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**CEPARRED & PIDI CONFERENCE**  
ON  
**WOMEN AND HIGHER EDUCATION IN AFRICA:**  
**Engendering Human Capital and Upgrading Human Right to Schooling**

**CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, NEW YORK**  
**March 28-30 2002**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

**4:30 am-6:30 pm**

**AFRICANA STUDIES AND RESEARCH CENTER**  
**310 TRIPHAMMER ROAD**

*General introduction to the theme followed by a reception*

Professor **Aklilu Habte**

Former President of the University of Addis Ababa,  
and former Minister of Culture, Sports, and Youth Affairs, Ethiopia  
“Gender, Capacity Development, and Higher Education in Africa:  
Reflections on the Past and the Future”

Introduction by Professor **Locksley Edmondson**, (Cornell University)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 401 WARREN HALL**

**8:15 -8:45am**

*Breakfast*

**8:45-9:00am**

*Opening Session*

Professor **Tukumbi Lumumba-Kasongo**, (Cornell University, Wells College, and CEPARRED-Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire)

Professor **Ravi Kanbur**, (PIDI/Cornell University)

Professor **Paul N’DA**, (Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research/Université de Cocody Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire)

Professor **N’Dri T. Assié-Lumumba**, (Cornell University and CEPARRED-Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire)

Professor **Henry Richardson**, (Cornell University)

**9:00-10:30am**

*Session A*

***Old and New Development Paradigms, Higher Education, and the Basis of Gender Inequality:  
General Issues and Approaches***

Chair: Professor **Anne Adams**, (Cornell University)

Presenter: Professor **Teboho Moja**, (New York University, “Subtle Politics of Exclusion in Higher Education: the Absence of Gender Issues in the Globalization Debates”

Discussant: Professor **Winnie Taylor**, (Cornell University)

Presenter: Professor **Ravi Kanbur**, (Cornell University), “New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD): An Initial Commentary”

Discussant: Professor **Josephine Allen**, (Cornell University)

Presenter: Professor **Adebayo Olukoshi** (Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa-CODESRIA, Dakar, Senegal), “Political Economy of Structural Adjustment in Africa and Its Implications in Higher Education with a particular Reference to Gender Inequalities”

Discussant: Professor **Lourdes Beneria**, (Cornell University)

Paper prepared by Professor **Rémi Clignet**, (University of Maryland and *Institut de Recherche Démographique*, Paris) "Mismeasuring gender disparities in university enrollments"

Presenter/Discussant: Professor **Leslie Miller-Bernal**, (Wells College)

**10:30-10:45am**

*Break*

**10:45am-12:15pm**

*Session B*

***Theoretical and Policy Issues on Human and Women Rights in Higher Education***

Chair: Ambassador/Professor **Yolande Tano**, (UNESCO, Paris, France)

Presenter: Dr. **Anne Sidonie Zoa**, (La Maison Africaine, Montréal, Canada), "*Les Jeunes Filles Face à L'Enseignement Supérieur: Précarité économique et représentation sociale en Afrique subsaharienne*"

Discussant: Professor **Nancy Kwang Johnson**, (Colgate University)

Presenter: Dr. **Emma Akoua Atchrimi**, (Centre canadien d'étude et de coopération internationale/Projet droits et citoyenneté des femmes en Afrique francophone-CECI/dcf, Bamako, Mali), "*Education Universitaire et Droits des Femmes en Afrique Francophone*"

Discussant: Professor **Lydie Haenlin**, (Wells College)

Presenter: Professor **Cyril Daddieh** (Providence College), "Attitudes of Ghanaian Students Regarding Issues Confronting African Higher Education with a Particular Attention to Gender"

Discussant: Professor **Susan Piliero**, (Cornell University)

Paper prepared by Professor **Philip Higgs**, (University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa) "Theoretical and Policy Implications of Inequalities in South Africa"

Presenter/Discussant, Professor **Margaret Washington**, (Cornell University)

**12:15-1:15pm**

*Lunch*

**1:15-2:45pm**

*Session C*

**Gender and Women Issues in Labor and Higher Education in Specific Case Studies**

Chair: Vice Provost **Robert Harris**, (Cornell University)

Presenter: Professor **Amiya Kumar Bagchi** (Center for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, India), "Women's employment and well-being in East and South-east Asia: Lessons for Africa"

Discussant: Professor **Asma Barlas**, (Ithaca College)

Presenter: Professor **Denise Houphouët-Boigny**, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research/Université de Cocody (Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire) "*Femme et Education Scientifique: le Cas de l'Enseignement Supérieur en Côte d'Ivoire*"

Discussant: Professor **Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue**, (Cornell University)

Presenter: Professor **Penina Mlama**, (Forum for African Women Educationalists-FAWE, Nairobi, Kenya) "The Significance of Higher Education in Education Reform in Africa – the FAWE Experience"

Discussant: Professor **Micere Mugo**, (Syracuse University)

Presenter: Ms. **Mary Materu-Behitsa**, (Association of African Universities-AAU Accra, Ghana), "Experiences and prospects for gender parity in African universities: A perspective from the AAU"

Discussant: Ms. Christine Lubwa Oryema-Lalobo, (Gates Foundation, Kampala, Uganda and Association of African Women for Research and Development-AAWORD, Dakar, Senegal)

**2:45-3:00pm**

*Break*

**3:00-4:30pm**

*Session D*

**Women and Epistemological and Phenomenological Questions of Change:  
What Science and Which Knowledge?**

Chair: Dr. Jean Claude Brou, (Banque Centrale des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest-BCEAO, Dakar, Senegal)

Presenter: Professor Josephine Beoku-Betts, (Florida Atlantic University), "Learning Science, Doing Science: African Women Scientists and the Production of Knowledge"

Discussant: Professor Peyi Soyinka Airewele, (Ithaca College)

Ms. Ruth Bamela Engo, (African Action on AIDS), "Civic Competence and the Effectiveness of Academic Activities in Challenging Poverty in Africa"

Discussant: Professor James Turner, (Cornell University)

Presenter: Professor Changu Mannathoko, (UNICEF, Nairobi, Kenya), "Breaking the Second Wall of Silence: Addressing Gender, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS in Education"

Discussant: Professor Ayele Bekerie, (Cornell University)

Presenter: Dr. Achola Pala Okeyo (UNDP), "Reflections on Women and the Production of Knowledge"

Discussant: Professor Aklilu Habte

**4:30-5:15pm**

*Session E*

**Major Issues and Looking Forward**

Chair: Professor David Lewis, (Cornell University)

-Professor Muxe G. Nkondo, (University of Venda of Science and Technology, South Africa)

-Dr. Lucila Bandeira Beato, (DEPIS/DPEIBGE Foundation, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

-Ms. Marieme Lo, Graduate Student, (Cornell University)

-Mr. Gatua Wa Mbugwa, Graduate Student, (Cornell University)

**5:15-5:30pm**

**Closing Remarks**

Professor T. Lumumba-Kasongo

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