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## 2022 IIAS International Conference

**Charlotte,  
North Carolina  
will play host to  
the much-  
talked about  
2022 IIAS In-  
ternational  
Conference.**

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**Members,  
Families,  
Friends, and  
Week-wishers**

of the International Institute for African Scholars are getting ready for a time with history.

The indomitable planning committee comprises of stellar individuals such as Dr. Cheryldene Cook (Planning Committee Chair), Dr. Kingson Njoku, Dr. Anastasia Ashi, Ingrid Epezagne (ABD), and Inspector Agatha Odo. The International Conference promises highlight Africa's 21st Century strategic moves.



**Dr. Cheryldene Cook**

Conference Date:  
August 5th and 6th 2022.  
Single: \$150.00.  
Couples \$250.

Conference Venue:  
**Leadership Center International (Doreen's Place),  
5534 Albermale Road,  
Charlotte, NC 28212**

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Hotel Information: Embassy Suites Uptown, 401 East Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Charlotte, NC (704) 940-2517  
\$199 per night

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Airport Information:  
Charlotte Douglas International Airport  
Charlotte, North Carolina

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## IIAS Speakers' Bureau

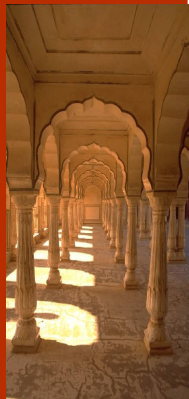
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| Dr. Femi Akingbasote     | Dr. Edward Agbai      | Barrister Ogechi Agbai | Dr. Efrem Warren        |
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| Dr. Chris Okonkwo        | Dr. Femi Akingbasote  | Dr. Josephine Opara    | Dr. Fabian Aniemene     |
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**IIAS**

*If you are a scholar of African descent, IIAS is your premium platform. Decide right now to become visible on your continent. Otherwise, others will come from afar to lead you.*



**This is the way!  
Walk Ye In it!**

# Integrating Agricultural Technologies

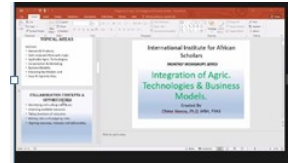
The International Institute for African Scholars organized a workshop focusing on Agriculture. The Project Department has been coordinating with participants on how to help them realize the benefits of the Workshop.



The Integration of Agric

Technologies and Business Models came alive in the presentations made by the IIAS Director of Projects, Dr. Chima Nwosu.

The Workshop featured a line-up of power-brokers in organizational leadership across multiple spectra. Some of the speakers were Mazi Victor Ahuruonye, President/CEO of the Ngwa National Association USA; Dr. Mwalali, Founder of the African Diaspora Coalition of North Carolina; Dr. Vincent Ohaju, International Critical Care Heart Sur-



geon; Dr. Sheila Bassoppo-Moyo, Deputy Chair, Governing Council at Emmanuel University; Dr. Martin Dramou of Paths University, Guinea; Mr. Chinwendu Ehiemere, an Entrepreneurship student at Emmanuel University USA; Mr. Anietie Udofia, a global networker.

# JFEAcademia Research Workshop

The Journal of Functional Education held a Workshop for Upward Bound Scholarly Researchers on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. The Research Associate, Dr. Roseline Ojinta took over the coordination of the project arising from the Workshop.

The research direction that the journal identified consisted of two themes, thus:

(a) Collaboration Challenges in Implementing Research Findings, and (b) Grassroot Women Smallholder Farmer Resilience and Inclusion.

The Journal of functional Education has published articles by a diverse population of scholars from a vast array of academic disciplines. Submit your abstracts to the Process Coord - info@jfeacademia.org



**Dr. Roseline Ojinta**  
Research Associate,  
JFEAcademia

# Identify The Personalities

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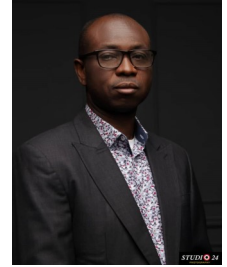


# Envisioning Growth in Africa - By Dr. Edward Agbai

The Africa Development Bank has been at the forefront of championing developmental initiatives for the African continent. The organization does this in active collaboration with the African Union and the sub-regional bodies like the ECO-WAS. The AGENDA 2063 set out by the AU outlines broad measures towards African development. It is a blueprint for transforming Africa into a global powerhouse of the future. "It is the continent's strategic framework that aims to deliver on its goal for inclusive and

sustainable development and is a concrete manifestation of the pan-African drive for unity, self-determination, freedom, progress and collective prosperity pursued under Pan-Africanism and African Renaissance" retrieved from: <https://au.int/en/agenda2063/overview> Having set out such lofty ideals in a vision document, who drives the process? To what extent does Africa's future depend on the US, the EU, and China? What role does global governance play in encouraging development outcomes?

