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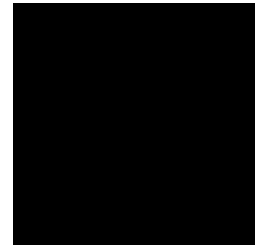
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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

### *Professor Georges Nzongola-Natalaja*



**Dr. Nzongola**, a citizen of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), is Professor Emeritus of African Studies, Howard University, Washington, D.C. He is one of the leading political science experts on DRC, and a world-renowned Africanist political scientist generally with an unmatched knowledge of African politics. He is also an experienced U.N. diplomat who has worked for the United Nations

Development Program (UNDP) for many years in Africa (including a brief appointment as having served as Interim Director of the Africa Governance Institute (AGI), an independent pan-African think tank on democratic and developmental governance based in Dakar, Senegal, until last March), Western Europe. Currently he is professor of African Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (USA), Nzongola has also served as a freelance consultant to numerous African governments from Casablanca to Cape Town. He has authored several books (including, *Nation-Building and State Building in Africa; Le mouvement démocratique au Zaïre, 1956-1996; Revolution and Counter-Revolution in Africa; The Congo. From Leopold to Kabila: A People's History (2002)*) and numerous articles on African politics, development, and conflict issues.). He holds a B.A. in Philosophy from Davidson College (1967), an M.A. in Diplomacy and International Commerce from the University of Kentucky, Lexington (1968), and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison (1975).

### *Mr. Keith Harmon Snow*



**Mr. Snow** is an award-winning independent journalist and photographer. He has worked in 48 countries, 20 in Africa; at the International Criminal Tribunal on Rwanda (ICTR); and as a United Nations consultant on genocide (Ethiopia). He has worked as a war correspondent and human rights investigator in Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (D.R. Congo), Ethiopia, Sudan and Zimbabwe. He has given expert testimony at a U.S. congressional hearing on genocide and covert operations in Africa, and at U.S. asylum hearings of Rwandan refugees, and supported the international indictments issued by Spain against 40 Rwandan military officials. He has presented his work at more than 50 colleges and universities in the U.S. and India, and he is the 2009 Regent's Lecturer in Law & Society at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He is recognized for more than a decade of experience and achievements, outside of academia, contesting official narratives on war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. He is *persona non grata* in Ethiopia and Rwanda. He also supports several humanitarian efforts in D.R. Congo. Mr. Snow holds a B. S. and M. S. in Electrical Engineering (microwave & antennas specialty) from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, MA (1981-1986).

### ***Ms. Muadi Mukenge***

**Ms. Mukenge** (Regional Director for Sub-Saharan Africa, Global Fund for Women, S. F.) brings a background of women's health, African politics and economic development in Africa and frequently advises donors on their Africa programs. She has contributed to several articles on women's rights and African development and regularly writes opinion pieces. Since joining the Global Fund in 2004, Mukenge has increased support in the areas of conflict-prevention, economic policy advocacy, empowerment of rural women, and expansion of grants to French-speaking countries. She has stewarded the deepening of support to the women's movement in the Great Lakes Region (DRC, Burundi, CAR), and facilitated GFW grantee convening in DRC on ending sexual violence and advancing women's rights. Prior to joining the Global Fund in 2004, she served as Program Officer for Africa at the Pacific Institute for Women's Health, where she managed training and evaluation projects, and managed the Pacific Institute's grant-making program and communications initiative. Mukenge worked at the African Studies Center at UCLA, where she assisted research initiatives, organized international conferences and the teacher training program, and produced research publications on political transition in Africa. Mukenge holds a Master's Degree in African Studies from UCLA. She is fluent in French and is originally from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Mukenge is active in volunteer organizations focused on African immigrant rights, foreign policy toward Africa, and promotion of human rights in the Congo.

