

Conference Report: Sanusha Naidu

African Association of Political Science

15th Biennial Congress

'Globalization, Sustainable Development and Governance in Africa'

Cairo, Egypt

19th -21st September 2005

Pyramiza Hotel

The 15th Biennial Congress of the African Association of Political Science (AAPS) was held in Cairo Egypt from the 19th-21st September 2005. The theme of the conference was: 'Globalization, Sustainable Development and Governance in Africa. Contributions to the congress in respect of the theme were wide and varied and centrally focused on the capacity of the state to absorb the nuances of globalization and the implications for governance. Generally discussions in the various panels tended to examine the scholarship on development and the role of the state in this regard. In honouring the work of Dani Nabudere and celebrating Walter Rodney's seminal contributions on Africa's underdevelopment, it was agreed that a new epistemological discourse was needed to explain and address the challenges of globalization and its perverse impact on development and governance in Africa. A common theme that emerged from the conference was the need to reintroduce a central role for the state, particularly in the form of a developmental state. Clearly participants were adamant that for Africa to remain within the construct of the global system its underdevelopment had to be addressed in a more profound manner. In this regard the discussions generally pointed to other models of development namely the Lagos Plan of Action and Alternative Framework to Structural Adjustment Programme (AF-SAP). To this end participants felt that NEPAD did not engender the historical continuity of Africa's development models and tended to be more aligned to what Africa's development partners wanted.

In addressing how Africa can overcome and translate the negative consequences of globalization into positive outcomes, participants felt that a united Africa was critical to the process. In this regard greater linkages with North Africa was stressed and defined by the opening plenary session on Afro-Arab relations. Moreover it was felt that Africa's struggles against underdevelopment must remain a central focus so that future generations must be aware of previous attempts to reverse this trend, especially when trying to design a future model of development for the continent.

Overall the congress included almost 70 presentations (see attached program) with topics ranging from special case studies on the political of economy of oil in West Africa to Africa's relations in the broader international community. Questions related to the theme focused principally on: globalization with all of its internal and external contradictions and the context for economic development in Africa. The congress was divided into the following sub-themes:

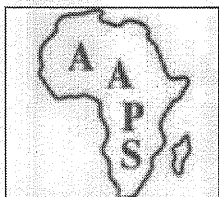
- *NEPAD and Globalization; Governance and Globalisation;*
- *Gender Responses to Globalisation; Globalisation and Sustainability;*
- *The Environmental Challenge;*
- *The Politics of Natural Resources: Revisiting the New International Economic Order (NIEO): Lessons from Past Experiences;*
- *WTO: Policies and Programs and*
- *Revisiting the State in Africa.*

Flowing from the presentations and related to the sub-themes the following questions emerged: Can Africa's natural resources and environment endure the onslaught of globalization and the internal demands of production? Are the continent's governance structures, across the 53 odd states, capable of managing both the political and economic aspects of globalization? What institutional transformations would be necessary for the State in Africa (post-colonial, post-structural adjustment) to regain its relevance- and perhaps also centrality- in the management of the continent's political economy? Finally, how would 'democratically-elected' African leaders respond to the multi-faceted phenomenon of economic globalization in relation not only to the West but also vis-à-vis African people?

As an output of the congress a communiqué was produced which essentially called for a more nuanced approach to Africa's developmental trajectory and which needed to incorporate an African approach to development. In this regard the communiqué called for the state to play a central role in accordance with non-state actors.

The congress concluded with adoption of the communiqué and a new executive committee was elected with Dr. Eddy Maloka, ED of AISA, as president. The next congress will be held in 2007 with several countries including Morocco and Uganda bidding to host it.

Conference Attendee
Sanush Naidu
Democracy and Governance



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Programme

Agenda

AAPS 15th Biennial Congress:

Globalisation, Sustainable Development and Governance in Africa.

