



## **Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians**

**FIFTH PAN-AFRICAN MEETING OF THE CIRCLE OF CONCERNED AFRICAN  
WOMEN THEOLOGIAN, KEMPTON PARK, SOUTH AFRICA**

**Dates: 7-11 August, 2013**

**THEME: Transforming Faith Communities into Safe Space: Conversations on  
Gender, Health, Religion, Culture and Empire**

**DAY ONE : 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

Circle Executive Committee Meeting (13H30-15H30)

OPENING AND WELCOME: 17H00-17H30

**PLENARY ONE : 17h30-18h30**

**Dr Fulata Moyo** (WCC): *Circles of Gendered Work: At Whose Expense? Navigating the Circle's Voluntary Leadership*, Madipoane Masenya (ngwan'a Mphahlele), University of South Africa, Presiding

**PANEL ONE: GENDER, HEALTH, HIV AND AIDS (PART ONE) 18H30-19H30:**

Phumzile Mabizela, INERELA, Presiding

**Panelists:**

1. Rita Dizinou (WCC/EHAIAH) (20min)
2. Jane Emily Wairimu (WCC/EHAIAH) (20min)
3. Maguy Lemba Mfumu (WCC/EHAIAH) (20min)

**DINNER: 19h30-20h30**

**DAY TWO: 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

**Devotion , Meditation and Housekeeping: 7H30-8H00 (Southern African Region)**

**PANEL TWO : WOMEN WITHIN SACRED SPACES : PART ONE (8h00-9h20) Rose Mary Amenga-Etego, University of Legon, Presiding**

1. Annalet van Schalkwyk, Unisa and Wilna de Beer (TLF) (20min)

*Tshwane Leadership Foundation as a space of safety, inclusion and celebration: The contribution of women members of TLF to urban African (women's) theology*

2. Christina Landman, University of South Africa (20min)

*Transforming faith communities into safe spaces – case studies from the eMakhazeni District in Mpumalanga, South Africa*

3. Esther Mombo and Heleen Joziasse, St Paul's Limuru (20min)

*Saved but not safe: Women discussing the absence of safety in the Church: A Case Study of Kabuku Parish Church*

4. Micheline Kasongo Kamba, Universite Protestante au Congo

(UPC) (20 min)

*God of Life, lead us to Justice and Peace: A reflection on violence against women with disabilities*

**PANEL THREE: WOMEN WITHIN SACRED SPACES : PART TWO (9h20-10h40)**

Elna Mouton, Stellenbosch University, Presiding

5. Esther Deborah eregbowa, Assemblies of God Church, Nigeria (20min)

*Women and their egalitarian struggles: A survey of the role of justice, peace and development committee (JDPC) of the Catholic Church in Nigeria*

6. Ogebegde Bosede Gladys , Ambrose Alli University, Nigeria (20min)

*Beyond the Pews: Rethinking the Status of Women in the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

7. Kunbi Adekunbi Labeodan, University of Ibadan (20min)

*The Dynamics of Women in Faith Communities: A Transforming Effect*

8. Funlola Olejede, University of South Africa (20 min)

*Women and the cry for justice in the Bible: An African reflection*

**SNACK BREAK: 10h40-11h00**

**PLENARY TWO: 11h00-12h00**

**Professor Elna Mouton**, Stellenbosch University, *Transforming (Christian) faith communities into communities of character?* Isabel Phiri (WCC), Presiding

**PANEL FOUR: GIRL CHILDREN AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (12h00-13h00)**

Helen Nambalirwa Makerere University, Presiding

1. Lois Moyo, University of KwaZulu Natal (20min)

*Aboard the ship to Tarshish: Navigating an ubuntu-driven ministry with child or youth-headed households (C/YHH)*

2. Tuyizere Alice, Makerere University (20min)

*Contribution of Female Theologians in addressing Gender Based Violence Risks against Secondary School Girls in Uganda.*

3. Consolata Achieng Norbert, Tangaza College / The Mango Tree

*Using Culture to Empower Community: the mango tree Orphan Support Trust*

**LUNCH BREAK: 13h00-14h00**

**PANEL FIVE: BIBLE, GENDER AND HUMAN DIGNITY (14h00-16H00)** Lilian Dube, University of San Francisco, Presiding

1. Helen Nambalirwa Nkabala , Makerere University (20min)

*Gender-Sensitive Ethical Model for Biblical Hermeneutics in Africa*

2. Jennifer Slater, University of South Africa

*Inclusiveness”- an Authentic Biblical Truth that Negates Distinctions: a Hermeneutic of Gender Incorporation and Ontological Equality*

3. Madipoane Masenya(ngwan’ a Mphahlele and Pumla Mtshiselwa), University of South Africa

*Mindful of ‘ādām? Reading Psalm 8 the Ecobosadi way*

4. Nontando Hadebe, Saint Augustin College (20min)

*The prophetic role of safe places: the incarnation of Jesus Christ as a model*

5. Juliaana Claassens, Stellenbosch University (20min)

*Female Resistance In Spite of Injustice: Human Dignity and the Daughter of Jephthah.*

