



## **SAPA 2020 SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM**

### **Vision 2020 for Africa's Development Transformation: Challenges & Opportunities**

**American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Annual Conference  
Section on African Public Administration (SAPA)  
Friday, April 3, 2020 - 1:00 pm – 6:15 pm, Room: Salon 8  
Hyatt Regency Orange County Hotel, Garden Grove, CA**

#### **SAPA Symposium Organizing Committee (2020)**

*Simone Martin-Howard (Chair)*  
*Gedeon Mudacumura (Member)*  
*Bok Jeong (Member)*

#### ***Total Time for Each Panel (5 Papers): 60 Minutes***

Panel Chair's Introduction: 3-5 minutes (max)  
Presentation: 8-10 minutes (max) for each of 5 papers  
Audience Q & A: 15-20 (max) minutes per panel

**WELCOME AND KEYNOTE SESSION**  
**(1:00 pm to 2:00 pm)**

- **Paul Danczyk**, (University of Southern California), President, American Society for Public Administration (ASPA);
- **Rym Kaki**, (University of Southern California), Chair of ASPA Section on African Public Administration (SAPA);
- **Simone Martin-Howard**, (LIU-Brooklyn), Chair of SAPA 2020 Symposium Committee;
- **Keynote Speakers:**
  - H.E. **Anastase Shyaka**, (Rwandan Minister of Local Governments);
  - H.E. **Mathilde Mukantabana** (Rwandan Ambassador to the USA).

**PANEL I: Vision 2020 for Transformative Leadership and Governance In Africa**  
**(2:00 pm to 3:15pm)**

**Moderator: Dr. Jessie Rose Mabutas**

**Presenters:**

1. **Emmanuel Nnadozie & Herbert Robinson** (The African Capacity Building Foundation, Harare, Zimbabwe): *“Transformative Leadership in Africa: Capacity Requirements for Africa’s Development”*;
2. **Bok Jeong** (Kean University) & **Sara Compion** (Kean University): *“The Effect of Women’s Leadership on Social Enterprises in Southern and Eastern Africa: Economic, Social and Governance Dimensions”*;
3. **James Agbodzakey** (University of North Texas at Dallas): *“Africa’s Governance Infrastructures: The Case of Cuba’s Medical Diplomacy in Healthcare Capacity Building”*;
4. **Ponmile Olonilua** (Texas Southern University): *“Promoting Public Involvement in Disaster Risk Communication in Nigeria”*;
5. **Macsu Hill** (Rutgers University-Newark) & **Reuel Mebuin** (Rutgers University-Newark): *“How can African Youth be more Empowered and Engaged in their Respective Countries’ Development Governance?”*;

**PANEL II: Fostering Effective Development Policy and Management  
(3:15 pm to 4:15 pm)**

**Moderator: Dr. Gedeon Mudacumura**

**Presenters:**

1. **Simone Martin-Howard**, (Long Island University-Brooklyn): *“Narratives from Government Officials and NGO Staff: A Case Study on Teenage Pregnancy in the Western Cape, South Africa”*;
2. **Sombo M. Chunda**, (Virginia Commonwealth University): *“Changing the Narrative? Understanding Entrepreneurship in Africa”*;
3. **Aminata Sillah**, (Towson University) & Sait-Matty Jaw (University of The Gambia): *“Public Service Delivery: What Government Thinks and what Citizens want – A Case Study of the Gambia”*;
4. **Mitzi Romina Salgado**, (University of Southern California): *“The Influx of Cameroonian Asylum Seekers at the Northern US-Mexico Border”*;
5. **Ezechiel Sentama**, (Coventry University): *“Local Government in Post-Violence Recovery: Lessons from Post-Genocide Rwanda”*.

**PANEL III. African Infrastructure: Assessment of Gaps and Opportunities  
(4:15 pm – 5:15 pm)**

**Moderator: Dr. Peter Haruna**

**Presenters:**

1. **Bernard Munezero**, (University of Lay Adventists of Kigali): *“The African Infrastructure: Strategies to Closing the Gaps”*;
2. **Peter Haruna**, (Texas A&M International University): *“Africa in Light of Agenda 2063 Goals: Gaps and Inequalities in Social-cultural and Economic-physical Infrastructure”*;
3. **Bakry Elmedni**, (Long Island University-Brooklyn): *“Public Sector's Role in Promoting the State of Infrastructure in Sudan”*;

4. **Kwame Antwi-Boasiako**, (Stephen F. Austin State University): *“Deconstructing and Constructing an Effective Leadership in Africa”*
5. **Albert Ahenkan**, (University of Ghana Business School): *“Corporate Environmentalism: An Assessment of Sustainability Reporting among Firms in Ghana”*

**PANEL IV: Public and Development Finance  
(5:15 pm to 6:15 pm)**

**Moderator: Dr. Rym Kaki**

1. **M. Patrice Bourdeau-Quispe**, (Florida International University) & Julius A. Nukpezah (Mississippi State University): *“What Have we Learned from Ghana’s Efforts at Fiscal Decentralization? A Review of Decades of Scholarly Works on a Transition Economy”*;
2. **Genevieve Enid Meyers**, (University of Detroit Mercy): *“Development and the Challenge of Gender-responsive Budgeting in Africa: The Case of Uganda”*;
3. **David Bell**, (Indiana University): *“Pro-Poor Financial Sector Development: Strengthening Ethical Leadership through Understanding Ethical Dilemmas”*;
4. **Papa M. Tandia**, (United Nations Development Program) *“An Empirical Analysis of the Link between Corruption, Human Capital and Social Development: Evidence from Southern Africa”*;
5. **Rym Kaki**, (University of Southern California): *“Development (Social) Finance Innovations and Poverty Reduction: Toward an Integrated Assessment Framework to Strengthen Public & Third Sector Social Finance Management and Oversight Capacity: Comparative Lessons from North Africa”*;

**Concluding Remarks:** *Rym Kaki*, (University of Southern California), SAPA Chair.