Cairo : 19 - 21 September 2005 **

First Day: Monday, 19 September 2005

9:00am - 9:30am Registration

9:30 am - 11:00am Opening session

Speakers:

Prof. Hamdy Abdel Rahman Vice-President for North Africa , AAPS, Egypt

Prof. Ahmad AlRashidy Director, AESP, Egypt

Prof. Luc Sindjoun President, AAPS, Cameroon

Prof. Julius Nyang'oro Congress Chair, Tanzania

H.E. Ahmad Abu Elgheit Egyptian Foreign Minister, Egypt

H.E. Amr Moussa Secretary General, Arab League,

Prof. Nzongola-Ntalaja DRC, (Vote of Thanks)

11:00am - 12:00pm Recognition Panel:

Professor s Dani W. Nabudere, Uganda

Abdel-Malek Auda, Egypt

Chair : Iglal Raafat , Egypt

Discussants

Prof. Helmy Sharawi , Egypt

Prof. Ali Hilal, Egypt

Dr. Nansozi Muwanga , Uganda

Dr. Momoh Abubakar , Nigeria

12:00pm -12:30pm Coffee Break

12:30pm – 2:30pm First Session:

Afro-Arab Relations: constants and variables in the light of current international changes

Chair : Prof. Nnoli Okwudiba, Nigeria

Topic: International variables and necessities of Afro-Arab cooperation

Speakers: Prof. Ahmad Youssef Ahmad, Egypt

Topic: The prospects of Afro-Arab Relations

Speaker: Ambassador Samir Hosny , Egypt

Topic: The impact of international variables on Afro-Arab Relations

Speaker: Dr. Saleh Abu Bakr, Chad

Topic: The Golden Age of Afro-Arab Relations

Speaker: Mr. Gamal Nkrumah , Ghana

2:30 – 4 pm Lunch Break

4 – 6 pm (Parallel Panels)

Panel 1: Conflicts Over Land in Africa

Chair: Prof. Margaret C. Lee, USA

Panelists/Countries Paper Title

Hussaini Abdu , Nigeria

Land Questions and Conflict in Nigeria :
Ethno-religions and socio-Economic
Dimensions

Peer Review Mechanism.”

South Africa and Egypt

Ahmad Al Rashidy, Egypt

Promoting the Role of Non-Governmental

organizations in Mechanism Enhancing

Human Rights: A Pre-requisite Approach

for Africa in the age of Globalization

**Yves Alexandre Chouala,
Cameroon**

**Le Golf de Guinée dans le
projet du nouveau siècle
Américain: Entre pétrole,
gouvernance et puissance**

Panel 3: Comparative Dimensions of Globalisation: The Case of Latin America

Chair: Prof. Gladys Lechini, Argentina

Panelists/Countries Paper Title

Margarita Lopez-Maya , Argentina

Venezuela 's Transition: Causes,
Confrontations and Challenges

Arturo Anguino, Mexico

Mexico : contributions and uncertainties of
an incomplete democratic process

Marco Gandasegui, Panama

Global processes and their effects on Latin
America

Atilio Boron , Argentina

Government of the markets for the markets.
The perversion of the Lincolnian formula in
Latin America

Sanusha Naidu , South Africa

**South Africa 's relations with the People's
Republic of China : A South-South
Relationship of Mutual Opportunities or
Hidden Threats?**

6-8 Special Session

Topic : Democratization in Egypt

Speaker: Prof. Ali Eldin Helal

Second Day: Tuesday 20 September 2005

9-10:30 (Parallel Panels)

Panel 4: Extractable and Exploitable Resources

Chair: Dr. Vivian N. K Chouala, Cameroon

Panelists/Countries Paper Title

Amadu Sidi Bah, Sierra Leone

Post-Civil War Mining Policies

Dung Pam Sha , Nigeria

African Workers' Response to

Globalization in the Twenty-First Century :

Jeremiah Oluwasegun Arowosegbe ,
Nigeria

Patterns, Lessons and the future

“The Democracy- Development Interface in
Africa : An Analysis of the New Partnership for
African Development.”