### ***Dr. John Mususa Ulimwengu***



Dr. Ulimwengu, who was born and grew up in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), is a research fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, D.C. He is involved in research and policy advisory work on sector policy and strategy issues related to the implementation of the African Union/NEPAD's Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Program (CAADP). He is also the leader of the IFPRI research project on Strategic Support to the Democratic Republic of the Congo: Agricultural Development Strategies and Institutional Capacity Strengthening. Dr. Ulimwengu just published a discussion paper on *Paving the Way for Development? The Impact of Transport Infrastructure on Agricultural Production and Poverty Reduction in the Democratic Republic of Congo*. Dr. Ulimwengu holds a BA in Economics from the University of Kinshasa (Congo, DRC); an M.A. in Development Economics from Williams College (Massachusetts) and in Economics from Ohio State University (Ohio). He received his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Ohio State University (Ohio). His research foci include poverty dynamics, agricultural growth, and rural development.

## Friday, May 21, 2010

4:00 p.m.                    **Registration**

5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.    **Dinner (Panorama A & B)**

7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.    **OPENING PROGRAM**

**Chair:**                      Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillette

**Symposium Objectives:**    Rev. LaMarco Cable

**Opening Prayer:**            Rev. Dr. Timothy James,

**Song:** (From a Lingala Hymnal)

**Welcoming Remarks:**      Rev. Dr. David Vargas,  
President of the Division of Overseas  
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Ministries

**Greetings:**                 Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins,  
President and General Minister of the  
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
in the USA and Canada

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.    **PLENARY SESSION 1**

**Presentation:**              **Professor Georges Nzongola-Ntalaja**

*“The Politics of the International Community in the Resource Wars in the Democratic Republic of the Congo”*

Chair/Commentator:  
Professor Didier Gondola

## Saturday, May 22, 2010

8:00 a.m. -- 11:50 a.m.    **Registration (Meridian West)**

8:30 a.m. -- 9:00 a.m.    **The Gathering/Opening Session**

9:00 a.m. -- 10:00 a.m.    **Plenary Session 2 Presentation**  
**Mr. Keith Harmon Snow**

*“Breaking the Silence on the Resource Wars in D. R. Congo: The Elite Network and Other Looters*

Chair:                    Dr. Justin Mbaya Kankwenda,

Discussant:    The Honorable Martin Fayulu,

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.    **Coffee Break**

10:30 a.m. – Noon         **Parallel Workshop Session 1: (Illinois/Ohio)**

### **A. Slave Labor, Human Trafficking, Child Soldiers**

Leaders: Mr. Keith Harmon Snow and the  
Honorable Patrick Mayombe,

Discussant: Prof. Osita Afoaku,

Chair: Prof. Georges Nzongola-Ntalaja

### **B. Public Health & Environmental Protection**

Leader:     Dr. Tharcisse Loseke, M.D.,

Discussant: Dr. Oscar Kashala, M.D.

Chair:        Dr. Eugene Johnson, M.D.,

**Advocacy for Socio-Economic Justice**

Leaders: Mr. Maurice Carney and Mr. Kambale Musavuli

Discussant: Pastor Guy Wembo Lombela

Chair: Rev. LaMarco Cable

**C. The Socio-Economic Impact of the Wars on D. R. Congo**

Leader: The Honorable Bertrand Ewanga,

Discussant: Prof. Laurent N. Muzinga,

Chair: Rev. Sandra Gourdet

11:50 - 12:50 p.m. **Luncheon (Circle Suites)**

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Plenary Session 3 Presentation**

Ms. Muadi Mukenge

*“Sexual Violence Against Women and Children and its Consequences”*

Chair: Prof. Annie Kinwa-Muzinga,

2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. **Coffee Break**

2:20 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. **Parallel Workshop Session 2: (Illinois/Ohio)**

**A. The Impact of the Resource Wars on Women and Children** (Leaders:

Ms. Muadi Mukenge and Ms. Marie-Ange Bunga

Discussant: Prof. Ann-Marie Thomson,

Chair: Angelique Walker-Smith,

**B. Food Security and Sovereignty**

Leader: Dr. John Mususa Ulimengu,

Discussant: Prof. Emizet Kisangani,

Chair: Mr. Woody Collins

4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Discussion of Global Ministries Support to Partner Churches and Organization**  
**Rev. Jane Sullivan-Davis**

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Wrap Up/Concluding Session**

(Participants: Plenary Session Speakers, Selected Workshop Leaders and Discussants)

