

IGU COMMISSION ON AFRICAN STUDIES ANNUAL REPORT: 2022

A. INTRODUCTION

The IGU Commission on African Studies (IGU-CAS) was formed in May 2017. It is headquartered in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Zululand, South Africa. It is a research and scientific body composed of and dedicated to African and Africanist scholars researching on issues around and in Africa, ranging from social sciences to natural sciences, but informed in the main by geographical, multi and interdisciplinary perspectives. This report covers the period 2020-2021. Accordingly, this report focuses on the following, membership, website, meetings, fundraising, networking and publications.

B. WEBSITE

The website of the Commission is: <https://igucas.africa/>. All events (past, current and planned with be displayed in this website).

C. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the IGU-CAS can be broken down into two categories, which are the Steering Committee and corresponding members.

D. Steering Committee

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E. CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS
Algeria	3
Benin	1
Canada	14
Cameroon	1
Comoros	1
Egypt	13
England	1
Fiji	1
Germany	1
Ghana	7
Ivory Coast	7
Lesotho	1
Namibia	6
New Zealand	3
Netherlands	1
Nigeria	2
Portugal	1
South Africa	30
Uganda	1
Tunisia	2
Zambia	6
Zimbabwe	7
TOTAL	112

NB: It should be noted that these are undercounted totals because, the number 1, only denotes the person in contact, but the activities of the Commission reach the whole country, of which updated numbers are not currently available. For, example Lesotho has been indicated as showing only one person, but the reality on the ground is that the Commission activities have reached the whole country.

F. MEETINGS

- i. **2nd International Conference on Geographical Science for Resilient Communities, Ecosystems and Livelihoods under Global Environmental Change (GORILLA) 7-10th Dec 2022** <https://gorilla.mak.ac.ug/about-conference>

This conference was organised by the IGU Commission of Biogeography and Biodiversity, the IGU Commission on African Studies, Uganda Geographical Association, IALE African Chapter, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) as well as local stakeholders in Uganda.

G. NETWORKING

The IGU-CAS has established a collaboration with the IGU Commission Geography of Governance. In 2022, the IGU Commission on African Studies worked with the IGU Commission of Biogeography and Biodiversity, Uganda Geographical Association, IALE African Chapter, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) as well as local stakeholders in Uganda in the organisation of the International Conference on Geographical Science for Resilient Communities, Ecosystems and Livelihoods under Global Environmental Change (GORILLA), 7-10 December, 2022 Kampala, Uganda. In 2022, the IGU Commission on African Studies established collaboration with scholars from Fiji National University. In addition, in 2022 the Commission also consolidated the collaboration with Geographers from Mozambique and this will lead to the 2023 annual conference being held in Maputo.

H. FUTURE EVENTS

The IGU Commission on African Studies, will hold its annual meeting in 2023, at the Universidade Eduardo Mondlane, Mozambique from 28-30 May 2023.

L. PUBLICATIONS

1. Moyo, I and Ndlovu-Gatsheni, S.J. 2022. The Paradox of Planetary Human Entanglements Challenges of Living Together. London: Routledge.
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3. Ndlovu-Gatsheni, S.J and Moyo, I. 2022. Is Africa's border geography problematic? In Moseley, WG and Otiso, KM (Eds), Debating African Issues: Conversations Under the Palaver Tree. London: Palgrave.
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5. Moyo, I. 2022. Beyond a tokenistic inclusion of indigenous knowledge systems in protected area governance and management in Okhahlamba-Drakensberg, African Geographical Review, DOI: 10.1080/19376812.2021.1997613.
6. Nshimbi, C. C. 2022. (Ir)relevant doctrines and African realities: neoliberal and Marxist influences on labour migration governance in Southern Africa, Third World Quarterly.

7. Tshimpaka, L. M. & Nshimbi, C. C. 2022. Scaffolding the state: faith-based organisations and application of democratic principles in the DRC and Zambia, *Religion, State & Society*, 50(1):76-95.

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