Nkolika Ebele Obianyo,
Nigeria

Responding to Challenges of Globalization in
Nigeria : Needs as safety Net Problems and
Prospects.

Panel 6: Security Challenges and Globalization

Chair: Dr. Eddy Maloka, South Africa

Panelists/Countries Paper Title

Charles Ukeje, Nigeria

On the Security Challenges Facing West Africa

Abdurrahman Ame, Ethiopia

Cross-border conflict in Pastoral Areas of

Victor Adetula, Nigeria

the Horn of
Globalization and New Forms of Violence

Ahmed Ibrahim , Egypt

in Africa
Regional and International Dimension and
Security Issue in Africa

Panel 7: Rethinking Development Policy in the 21 st Century

Chair: Dr. Cheryl Hendricks, South Africa

Panelists/Countries Paper Title

Abubakar Momoh , Nigeria

Where is Africa 's Development Heading?

The Myths, Illusions, Realities and

Expectations

Sandra Maria Sequeira, Harvard University Unbalanced Institutional Developments :

Regionalism and Governance Reform in Sub-Saharan Africa

Abimbola Agboluaje , Nigeria

Explaining Regional Integration in

Africa Constructivist. Dreams versus.

Ebolo Martin-Dieudonne

Institutional Realities

dynamique regionale d' integration et mutations fonctionnelles au sein de la cemar: entre logique economique et contraintes politiques

10:30-11am. Coffee Break

11-12:30 (Parallel Panels)

Panel 8: Views of the Niger Delta Crisis

Chair: Prof: Cyril Obi, Nigeria

Panelists/Countries Paper Title

Dauda S. Garuba, Nigeria

Gunning for the Barrel: The Oil dimension to Inter-communal violence in the Niger Delta city of Warri

Abigail Odozi Ogwezzy , Nigeria

Violence in the Niger delta Region :An examination of the media in the conflict

Oluwatoyin Oluwaniyi , Nigeria

Oil and youth militancy in Nigeria : The case study of the Niger Delta region

Vivian N K. Chouala, Cameroon

Oil pipelines and the disruption of
livelihoods in the South of Cameroon

Panel 9: Criminalization of the State, Corruption and Local Government in Africa

Chair: Dr. Sheila Bunwaree, Mauritius Island

Panelists/Countries Paper Title

Lucien Fidele Toulou , Cameroon

Globalization and the fight against
Impunity: African Societies Responding to
Past and Present Crimes and State

Rev. Canon Okoye, Nigeria

Misappropriation
Political Pathology and Criminalization of
the Electoral Process in Nigeria :
Implication for Governance and
Globalization

Mike Adeyeye , Nigeria

Globalization and the Challenge of Local
Good Governance in Nigeria

Amal Mecherfi, Morroco

Governance et developpements local au
Maroc

Panel 10: Identity Culture and Globalization

Chair: Prof. Mohamed Othman Benjelloun , Morocco

Panelists/Countries Paper Title

Amina Mire, Carleton University

Globalization of Skin – Whitening and its
Effects on African Women

Sylvie- Michelie Mpon Tiek, Cameroon

Le genre dans les politiques publiques au
Cameroon

Jean Liyongo Empengele, DR Congo

La radio publique en Afrque face aux
exiqences du Developpement durable a l ere

de la mondialization

Panel 11: Challenges of Governance and Globalisation Africa

Chair: Dr. Yves Alexandre Chouala, Cameroon

Panelists/Countries Paper Title

Kehinde O. Olayobe, Nigeria

**Omar Ali Mohammed ,
Sudan**

Cyrille B. Kone, Burkina-Faso

Philemon Muamba Mumbunda, DR Congo

Globalization Democratization and
Sustainable Development in Africa

**The Challenges of
Globalization to
Governance in Africa**

Bonne gouvernance et developpment en
Afrique.

