

PROGRAMME

3rd AFRICA IN TRANSITION CONFERENCE

**Fostering Transformation of Global Africa through
Education, Investment, Innovation, and Partnerships**

San Marino Hotel

ACCRA, GHANA

OCTOBER 8-10, 2026

October 7: Welcome 'Meet and Greet' Session @ 7:30pm

Main Conference Room, San Marino Hotel

DAY 1: October 8 (San Marino Hotel)

8:30-9:30 am Registration and Opening Session

Opening Remarks: Professor Ian Boxill, Conference Chair, ACCD and UWI, Jamaica

Remarks: Dr Kofi Osei-Kusi, President of the Pan African Leadership Institute (PALI), Ghana

Remarks: Kevoy Burton, President of the Africa Caribbean Association of Ghana

Remarks: Professor Johannes Maerk, IDEAZ Institute & University of Applied Sciences, Austria

Featured Address: The Most Honourable P.J Patterson, Former Prime Minister of Jamaica and

Statesman in Residence, PJ Patterson Institute for Africa Caribbean Advocacy, UWI, Mona. (Video presentation)

Special Session

9:30-10:00 Book Launch and book signing: Obasanjo, O. (Ed.). (2025). *Lest we forget: Slavery, slave trade, colonisation, emancipation and reparations* (P. J. Patterson, Foreword); Remarks by Professor Paulette Ramsay, PJ Patterson Institute for Africa Caribbean Advocacy, UWI, Mona.

SESSION 1

10:00am—11.30am: Main Conference Room

Panel 1: Education, Literature, Culture and Development

1. **Foundational learning matters: Considering enablers and constraints in advancing early childhood education in Jamaica and Ghana**, Professor Zoyah Kinkead-Clark, The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica and Dr. Joyce Esi Tawiah-Mensah, University of Cape Coast, Ghana.
2. **Voices of the River: Tracing Cross River Ékpè and Cuban Abakuá in Luz Argentina Chiriboga's Jonatás y Manuela**, Dr Kaezia Aletheia Mills, The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.
3. **The perspectives of high school physical science teachers on the teaching and learning of kinematics graphs**, Itumeleng Phage Central University of Technology, Free State, South Africa.
4. **Building the Orange Economy through Music Education: A Caribbean Model for Decolonised Certification**, H. Stefan Walcott, M. Grace-Anne Jackman and Donna-Maria B. Maynard, The University of the West Indies, Barbados.

SESSION 2

11:30am—1:00pm: Main Conference Room

Panel 2: Developing AI capacity and collaboration in Africa and the Caribbean

“The Africa Caribbean AI Hub”, a project of the PJ Patterson Institute for Africa Caribbean Advocacy, UWI and the Afreximbank, by Professor Paulette Ramsay and Mickel Hylton, PJ Patterson Institute for Africa Caribbean Advocacy, The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.

1:00--2:00: LUNCH

SESSION 3

2:00pm--3:30pm: Main Conference Room

Panel 2: The Orange Economy and Economic Development

1. ***Strengthening Cultural Economy Policy as a Driver for Global Africa’s Transformation: Capacity Building meet Investment Readiness and South-South Partnerships in the Caribbean and Africa***, Dr Deborah Hickling Gordon, Institute of Caribbean Studies, The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.
2. ***Ancestral Mediascapes: Broadcast Radio as Sites of Memory and Archive***, Colleen Douglas, Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts, Jamaica.
3. ***From Kingston to Global Africa: Dancehall Culture, Creative Industries, and the Transformation of Transnational Black Identities***, Professor Donna Hope, The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.
4. ***Destination Nollywood: Exploring the Connections between Film and Tourism in Nigeria***, Dr. Emiel Martens, The University of the West Indies, Mona and Edmund Onwuliri, University of Abuja.
5. ***Orange Economy, Heritage Justice, and Peace Management: Reclaiming Indigenous Cultural Economies along the BaTwa Heritage Corridor from Urewe to Southern Africa***, Dr Lethiwe Zondo, South Africa

