

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference on African Academy of Religions**  
**Theme: The Ambivalence of Faith in Africa: Power, knowledge, and Gender Dynamics**

**Venue: Tangaza University, Langata S Rd, Nairobi, Kenya**

**Nairobi, June 12, 2026**

### Daft Conference Programme

Time	Activity	Speaker (s)	Convener	Notes
8:00 – 8:45 AM	Registration	<b>Conference Secretariat Lead:</b> Damaris Muthusi, LDH. - Tangaza University, Kenya	Sr. Damaris	Delegates onsite registration/ Online let-in
8.45 AM	Call to attention	<b>Conference MoC:</b> Sr. Jane Kimathi, - Director of Programs PACTPAN, Africa	Sr. Jane	Assembling @ Venue/Virtual
8:50 AM	Opening Prayer	<b>Dr. Sheikh Mohammed Ali Shomali</b> - Director, International Institute of Islamic Studies, Iran		
9:00 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks	<b>Rev. Prof. Patrick Mwanja, CSSp.</b> Vice Chancellor/Rector - Tangaza University, Kenya	Sr. Jane	15 mns
9:15 AM	<b>KEY NOTE ADDRESS</b>	<b>Prof. Mary Getui</b> - Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Kenya	Sr. Jane	30 mns
9:45AM	<b>SESSION 1: RELIGION AND SOCIO-CULTURAL DYNAMICS</b> (Introduction to the discussion topics)	<b>Session Chair Person:</b> Philomena Njeri Mwaura - Kenyatta University, Kenya	Sr. Jane	1hr
	<b>SESSION 1: RELIGION AND SOCIO-CULTURAL DYNAMICS</b> (Panel Discussions)	<b>Presenters:</b> 1. Ilaria Macconi - FSCIRE. VEREAD coordinator, Italy 2. Xolani Sakuba - University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa 3. Francis Zangairai - Arrupe Jesuit University, Zimbabwe	Prof. Philomena Mwaura	
	<b>Palaver Session</b>			
11.00 AM	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>	Conference Secretariat Team	Sr. Damaris	30 mns (Networking)
11:30 AM	<b>SESSION 2: RELIGION AND POWER DYNAMICS (COLONIAL LEGACIES)</b> (Introduction to the discussion topics)	<b>Session Chair Person:</b> Dr. Reginald Nalugala - Tangaza university, Kenya	Sr. Jane	1hr
	<b>SESSION 2: RELIGION AND POWER DYNAMICS (COLONIAL LEGACIES)</b> (Panel Discussions)	<b>Presenters:</b> 1. Matteo Rovellini - Independent researcher, Italy 2. Mpumelelo Mojo - Arrupe Jesuit University, Zimbabwe	Dr. Reginald Nalugala	

		3. Evaristi Magoti Cornelli - University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania		
		<b>Palaver Session</b>		15 mns
12:45 PM	Lunch Break	Conference Secretariat	Sr. Damaris	1 hr 30 mns
2: 00PM	<b>SESSION 3: RELIGION AND GENDER DYNAMICS</b> (Introduction to the discussion topics)	<b>Session Chair Person:</b> Mr. Anastasio Nyaga Kiura, Tangaza University, Kenya	Sr. Jane	1 hr
	<b>SESSION 3: RELIGION AND GENDER DYNAMICS</b> (Panel Discussions)	<b>Presenters:</b> 1.Veneranda Mbabazi - Makerere University, Uganda 2.Philomena Njeri Mwaura - Kenyatta University, Kenya 3.Cherry Muslim - University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	Mr. Anastasio Nyaga Kiura	
		<b>Palaver Session</b>		
3.15 PM	<b>SESSION 4: RELIGION, KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION AND EPISTEMIC POWER DYNAMICS</b> (Introduction to the discussion topics)	<b>Session Chair Person:</b> Dr. Newton Kahumbi - Kenyatta University, Kenya	Sr. Jane	1 hr
	<b>SESSION 4: RELIGION, KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION AND EPISTEMIC POWER DYNAMICS</b> (Panel Discussions)	<b>Presenters:</b> 1.Innocent H. Maganya - IRDIS/Tangaza University, Kenya 2.Lauren Matthew - University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa 3. Elena Esposito - Independent researcher, Italy	Dr. Newton Kahumbi	
		<b>Palaver Session</b>		
4:30 PM	Wayforward/Closing Remarks	Dr. Zacharia Samita - Kenyatta University, Kenya	Sr. Jane	30 mns
5:00 PM	Closing Prayer	<b>Rev. Fr. Shiradiyi Donald Peter - Nigeria</b>		
	Tea/Cofee	Conference Secretariat	Sr. Damaris	Networking/De parture