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ON WOMEN AND HIGHER EDUCATION IN AFRICA:
Engendering Human Capital and Upgrading Human Right to Schooling
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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)
Preliminary Program for the CEPARRED’s Seminar of March 28-30, 2002

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 Éducation 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)

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)

Discussant: Professor James Turner, (Cornell University)

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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