SESSION 4

3:30pm—5:00pm

Panel 6: Human Resource Development, Technology and Government Policy

1. ***Joined-Up Government and Governance Integration in Anti-Corruption Administration: Institutional Coordination in Ghana and Comparative Lessons***, Professor Philip Duku Osei, University of Ghana, Ghana.
2. ***Who Am I (At work)? The development, growth and potential destruction of the Work Identity***, Carol Belle-Hallsworth, CITS, The University of the West Indies at Cave Hill, Barbados.
3. ***Innovative Community Entrepreneurial Venture Beyond Border: Utilizing The Rudiments of Short Term Small Business Development Training Course in The Orange Economy***, Dr Olivene Burke, The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.
4. ***Community-Led Peace Management in August Town: The Role of the August Town Peacebuilders***, Angella Harris and Michelle Williams, The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.
5. ***Ghana, Jamaica, and the Politics of Return in an Africa in Transition***, Dr Aieka Yasheva Smith, Dexroy Martin & Javaughn Munroe, The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.

Coffee Break: 5:00—5:15pm

SESSION 5

5:15—5:30: Wrap-up and announcements

End of Day 1 (Free Night)

DAY 2: October 9 (San Marino Hotel)

SESSION 6

9:00am—10:30am Main Conference Room

Panel 3: Environment, Health, Climate, Food Security and Sustainable Development

1. **Models, Policies and Practices for Sustainable Development across the AfroCaribbean region: Agro-Energy Considerations towards Enhanced Food Productivity**, Tracy-Ann Hyman, SKOLASTIK OASIS CARIBBEAN (SOC), Jamaica; Daniel Campbell, SKOLASTIK OASIS CARIBBEAN (SOC); Uchendu Chigbu, Namibia University of Science and Technology and Maurice Mason, The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Jamaica
2. **Climate Change Legislation: A Comparative Analysis of Kenya and Saint Lucia**, Britannia Johnson, The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.
3. ***Locally Led Adaptation for Environmental Change and Sustainable Development in Ethiopia's Lowlands: Pathways to Pastoral and Agro-Pastoral Resilience***, Dr Husen Maru Ahmed, Senior Researcher, Horn Economic and Social Policy Institute (HESPI), Ethiopia.
4. **Building Healthy and Inclusive Communities in Uganda: Socio-demographic Determinants of Immigrant Acceptance in Uganda**, Dr David S. Ayebare, Department of Community Health, Faculty of Medicine, Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Mbarara, Uganda; Dr Godfrey Z. Rukundo, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; Dr Edgar M. Mulogo, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.
5. **Climate Change and Transatlantic Slavery: Uncomfortable Parallels, Uncertain Futures**, Dr. Keron Niles, The University of the West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

SESSION 7

10:30am--11:30am Main Conference Room

Screening of 50 minute Documentary on the Most Honourable P.J Patterson.

Session 8

11:30am--12.45pm: Main Conference Room

Roundtable 1: CONMAT conflict management and transformation studies in Africa project, organized by Professor Johannes Maerk, University of Applied Sciences, Vienna, Austria; Professor Philip Osei, University of Ghana; and, Professor Ian Boxill, The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica. This roundtable will focus on the ongoing EU funded Europe-Africa **CONMAT project**, which aims to strengthen conflict management and transformation studies in Africa. The project is being undertaken by universities from Ghana, Rwanda, Spain and Austria. This event brings together academics and practitioners to reflect on the project's objectives, achievements and contributions to strengthening African capacity in conflict analysis, mediation and peacebuilding education.

12:45pm—1:45pm: Lunch

SESSION 9

1:45—3:15pm (Main Conference Room)

Documentary screening *Welcome to the Smiling Coast by Emiel Martens*

SESSION 10

3:15pm—3:30pm Closing Session

7:30 p.m.: Zen Gardens Club (Bus leaves San Marino Hotel)

DAY 3:

9.00 am. Bus leaves for City Tour

Conference participants should indicate if they are interested in signing up for this tour.

Mini Trade Show

On Days 1 and 2, there will be display booths showcasing items made in Ghana and the Caribbean. All items will be on sale with specially discounted prices for the conference participants.