La Decentralisation et le Decoupage
Territoriale: Conditions pour une bonne
gouvernance en R.D. Congo

12:30 – 2 (Parallel Panels)

Panel 12: Challenges of Managing the Environment under Globalization

Chair: Prof. Pierre Dagbo, Cote D'Ivoire

Panelists/Countries Paper title

Annie B. Chikwanha, Zimbabwe

Cameroun

The State in Africa : Reconciling Economic Management With Demands for Democracy

Fatima Zahra, Morocco

African Development and Global Technology

Panel 14: Globalization, Civil Society and Governance in Africa .

Chair: Mrs. Susanna Awasom

Panelists/Countries Paper title

Narcisse Romuald Onah Mvondo,
Cameroon

Gouvernance et societe civile: le principe du controle social Des chantiers de developpment en Afrique : la barometre de la Gouvernance

Aurelie Josephine Ndoumba Ngoni,
Cameroon

L'implication de la societe' civil Africain ACP dans la Cooperation UE / ACP

Mohamed Othman Benjelloun , Morocco

Elites Politiques et societe civile an Maghrec: le cas du Maroc

Mustafa Kharoufi , Morocco

Gouvernance et participation an Maroc : UN edifice qui reste a consolider

Ayman Abdel Wahab , Egypt

Civil Society and Democratic Change in Egypt

2-3 pm Lunch Break

3- 4:30 pm Panels 25: Governance and Social Responses of Globalization

Chair: Prof. Horeya Mejhed , Egypt

Panelists /Countries Paper Title

Ntangi Max Memfih, Cameroon

Globalization and Small Holder Agriculture :

Felix – Nestor Ahoyo, Benin Republic
Sylvester Enoghase , Nigeria

Globalization, the Pandora box of Africa
Globalization, Sustainable Development and
Governance in Africa

Blaise – Jaques Nkene , Cameroon

La contribution economique des Nigerians
dans le secteur Informel a Douala
(Cameroun)

4:30-6pm Plenary Session on Walter Rodney

Chair: Prof . Horace Campbell, USA

Discussants: Prof. Adekunle Amuwo , Nigeria

: Prof. Tajudeen Abdurrahman, Uganda

6-8 pm AAPS Donors' Meeting

Third Day: Wednesday 21 /9/2005

9-10:30 am (Parallel Panels)

Panel 17: Challenges of Governance in a Globalization Africa

Chair: Prof. Edmond Keller , USA

Panelists/Countries Paper Title

Cosmas N. Mbuh, Cameroon

Development and Good Governance in Africa :
Or a Critique of

A Seductive Discourse

Yazini Funeke April, South Africa

Implementing Good Governance in Central
Africa Through Science

And Technology

Reine Djudje Kouam , Cameroon

A Critical Assessment of Africa's Response to
the Challenges of Governance : APRM and the
Continental Governance

Alexander Frempong, Ghana

The African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM):
A Governance Kit For Africa in A
Globalization World

Panel 18: Globalization, Localization and Normative Approaches to Development.

Chair: Prof. Walter Oyugi, Kenya

Panelists/Countries Paper Title

The Nexus Between Globalization and
Identity in South Africa

Cheryl Hendricks, South Africa

Dirk Kotze , South Africa

Constitutional Conflict Resolution and the
Ethics of Development

Sanya Osha , Nigeria

An Ethics of Life: Globalization and the
Africa Post colony

Leah Kimathi , Kenya

Traditional Institutional as a Basis of State
Reconstruction: The Case Of Justice Systems
in Southern Sudan

Panel 19: Globalization, Natural Resources and the Political Economy of Violence

Chair: Prof. B. Zack-Williams, Sierra Leone

Panelists/Countries Paper title

Babere Kerata Chacha , Kenya

Nyamongo is choking with Explosive

Stones: Globalization And Gold Rush in
Northern Tanzania , An Historical
Perspective