Chair/Commentator:  
Professor Eyamba G. Bokamba,

### ***Abbreviations:***

1. **CEREC:** Center for Research on the Congo, Urbana, IL, USA
2. **DOM:** Division of Overseas Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
3. **GM:** Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ in USA and Canada, Indianapolis, IN/Cleveland, OH, USA
4. **ECiDé:** Engagement Pour La Citoyenneté et le Développement, Kinshasa, DRC
5. **IFPRI:** International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, D.C.
6. **ICREDES:** Institut Congolais de Recherche en Développement et Etudes Stratégiques
7. **UNDP** United Nations Development Program, New York, NY
8. **UREC** Union pour la Reconstruction du Congo, Kinshasa, DRC

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## CONGO'S JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY

**JUNE 30, 1960**



The flag of Congo adopted in 2006. The blue represents peace. Red stands for the “blood of the country’s martyrs, teal the country’s wealth, and the star a radiant future for the country

Yes, this June 30<sup>th</sup> will be Congo’s jubilee, but without the genuine celebration of socio-economic independence, economic justice, or freedom that would characterize a 50-year old nation. Instead, the people have continued to experience great suffering, object poverty, and crimes against humanity from King Leopold II to Joseph Kabange Kabila. The reasons for this suffering remain the same, or as *Global Witness* states in its 2003 report, it is the “Same Old Story”: Greed for power and Congolese natural resources, especially critical minerals. Patrice Emery Lumumba, Congo’s 1<sup>st</sup> democratically elected Prime Minister and National Hero, knew it as his testament below to his wife eloquently indicates (cf. “Letter to Pauline Lumumba,” in J. Van Lierde, Lumumba Speaks, pp. 412-423; cited in Ludo De Witte (2001), *The Assassination of Lumumba*):

*My beloved companion,*

*I write you these words not knowing whether you will receive them, when you will receive them, and whether I will still be alive when you read them. Throughout my struggle for the independence of my country, I have never doubted for a single instant that the sacred cause to which my comrades and I have dedicated our entire lives would triumph in the end. But what we wanted for our country—its right to an honorable life, to perfect dignity, to independence with no restrictions—was never wanted by Belgian colonialists and its Western allies, who found direct and indirect, intentional and unintentional support among certain senior officials of the United Nations, that body in which we placed all our trust when we called on it for help.*

*They have corrupted some of our countrymen; they have bought others; they have done their part to distort the truth and defile our independence. What else can I say? That whether dead or alive, free or in prison by orders of the colonialists, it is not my person that is important. What is important is the Congo, our poor people whose independence has been turned into a cage, with people looking at us from outside the bars, sometimes with charitable compassion, sometimes with glee and delight. But my faith will remain unshakeable. I know and feel in my heart of hearts that sooner or later my people will rid themselves of all their enemies, foreign and domestic, that they will rise up as one to say no to the shame and degradation of colonialism and regain their dignity in the pure light of day.*

*We are not alone. Africa, Asia, and the free and liberated peoples in every corner of the globe will ever remain at the side of the millions of Congolese who will not abandon the struggle until the day when there will be no more colonizers and no more of their mercenaries in our country. I want my children, whom I leave behind and perhaps will never see again, to be told that the future of the Congo is beautiful and that their country expects them, as it expects every Congolese, to fulfill the sacred task of rebuilding our independence, our sovereignty; for without justice there is no dignity and without independence there are no free men.*

*Neither brutal assaults, nor cruel mistreatment, nor torture have ever led me to beg for mercy, for I prefer to die with my head held high, unshakeable faith and the greatest confidence in the destiny of my country rather than live in slavery and contempt for sacred principles. History will one day have its say; it will not be the history taught in the United Nations, Washington, Paris, or Brussels, however, but the history taught in the countries that have rid themselves of colonialism and its puppets. Africa will write its own history, and both north and south of the Sahara it will be a history full of glory and dignity.*

*Do not weep for me, my companion, I know that my country, now suffering so much, will be able to defend its independence and its freedom. Long live the Congo! Long live Africa!*

*Patrice*

Where do we go from here.....? How much blood must continue to be shed? The answer is in your conscience as a human being.