**TEA BREAK: 16h00-16h15**

**PANEL SIX : GENDER, HEALTH, HIV AND AIDS (PART TWO) : 16h15-18h35**

Mason Adjakly (WCC/EHAIAH), Presiding

1. Beverly Haddad, University of KwaZulu Natal (20min)

*Exploring the writings of South African Circle women on the HIV epidemic*

2. Lilian Siwila, University of KwaZulu Natal (20min)

*“Heard but not seen:” Concerned African Women contributing to health, peace and wholeness through negotiated space. A narrative from the story of Namaan and the slave girl (2kings 5:1-26)*

3. Pauline Wanjiru Njiru, (20min)

*Learning to be mothers again: grandmothers raising children in the era of HIV at Mai Mahiu, Kenya.*

4. Lilian Dube, University of San Francisco (20min)

*Sexuality, Spirituality and Health.*

5. Tendayi Westerhof, Women`s Health, HIV and AIDS Southern Africa (20min)

*Faith communities in Zimbabwe scaling up effective integration of SRHR and services interventions, HIV and programmes*

6. Ruth Oluwakemi Oke, Federal College of Education (20min)

*'When Silence is No Longer an Option': Married Women and Sexual Violation within Marriage*

### **DINNER 18H45-19H30**

### **PANEL SEVEN: GENDER, HEALTH AND HIV & AIDS ( PART THREE): RESPONDENTS TO PAPERS FROM PANEL SIX : 19H30-21H00**

#### **Ayoko Bahun-Wilson: Presiding**

1. Pumzile Mabizela (INERELA) (20min)
2. Catherine Mwauryukufa (WCC/EHAIAH)(20min)
3. Yosi Appolos Maton (WCC/EHAIA) (20min)
4. Florence Zvisineyi Mbidzo (WCC/EHAIA) (20min)

### **DAY THREE : 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

#### **Devotion , Meditation and Housekeeping: 7H00-7H30 (Francophone Region)**

### **PANEL EIGHT: GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (7h30-9h50), Hazel Ayanga, Moi University, Presiding**

1. Charlene van der Walt, Stellenbosch University (20min)  
*Making the Silence Visible*
2. Excellent Chireshe, Great Zimbabwe University (20min)  
*The Church's response to domestic violence: An analysis*
3. Molly Manyonganise, Zimbabwe Open University (20min)  
*Zimbabweans and the prophetic frenzy: Fertile Ground for Women Sexual Abuse?*
4. Beatrice Okyere-Manu, University of Kwazule Natal (20min)  
*The ethical and theological implication of Human trafficking: the Modern day Slavery*
5. Anne Kubai, Upsalla University (20min)

*'Spiritually bound': 'folk religion', human trafficking and sexual exploitation of African women in Europe.*

6. Bridget Nonde Masaiti Mukuka, Zimbabwe (20min)

*Transforming Rituals and Teachings of Mutima Church of Zambia into a Safe Space for Women*

7. Eve Gertrude NGANGA NGONGO, épouse LOUVILOUKA, Eglise Evangélique du Congo (20min)

*La Bible, un Outil Necessaire pour La Guerison de tout l'etre*

### **TEA BREAK : 9H50-10H00**

### **PLENARY THREE: 10h00-11H00**

**Dr Teresia Hinga**, University of California,  
*Standing with Lumo and the Women of Lifebloom: Understanding the Intersection and overcoming the Violence of Extreme feminized poverty, Intimate Terror and Modern Day slavery in the age of (Global) empire*, Anne Kubai, Upsalla University, Presiding

**PANEL NINE: GENDER, POVERTY AND PROSPERITY GOSPEL (11h00-13H00)** Ana Masanga Maponda, Presiding

1. Annie Deche, St Pauls University, Limuru, Kenya (20min)

*Poverty for women, prosperity for the pastor": Empowering women in the era of Prosperity Gospel*

2. Hazel Ayanga, Moi University (20min)

*"Blessed are the Poor": Experiences of women in Prosperity Gospel Churches in Kenya.*

3. M. I. Oguntoyinbo Atere, Adeleke (20min)

*Wiping the Tears of the Nigerian Poor Women*

4. Ruth Muthei , Kenyatta University (20min)

*Poverty and its Impact on Gender relations: The case of Gender-Based Violence in Central Province Kenya.*

5. DJESSOU Epouse ATSIN Djoman Brigitte, Eglise Méthodiste Unie , Côte d'Ivoire (20min)

*Femmes Africaines, Evangile de prosperite et pauvrete en Afrique*

6. Eulalie KINTENGA KIRIBETA, Eglise presbytérienne de Kinshasa (20min)

*Femmes Africaines, Evangile de la Prosperite at Pauvrete en Afrique*

**PANEL TEN: AFRICAN WOMEN'S PLACE IN THEOLOGICAL/RELIGION EDUCATION (12h00-13h20)** Esther Mombo, St Pauls University, Limuru, Kenya, Presiding

