

ACSONI International Conference
African Images and their impact on public perception
Wellington Park Hotel
 21 Malone Road, Belfast, County Antrim, BT9 6RU

Thursday 26th May 2011

Time	Topic	Person / Organisation
5.00pm – 5:45pm	Registration – Tea and Coffee Screening of ACSONI DVD Documentary	ACSONI Intercultural Youth Network
5.45pm – 6.00pm	Welcome and Introduction	Mr Alfred Abolarin – ACSONI Manager
6:00pm – 6:30pm	Opening Remarks	Mr Eric Yao - Coordinator Africa Center, Dublin.
6.30pm – 6:45pm	Presentation of Post Primary Schools Essay Competition Winner “Some Positive Things about Africa I think Everyone Should Know”	Dr Christopher Stange, Hon Con St Vincent and the Grenadines and Dr Assia El Zarruk, Acting Chair ACSONI.
6:45pm – 7:30pm	“Impact and implications of stereotypical and degrading images: what do human rights standards have to say?”	Mr Daniel Holder - Policy Officer Human Rights Commission Northern Ireland
7:30pm – 7:45pm	15 Minutes Break (ACTIVITY)	Video Gallery: Photographs and Messages
7:45pm – 8:15pm	The impact of negative images and messages.	Dr Alfred Hickey M’Sichili, Trade Policy Officer; Action and Education for Global Justice Comhlámh, Dublin
8:15 pm – 8:50pm	General questions and discussion	ACSONI
8:50pm - 9:00pm	Close	ACSONI

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Time	Topic	Person
9.30am – 10am	Registration – Tea and Coffee	
10am – 10.05am	Welcome and Introduction	Alfred Abolarin ACSONI Manager
10.05am – 10.30am	Opening Remarks	Ms Karen Gallagher – Head of Concern Worldwide NI and Chair of Coalition of Aid Development Agencies (CADA)
10:30am - 11:10am	Key Note Speaker: African Images and Messages and their impact on public perception	Dr Hakeem Yusuf Director, LLM Programmes in Human Rights, School of Law. Queen's University Belfast

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11:10am -11:15am	Breakout session	Alfred Abolarin - ACSONI
11:15am – 11:30am	Tea break	
Workshop Sessions – 11:30 -12:45 pm		

Work Shop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3
<p><i>Topic: Use of Images and Messages, human rights issue?</i></p> <p>Contributor: <i>Dr Khanyisela Moyo; Ulster University</i></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Mbemba Jabbi (Dublin)</i></p>	<p><i>Topic: The impact of the use of negative images and messages, a critical analysis</i></p> <p>Contributor: <i>Dr Neil Jarman Director Of Institute for Conflict Research</i></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Max Zimani (Slovenia)</i></p>	<p><i>Topic: Permission to be curious...</i></p> <p>Contributor: <i>British Council Active Citizens (Sudan team) Presentation</i></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Rebecca O' Halloran (Dublin)</i></p>
12.45pm – 2pm Lunch		
2pm – 3pm	Feedback from facilitators.	
3.15pm – 4.15pm	<p>Panel Discussion: Images and Messages Facilitated by Ms Karen Gallagher – Head of Concern Worldwide and Chairperson of Coalition of Development Agencies (CADA) NI “Should NGOs continue to use “Images” to raise funds? What are the possible implications on power relations and community cohesion?”</p>	<p>Panellists <i>Mr Daniel Holder – Human Rights Commission NI</i> <i>Dr Khanyisela Moyo Institute of Transitional Justice Ulster University</i> <i>Mr Max Zimani Africa Centre Slovenia</i> <i>Dr Alfred Hickey M’Sichili Comhlámh, Dublin</i></p>
4.15pm – 4.30pm	Closing Remarks	Assia El Zarruk, ACSONI Chairperson

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Speakers Biographical Notes

Neil Jarman – Director, Institute for Conflict Research NI

Neil Jarman is the director of the Institute for Conflict Research, an independent, not-for profit, policy research unit based in Belfast. His PhD from University College London focused on visual political culture in Northern Ireland and he has written extensively on the use of such items as murals, banners and flags in political displays. More recently he has researched widely on issues of racism and other forms of hate crime, as well as on new patterns of migration, diversity and equality.

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Karen Gallagher - Head of Concern Worldwide, NI

With a background in fundraising, Karen came to Concern in 1997 and since 2005 has been director of the Northern Ireland office. Karen manages all of Concern's activity locally, with teams focusing on fundraising, advocacy, campaigning, development education and donor care. Karen's recent field trips have included Kenya and Bangladesh where visited she visited a range of Concern's tackling deficits in health, education and sustainable livelihoods.

Karen became Chair of the Coalition of Aid and Development Agencies (CADA) in 2009 and is working to strengthen the sector in Northern Ireland and to develop stronger links with the Northern Ireland assembly.

Dr Hakeem Yusuf – Director of LLM Programmes in Human Rights, Queens University, Belfast

Dr Hakeem Yusuf is an expert in human rights and transitional justice. He is the Director of LLM Programmes in Human Rights at the prestigious Queen's University Belfast School of Law, United Kingdom (<http://www.law.qub.ac.uk/>). Prior to joining the Law School at Queen's, Hakeem was an taught Jurisprudence and International Law at the Glasgow Law School where he studied for his PhD. He graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) degree from the University of Lagos attended the Nigerian Law and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1998.

