-2.00 PM	LUNCH BREAK	
SESSION ONE: GENDER ISSUES, NATURAL RESOURCES AND INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE		
2.00.2.30 MODERATOR: Marygorety Akinyi		
GUEST/KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Professor: Inge Brinkman, African Studies, Ghent University, Belgium		
2.45-4.00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <i>My Name Will Not Be Lost.</i> (Re) Configuring Women's Identity through Storytelling in Chimamanda Adichie's 'The Headstrong Historian' <b>Selline Oketch, The Catholic University of Eastern Africa.</b></li><li>➤ African indigenous knowledge in Evaluation and Research- the Case of Kenya. <b>Eddah Kanini, Institution of Affiliation: Kenyatta University/ Monitoring and Evaluation Professionals Association of Kenya.</b></li><li>➤ An Overview of African Indigenous Knowledge and Practices: Challenges faced in Contemporary society. <b>Grace Nyamongo, AWSC- University of Nairobi.</b></li><li>➤ Kisii women's resilience towards gender issues that limit their access to natural resources in Kisii County, Kenya.</li></ul>	

**Doris Nyangoge Nyokangi -Kisii County Government & Lydia Nyamoita  
Mangoa, Egerton University.**

- Breaking The Tradition of Gender-based Nameless in *Run Gazelle Run* by  
Prof. Ciarunji Chesaina

**Gloria Nwandu Ozor Department of English and Literary Studies  
Faculty of Arts, University of Nigeria, Nsukka.**

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**ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON THE STATUS OF AFRICAN WOMEN. FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2020**

Date: October 16, 2020

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**DAY THREE: FRIDAY, October 16, 2020**

TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
9. 00 AM -9.30 AM		
SESSION ONE	<b>THEME: WOMEN AND ENVIRONMENT</b> <b>MODERATOR : PARITA SHAH</b>  <b>GUEST SPEAKER: PROFESSOR JOHN NZIOKA MUTHAMA</b>  <b>PLENARY</b>	
SESSION TWO:	<b>MODERATOR: PARITA SHAH</b> <b>THEME: WOMEN AND ENVIROMENT</b>	
9.30AM -11.00AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ A Gendered lens to women and environmental conservation <b>Josephine A. Obonyo, Institute of Women, Gender and Development Studies, Egerton University</b></li><li>➤ Women, The Silent Sustainable Environmental Governors <b>Wilkister A. Were, Kisii University</b></li><li>➤ Women's socio-economic empowerment and environmental wildlife conservation. <b>Ruth Mwangi, University of Nairobi</b></li><li>➤ Kenyan Women Living with Disabilities, Land Rights, Poverty and Multiple Jeopardy" <b>Dan Allan Kipkoech, University of Nairobi (School of Law)</b></li><li>➤ Violence Against Women and its implications on women's Security: The Case of Nyakach Women, in Kisumu County. <b>Jane Olago, AWSC- University of Nairobi</b></li><li>➤ Plenary</li></ul>	

<p><b>11.15AM -1.00PM</b></p>	<p><b>11.00 AM -11.15 AM. HEALTH BREAK</b></p> <p><b>WOMEN AND ENVIROMENT CONT.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Environmental Justice and The African Woman: <i>An Analysis of Kenya's Legislative and Policy Frameworks.</i> <b>Emmaquulate Kemunto Morang'a, University of Nairobi, School of Law</b></li> <li>➤ The Dilemma of Survival and Conservation: Narratives of Women Struggling between Using the Environment while saving it. <b>Joseph Mulekha, University of Nairobi</b></li> <li>➤ Participation of uniformed female personnel in United Nations Peacekeeping Missions: Enviromental Overview. <b>Martha Tureti, AWSC- University of Nairobi</b></li> <li>➤ The Impact of Floods on Kenyan Women: A critical Review of Media Coverage, Institutional Response and opportunities for Gender Responsive Mitigation <b>Elizabeth Ochola, AWSC- University of Nairobi and Marygorety, AWSC- University of Nairobi</b></li> <li>➤ PLENARY</li> </ul>
<p><b>SESSION ONE      THEME:    WOMEN AND TECHNOLOGY</b> <b>MODERATOR : PAMELA NGESA</b></p>	
<p><b>1.45PM-4.00 PM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Self-examination intimate DNA swabs to enhance prosecutions of sexual violence in Kenya, <b>Jessica Ritchie University of Leicester , UK, Lisa Smith, University of Leicester, Wangu Kanga, Wangu Kanja Foundation.</b></li> <li>➤ The challenges facing small scale tea pickers in the era of technology: The case of Nyamira County. <b>Grace Nyamongo, AWSC- University of Nairobi.</b></li> <li>➤ Technology and Changing Gender Roles: A Paradigm Shift in the Utilization of Environmental Resources <b>Joseph Mulekha, University of Nairobi</b></li> <li>➤ Women empowerment through technology: using social media to sustain livelihoods. <b>Margaret Ngugi, Department of Social Sciences and Education, Alupe University College, Edward Nyaura, Department of Social Sciences and Education, Alupe University College, Willice Abuya, Department of Sociology, Anthropology &amp; Psychology, Moi University, Eric Masese, Department of Sociology, Anthropology &amp; Psychology, Moi University</b></li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Drivers of access and utilisation of newcastle disease vaccines among women smallholder chicken farmers in Makueni, Kenya. Abel Wamalwa Simiyu, IAGAS- University of Nairobi</li> <li>➤ <i>PLENARY</i></li> </ul>
<i>4.00PM -4.15PM</i>	RECAP, WAY FORWARD AND OFFICIAL CLOSING BY DIRECTOR, AFRICAN WOMEN STUDIES CENTRE