1. Pacificah F. Okemwa, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology,(20min)

*The Place of Feminist/ women Theologies in the Curricula of Selected Institutions in Kenya*

2. Linda Naicker, Fransisca Chimhanda, Leomile Mangoedi, University of South Africa, (20min)

*Black Women Academics in Theological Education in South Africa .*

3. Madipoane Masenya (ngwan'a Mphahlele), University of South Africa (20min)

*For Ever Trapped? An African Voice on Insider/Outsider Dynamics within Gender-Sensitive Frameworks .*

4. Rose Mary Amenga-Etego, University of Legon (20min)

*God-Talk and Masculinity in African Indigenous Religions: A Perspective.*

**LUNCH PACKS, SOWETO OUTING / SHOPPING 13: 13h30-18h30**

**DINNER: 19h00-20H00**

**DAY THREE: 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

**Devotion , Meditation and Housekeeping: 7H30-8H00 (East African Region)**

**PANEL ELEVEN**

**GENDER, RELIGION HEALTH AND (SINGLE) WOMEN (8h00-10h00): Kunbi Labeoadan (Presiding)**

1. Marthe Maleke Kondemo, University of South Africa (20min)

*Women right and dignity: A gender sensitive rereading of the book of Ruth within the context of single and childless women in the Anamongo context / DRC*

2. Celestina Omoso Isiramen, Ambrose Alli University (20min)

*The Single Woman and Nowadays Churches: A Haven Or A Hoax?*

3. Kudzai Biri, University of Zimbabwe

*Jesus' Wives?: Pentecostalism and the Discourse of Singlehood in Zimbabwe*

4. Catherine Mumbi Wanjohi (WCC/EHAIAH)

*The plight of sex-workers*

5. Edinendi Essiomle (WCC/EHAIA)

*HIV and AIDS and Sexual minorities*

6. Eva Sebastiao Cosme (WCC/EHAIAH)

#### **TEA BREAK : 10h00-10h15**

#### **PANEL TWELVE: WAR/ CONFLICT, WOMEN AND PEACE KEEPING EFFORTS IN AFRICA(10h15-12h15)** Celestina Omoso Isiramen, Ambrose Alli University (Presiding)

1. Bernadette Yema Kadie Massaquoi, St Pauls University, Limuru, Kenya (20 min)

*"Learning to Live Together": Muslim and Christian Women in post war Sierra Leone*

2. Miriam Rono, Moi University (20min)

*"House of the Belt": Building Knowledge across the generations for the recovering of Peace and reconciliation; a case of the Nandi of Kenya*

3. Lanre-Abass Bolatito A, University of Ibadan (20min)

*Violent Upheavals and Muslim Women Peacekeeping-Mission in the Face of Patriarchal ideologies in Africa*

4. Rev. Sylvia Owusu-Ansah, Central University College (20min)

*Women's role in Conflict Mediation and Sustainable Building of Peaceful Relations in Ghana*



5. Onah Nkechinyere Gloria, University of Nigeria (20min)

*Ethno-Religious Conflicts in Nigeria: Implications on Women*

6. Pasteur BOUNDA NÉ N'GUENISSADILA PRISCA Nadège, République du Congo-Brazzaville (20min)

*Ethique et Intersubjectivité en Contexte Armée en Afrique*

### **LUNCH 12h15-13h30**

### **PANEL THIRTEEN: WOMAN'S PLACE IN DIFFERING AFRICAN CONTEXTS (13h30-15h45):** Pasteur BOUNDA NÉ N'GUENISSADILA PRISCA Nadège : Presiding

1. Anastasie MASANGA MAPONDA, Université d'Etat Joseph Sasa Vubu (20min)

*Femmes et vie Professionnelle en RDC Questions de Fond*

2. TIOMBOU « EPSE » TATEPON Pauline, Eglise Evangélique du Cameroun (20min)

*Genre, Religion et Bouleversement Politique en Afrique*

3. Rév. Espérance Nelly KADO MFOUTOU, Université Protestante de Brazzaville, (20min)

*Pour une Dynamique Intégrative Féconde*

4. Joséphine MASIALA PHAMBU, UPFAC, DRC

*La Femme Comme socle de L'éducation pour la Société*

5. Eimuhi Justina Onojerena, AMBROSE ALLI UNIVERSITY(20min)

*Challenges of an Ideal Christian Woman in a Traditional Nigerian Society*

6. Marie Jeanne LUSIKILA NSIMBA MIAMBALU,

*Quel Portrait de la Femme pour une Société Moderne ?*

### **TEA BREAK: 15H45-16H00**

### **CIRCLE BUSINESS MEETING & ELECTIONS : 16h00-17h30**

### **GALA DINNER: 18H00**

### **DAY FIVE: 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST,**

**DEPARTURES / BON VOYAGE**