The 21ˢᵗ International Conference on Private Higher Education in Africa

Theme: Sustainable Development in HE: Reality or Hype?

09 – 11 May 2023, Inter Luxury Hotel | አዲስ አበባ :: Addis Ababa, ETHIOPIA :: ኢትዮጵያ |

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Program

Time	Events/Activities	Facilitator/Moderator
	Day One: Tuesday, 09 May 2023	
08:00—08:55	**Arrival and Registration**	**SMU Team**
09:00—09:40	**Opening Ceremony**	
	Opening Remarks ▪ Wondwosen Tamrat (PhD), President, St. Mary's University, **ETHIOPIA** ▪ Olusola Oyewole (Prof), Secretary General, Association of African Universities, **GHANA** ▪ Damtew Teferra (Prof), Founding Director, International Network for Higher Education in Africa, **SOUTH AFRICA** ▪ African Union Commission, **ETHIOPIA** ▪ Rita Bissoonauth (PhD), Director, UNESCO LO to AUC and UNECA, and UNESCO Representative to Ethiopia, **ETHIOPIA** ▪ Ministry of Education, **ETHIOPIA**	**Master of Ceremony** **Emmanuel M. Ntuli (PhD)**

09:40—10:30	**Keynote**
	Chair: Saeed Bakri Osman (Prof.)
	Rapporteur: Yalew Gorfu
	09:40 – 09:55 – Keynote 1: Higher Education and Sustainable Development, N.V. Varghese (Prof.), National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, **INDIA**
	09:55 – 10:10 – Keynote 2: University Leadership for Effective and Strong Research and Innovation Ecosystem as Catalysts for Sustainable Development, Teshome Yizengaw (PhD), Indiana University, **USA/ETHIOPIA**
	10:10 – 10:30 Discussion
10:30—10:50	**Health Break and Group Photo**
10:50—11:50	**Panel: Sustainable Development through Higher Education: Africa's Hurdles and Potentials**
	Chairperson: Damtew Teferra (Prof.)
	Rapporteur: Biniyam Ahmed
	Panelists
	▪ **N.V. Varghese (Prof.)**, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, **INDIA**
	▪ **Saeed Bakri Osman (Prof.)**, Association of African Universities, **SUDAN**
	▪ **Solomon Negash (PhD)**, Kennesaw State University, **USA**
	▪ **Firew Tegegn (PhD),** Bahir Dar University, **ETHIOPIA**
	11:50 – 12:05 – Solomon Benor [Ethiopia], MoE, Lessons learned from national academic journal accreditation system of Ethiopia
	Paper Presentations
12:05—13:00	**Chairperson:** Masresha Fetene (Prof.)
	Rapporteur: Tesfaye Tilahun
	12:05 – 12:20 – Nega Worku [USA], The missing link in educational technology in higher education in Ethiopia: Hybrid and blended learning approaches
	12:20 – 12:35 – James Munamati [Zimbabwe], Blended teaching and learning in higher education institutions: Experiences on selected universities in Zimbabwe
	12:35 – 13:00 Discussion
13:00—13:55	**Lunch Break**

14:00—15:30	**Chairperson:** Teshome Yizengaw (PhD) **Rapporteur:** Lamesgnew Negaligne
	14:00 – 14:15 – Emmanuel M. Ntuli [South Africa], Student voice to achieve access, relevance, equity and quality of higher education: A South African experience
	14:15 – 14:30 – Yekunoamlak Alemu [Ethiopia], Harnessing employability skills in higher education programs of post-pandemic Africa
	14:30 – 14:45 – Daniel Zewdie [Ethiopia], Teachers' and students' perceptions of teachers' role in preparing students for the labor market: The case of Saint Mary's University
	14:45 – 15:00 – Fred Awaah [Ghana], Is CESA (16-25) aiding the achievements of Agenda 2063?
	15:00 – 15:30 – Discussion
15:30—15:50	**Health Break**
15:50—17:00	**Chairperson:** Melaku Girma (PhD.) **Rapporteur:** Yeserash Alemu
	15:50 – 16:05 – Edward Mboyonga [South Africa], Repositioning higher education curriculum for sustainable development in Zambia: Perspectives of staff and students from selected private universities
	16:05 – 16:20 – Girma Moti Geletu [Ethiopia], The effectiveness of teaching, learning, research and innovative actions in higher education institutions with particular reference to Hawassa University, Ethiopia
	16:20 – 16:35 – Oforiwaa Gifty Gyamera [Ghana], Exploring global citizenship education in higher education institutions in Ghana: A decolonial approach
	16:35 – 17:00 – Discussion
17:00	**END OF DAY ONE**
Day Two: Wednesday 10 May 2023	
08:30—08:55	**Arrival and Registration**
09:00—10:30	**Chairperson:** N.V. Varghese (Prof.) **Rapporteur:** Tekalign Zewdie
	09:00 – 09:15 – Mohammed Yimer [Ethiopia], An exploration of normative frameworks and accountability mechanisms on the promotion of women's leadership and decision-making positions: Universities in focus
	09:15 – 09:30 – Benjamin Ansah [Ghana], STEAM education in Ghana: An interdisciplinary project-based approach to Biomimicry and CAD using a Cycle Car as a case

	09:30 – 09:45 –Amarech Kebede [Ethiopia], Do National Qualifications Frameworks enhance regional global integration?
	09:45 – 10:00 – Abdoulaye Salifou [Ethiopia], Why UNESCO Conventions on the recognition of qualifications concerning higher education are so important
	10:00 – 10:30 Discussion
10:30—10:50	**Health Break**
10:50—12:00	**Chairperson:** Belay Kassa (Prof.) **Rapporteur:** Nibretu Kebede (PhD) **10:50 – 11:05 – Titus Pacho and Robert Obogi [Kenya],** Tripartite role of service-learning in the context of higher education **11:05 – 11:20 – Manaye Adela [Ethiopia],** E-Learning practices, challenges and prospects in Ethiopian higher education: The correspondence with learning styles **11:20 – 11:35 – Biruk Shewadeg [Ethiopia],** Revisiting indigenization in Ethiopia's higher education: Eguale Gebreyohannes' and the conceptual tenets of 'በተዋህዶ ከበረ' **11:35 – 12:00 Discussion**
12:00 – 12:20	**12:00 – 12:15 – Mekdela Mekuria – Highlights (Summary of the Conference and potential action items)** **12:15 – 12:20 – Closing Remarks, Tedla Haile, Executive Vice President, St. Mary's University, Ethiopia**
12:20	**Lunch**
	End of Day Two
	Day Three: Thursday 11 May 2023: Guests experience Addis Ababa on their own