With a number of scholarships from the Transitional Justice Institute, the Lagos State Government and the Planethood Foundation, New York, he obtained a Masters of Laws (Human Rights) degree from the Transitional Justice Institute (TJI), University of Ulster in 2006. At the University of Glasgow, he held the School of Law Scholarship. Hakeem's research focuses mainly on human rights, rule of law and democratisation in Africa. He has published his research in leading peer-reviewed journals, including the *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, *Law and Policy*, and the *African Human Rights Law Journal*. His monograph on transitional justice, *Transitional Justice, Judicial Accountability and the Rule of Law* (2010) which recently made the shortlist for the Kevin Boyle Prize, was the first book published in the Routledge Transitional Justice Series

Daniel Holder - Policy Worker Human Rights Commission Northern Ireland

Daniel Holder works within the legislation and policy team of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission. The Commission is the UN accredited 'national human rights institution' for Northern Ireland and was established as a result of the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement. Daniel previously worked on anti-racism and migrant rights projects within the NGO, local government and health sectors, and prior to this worked as a linguist in the media and university sector in Havana, Cuba. He has a masters in human rights law from Queen's University Belfast.

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Dr Khanyisela Moyo – Lecturer University of Ulster Magee Campus

Dr Khanyisela Moyo is currently a law lecturer at the Transitional Justice Institute, University of Ulster. She read law at the University of Zimbabwe. Upon completion she was admitted as a legal practitioner by the Law Society of Zimbabwe in 2001. She then worked as a human rights lawyer with the Zimbabwe human rights NGO Forum representing victims of state orchestrated violence, taught law at the University of Zimbabwe and pursued further studies. Her postgraduate qualifications include a master's degree in International human rights law from Oslo, Norway, an LLM in Public International Law from Nottingham University, and a PhD in transitional justice from the University of Ulster, Northern Ireland.

Since 2005, she has been involved, in various capacities, in the promotion of equality of opportunity and good relations in Northern Ireland and has previously held positions of Vice Chairperson and Public Relations Officer in the management committee of ACSONI. She is currently serving on the Advisory Board of the Northern Ireland Council for Ethnic Minorities (NICEM)'s human rights strategic advocacy program. Khanyisela also sits on NICEM's executive committee where she chairs the sub-committee on policy. She is co-author of a report entitled "Giving a Voice to Africans in Northern Ireland, West of the Bann."

Dr Alfred Hickey M'Sichili, Trade Policy & Campaigns Officer Comhlámh

Dr Alfred Hickey M'Sichili is a philosopher by training, and a policy analyst by profession. He has a Masters in Ethics & Political Philosophy and holds a PhD in Global Economic Justice from UCC. Prior to moving to Ireland, Alfred worked with the University of Zambia as a Research Fellow, where he took part in several development programmes run in collaboration with USAID, DFID, and local NGOs.

His work in Ireland has largely been focused on analysing EU social & economic policies. He has worked with the European Anti Poverty Network (EAPN) Ireland, examining EU policies, especially in relation to poverty and social exclusion. Currently, he is working as Trade Policy & Campaigns officer with Comhlámh, on a pan-European project looking at the link between development and international trade policy.

Alfred is passionate about issues affecting the African continent and Diaspora. In December last year he spoke in Brussels at the European Development Days (EDD) at a seminar on natural resource governance & sustainable development, and in March this year addressed EU parliamentarians at a public hearing in the European Parliament examining the EU's trade strategy on raw materials and its impact on development prospects in developing countries.

His research areas of interest include international trade policy, international development, global justice, and applied ethics.

Active Citizen's Team

A multi-agency, intercultural team from South Belfast Roundtable member groups who recently undertook a learning exchange to Sudan with the British Council Active Citizen's Programme.

Participants were from South Belfast Roundtable, Centre for Global Education, Beyond Skin, The Law Centre, Belfast City Council Good Relations, Ballynafeigh Community Development Association, GEMS NI, Beyond Skin, Afro-Community Support Organisation NI (ASCONI), Multi-Cultural Resource Centre, City Church, Belfast Friendship Club.

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Mr Eric Yao: Coordinator Africa Center Dublin

Eric Yao is the Coordinator of the Africa Centre. He holds a Master of Arts Degree in International Relations and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Warsaw University in Poland.

He worked in the construction industry in Ghana in 1996. His work in the NGO sector and engagement in Development Education started when he took up an appointment with the Africa Centre for Democracy and Human rights Studies in The Gambia in 1997, where he worked initially as the Assistant Publications Officer and later as the Programme Officer for Training, where he designed and facilitated Human Rights training courses for human rights organisations in Africa.

In 1995, Eric and his wife set up a charity in Ghana, which undertakes sustainable livelihood projects with local communities in a town called Ho.

Since joining the Africa Centre, Eric has worked tirelessly to strengthen the organisation and raise its profile not only in Ireland, but in Europe and also in Africa. Eric is happily married to Nana, a medical doctor and they have two young children.

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