Stakeholders within the continent need to answer these questions because we are witnesses to the struggles of South African against apartheid and the attainment of political independence by countries in the last century. In the last two decades, the continent has seen civil unrest, internal wars, displaced people, an increase in armed banditry, and terrorism. Suffice it to say that Africa is facing a myriad of issues including hunger and starvation How do we engender inclusive growth and economic develop-



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## Envisioning Growth in Africa (contd.)

ment amid the daunting task of curbing crime and criminality? Who will champion the continental and regional integration? Expand the democratic governance space and reposition Africa to becoming a dominant player in the global arena? The average age of the continent's 10 oldest leaders is about 75 years old compared to about 50 years old for the ten most

developed economies. With very few young leaders under 50 years old within the continent. Paradoxically, the continent has the youngest population in the world. How can the aged leadership drive an agenda (AGENDA 2063) that they will not be part of? Are the young people part of the active stakeholders for the agenda? Whose responsibility is it to make this

critical mass of young people on the agenda that will drive their future? Developed countries like Germany and United States have integrated young professionals in working groups to drive developmental processes as active stakeholders. President Joe Biden of the United States in constituting his cabinet was conscious of the diversity and

demography of the United State, thus making his cabinet diverse and young. Conscious efforts must be made to bring young people into governance in Africa. Rwanda has been a shining light in this regard and this has accounted for the innovative minds running that country. The President of Rwanda, Paul Kagame has been critical of his compatriots around the continent on the need for a paradigm shift in the governance process. As we struggle through our collective insight to become relevant in an ever-changing and dynamic world, we must use our

combined and collective will to endear a future continental development in governance and empowerment initiatives for young people. My one cent on possible My one cent on possible solutions facing the continent is to develop a framework of flexible continental development governance. A framework that warehouses all the developmental initiatives of the regional and sub-regional bodies. A framework that integrates private investors as active stakeholders through advocacy regional political stability as a panacea for

development to thrive. Such a framework achieves the objective of a leaner governance structure with the linear target of African overall development. It integrates the works of philanthropic, NGOs, Civil Society Organizations into the development initiative of other subregional thereby refocusing the overarching goal of all organizations in Africa, which is African Integrated Development.

*Dr. Edward Agbai is a Fellow and Director of Strategy at the International Institute for African Scholars*

**International Institute for African Scholars**  
IIAS is a mentoring platform where scholars of African origin find opportunities to build and boost their profiles. Some members have published scholarly articles. Some have received Faculty Online Teaching Certification. Some have been listed as Adjunct faculty at a university. Some have been hired as faculty by a few universities. Some have made new contacts because of their IIAS membership. **Only one thing is left: Building relationships among members. Available Activities Coming Up Soon**  
Workshops/Seminars  
Team Tasks  
Small Projects  
CV Reviews  
One-on-one Plan Reviews

**International Institute for African Scholars**  
**2022 International Conference**  
The Board of Trustees has constituted a Planning Committee for the first IIAS International Conference billed for Charlotte, North Carolina, U.S.A. in 2022. Please help the Planning Committee succeed.  
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Your suggestions will help the Committee. Thanks.

**International Institute for African Scholars**  
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IIAS was established in June 2013 to serve doctoral and other social science researchers. Since then, it has helped several scholars across the globe. It collaborates with other entities such as the Journal of Functional Education, Global Peace Missions (NGO), Emmanuel University, and Center for Academic Research and Educational Sustainability among others. Through the instrumentality of these collaborating entities, Fellows of IIAS have found platforms to express their talents and global presence.

Presenting African Scholars and Professionals to the Global Community



### Peter W. Sherrill Bags the Doctor of Humane Letters (Honoris Causa)

Peter W. Sherrill received the Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa from Emmanuel University on the occasion of the university's 2021 graduation ceremony that took place on Saturday, November 13, 2021. The event was well attended.

Dr. Peter W. Sherrill made a resounding speech in which he conveyed critical knowledge and meaning on the theme of "Keeping the Faith."

During the same event, Dr. Peter W. Sherrill was the keynote speaker at the graduation segment where he addressed the graduating students on the subject of "The African of Our Dream." His speech while receiving his honorary doctoral degree and his address to the graduating students evoked sentiments for Africa and her peoples.

Dr. Chima Nwosu set the tone for the award.

Dr. Sheila Bassoppo-Moyo conferred the honorary doctorate degree on Peter W. Sherrill.

Dr. Cheryldene Cook presented the award.

Dr. Peter W. Sherrill is the Director in charge of African Rights, a Division of the International Institute for African Scholars.

Dr. Chima Nwosu is a member of the Governing Council at Emmanuel University USA

Dr. Cheryldene Cook is a Fellow and the Director of Global Networks at the International Institute for African Scholars while also shouldering a responsibility at Emmanuel University.

Please join the African Scholars Digest (ASD) to congratulate Dr. Peter Sherrill.



**Dr. Peter W. Sherrill flanked by Dr. Cheryldene Cook and Dr. Chima Nwosu**