Molem Christopher Sama, Cameroon

Globalization and the Political Economy

of Violence in Africa :Down streaming

Implications for Peace building and

Sustainable Development

Ahmed Ali Salem , Egypt

Interstate Rivalry and the Dynamic of Civil
War: evidence from Africa and the Arab
world

Panel 20: Challenges of Globalization and Social Exclusion

Chair: Ms Annie B. Chikwanha, Zimbabwe , Zimbabwe

Panelists/Countries Paper title

Kulumba Mohammed , Uganda
Susanna Yene Awasom , Cameroon

To Muslim Women in Sub-Saharan Africa
Natural and Transnational Gender
Responses to Globalization and SAP. The
Case of Cameroon Women

Asmau Sani Maikudi , Nigeria

Breaking the Buds of Silence: The case of
FOMWAN'S Mobilization Kaduna
Polytechnic, Nigeria of Muslim Women for
Increased Natural Response to HIV/AIDS
in Kaduna , Nigeria

Irene Pogoson, Nigeria

Women, NEPAD and African development

10:30 – 11 am Coffee Break

11- 12:15 Parallel Panels

Panel 21: Contradictions of the Security and Development Agendas in Africa

Chair: Ms. Sanusha Naidu , South Africa

Panelists /Countries Paper title

Mae C. King, USA

Globalization and the Twilight of National Sustainable Development the Case of West Africa

William Alade Fawole , Nigeria

The 'War on Terror' and the Impending Demise of Democratic Governance in West Africa

Daniel Rotich Kandgor , Kenya

Is the Use of Kenya's Ports and Military Bases by the USA an Abuse Or Misuse of Africa's Natural Resources? USA-Kenya relations and The Global War on Terror

Panel 22: Africa 's Responses to Globalization

Chair: Dr. Martin Dieudonne Ebolo, Cameroon

Panelists/Countries Paper Title

Mahmoud M. Aboul-Enein, Egypt

NEPAD Partners Response to the African Conflicts in the Age of Globalization

Ahoudou Garba , Cameroon

Mondialisation et Gouvernance des Affaires en Afrique: Analyse des experiences dw Commonwealth et de l'Ohada

Ange Ouraga, Cote d Ivoire

L'Accord de Cotonou Analyse du Nouveau Cadre Juridique des Relations UE-ACP"

Avosetinyen Michael , Nigeria

The African debt crisis, NEPAD and the Question of Sustainable Development

Panel 23: Globalization and Its Effect on African Institutions: Comparative Aspects.

Chair: Prof. Tukumbi Lumumba-Kasongo, DRC

Panelists/Countries Paper title

I.S. Popoola , Nigeria	An Evaluatory Study on the Erosive Effect of Globalization on the Gains of NWICO, A Case Study of Newspaper and Magazine Production in Nigeria
Walter Oyugi, Kenya	Globalization and its Effect on the Performance of the Public Sector in Africa
Jean-Germain Gros	Chinese Economic Success and Lessons for Africa ” Possibilities and limits
Bayode Isaiah Popoola , Nigeria	Concepts and Issues of Globalization in Nigerian Education: Implications for Democratic Governance
Riham Khafaga	The Role of International Organization of the Civil Society in Redirecting the academia :case study of ford foundation in Africa

12:20 – 1:15 pm Plenary Session

Presidential Address: ETHICS AND POLITICS IN AFRICA : PRAISE OF POSITIVISM TO VALUES

Chair Prof: Julius Nyang'oro

Speaker: Prof. Luc Sindjoun

1:15-2:45 pm Lunch Break

2:45 - 4:45 pm Meeting of the AAPS General Assembly

4:45-5:15 pm Closing Session

*** All the panels will be held in Pyramiza hotel Cairo. The opening session, the recognition panel and the afro Arab relations session will be held in the headquarters of the Arab League's General secretariat in Cairo .*