



**Conference Programme**  
**Ageing in Africa: Narratives, Human Rights, and Care**

**Auditorium of the Centre for Biodiversity Conservation Research, University of  
Ghana, Legon  
20–21 May 2026**

**DAY 1: OPENING CEREMONY, PANEL PRESENTATIONS, AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

**08:30 – 09:00 Arrival and Registration**

- **MIASA Administration Team**

**09:00 – 10:00 Opening Ceremony / Welcome**

- **Welcome Address:** MIASA Directors
- **Centre for Ageing Studies,** University of Ghana
- **Opening Remarks:** Conference Convenor
- **Official Opening:** Provost, College of Humanities, University of Ghana (or Representative)

**10:00 - 10.45 Keynote Address**

**Chair:** Erdmute Alber

**Speaker:** Isabella Aboderin

**Title:** *Reflecting on Ageing Research in Africa: Reclaiming African Research on Ageing? Beginnings of a Reflexive Attempt to Clarify the Case*

**10.45 – 11.15 Group Picture and Coffee Break**

**11.15– 13:15 Panel 1: Gender, Reciprocity, and Exchange**

**Chair:** Mavis Dako-Gyeke

**Papers:**

- Social-Economic 'Dwelling', Networks and Wealth Dynamics of Elders in Southern Zambia – Lisa Cliggett & Allison Harnish
- Climate Change and the Choreography of Hospitality: Elderly Women, Foodways, and Household Survival in Rural Goromonzi, Zimbabwe – Ignatius Gutsa
- Securing the Future: Changing Widowhood in Northern Benin – Erdmute Alber
- Ageing as a Woman in Korhogo (Côte d'Ivoire): Solidarities, Dependency and Wishes – Camille Van Deputte

**13.15– 14.15 Lunch Break**

**14.15– 15:45 Panel 2: Care Infrastructures and the Fragility of Informal Care Systems**

**Chair:** Vendelin Tarmo Simon

**Papers:**

- An Ecological Systems Analysis of Informal Long-Term Care for Frail Older Adults in Sub-Saharan Africa – Florence Akosua Agyemang & Charles Agyemang Prempeh
- Family Care of Older Persons in Botswana- Moore/Ntseane
- Enhancing Informal Caregiving for Older Persons in Ghana: The Relevance of Social Work Values – Mavis Dako-Gyeke, Richard Baffo Kodom, & Kwamina Abekah-Carter

**15.45 – 19.00 Community Engagement**

- **Dialogues on Ageing:** Lived Experiences and Futures of Care
- **Facilitators:** Mavis Dako-Gyeke & Florence Akosua Agyemang

**19:00 Conference Dinner (upon invitation only)**

**DAY 2: PANEL PRESENTATIONS, AND SYNTHESIS**

**09:00 – 11:00 Panel 3: Ageing Across Borders: Migration, Displacement, and Transnational Lives**

**Chair:** Albert Irambeshya

**Papers:**

- An Inquiry into the Gender Dimensions of Transnational Aging among Ghanaian Immigrants in Canada: Intersection of Care, identity, and belonging – Joseph Mensah & Sylvia Esther Gyan
- Ageing in Exile: Narrating Futures in Protracted Displacement among Congolese in Kampala – Alessandro Gusman

- The Diversity of Aging Aspirations: The Lack of a Retirement Orthodoxy among Aging Ghanaian-Canadians – Cati Coe
- Going Back Home to My Family and Community’: Lived Realities of Old-Age Return Migrants in Zimbabwe– Gracious Maviza et al.

**11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break**

**11:15 – 12:45 Panel 4: Technologies of Care and Digital Ageing**

**Chair:** Erdmute Alber

**Papers:**

- Caring for Older People Amid Rural-Urban Migration in Rwanda. The Transformative Role of Technology in Shaping Care Practices” – Albert Irambeshya
- Technologies of Care: Ageing, Digital Health and Older People in Tanzania – Vendelin Tarmo Simon
- Technology, Ageing, and Care in Africa: How What We Know Now Should Condition Our Plans for the Future.– A. Jamie Saris et al.

**12:45 – 13:45 Lunch Break**

**13:45 – 15:45 Panel 5: Governing Ageing: Rights, Insecurity and Structural Vulnerabilities**

**Chair:** Cati Coe

**Papers:**

- The COVID-19 Health Crisis and the Rights of Older People in Côte d’Ivoire- Dayoro Arnaud Kévin
- Age of In-security – Casey Golomski
- International Human Rights and Local Policy Discourses in Ghana: Implications for the Protection of Elderly Women – Matthew Mabefam
- Narratives of Families and of Care – Norah Keating

**15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break**

**16:00 – 17:00 PhD Session: Emerging Scholars in Ageing Research**

**Chairs/Discussants:** Vendelin Tarmo Simon and Cati Coe

- Emotion Regulation and Mental Health Outcomes Among Older Adults: The Role of Ageing Self-Efficacy and Digital Engagement - Nanteer-Oteng Eric
- The Role of Spirituality as a Coping Mechanism for Individuals Living with Dementia In Ghana” - Wonderlyn Abena Fosuah
- Exploring Multimorbidity and Mental Health Outcomes among Older Adults in Ghana: A Mixed-Methods Study - Priscilla Osei-Bonsu
- Caregiving And Ageing in Ghana: A Mixed Methods Study - Eunice Panford-Quainoo

- A Mixed-Methods Study of Clinical Outcomes, Psychosocial Wellbeing, and Lived Experiences among Older persons with Sickle Cell Disease in Ghana - Marian Opoku-Agyakwa

**17:00 – 17:30 Final Plenary: Synthesis, Reflections, and the Way Forward**

**Chair:** Erdmute Alber

- Panel Highlights and Synthesis
- Open Reflections

**17:30 – 17:45 Closing Remarks**

- Conference Convenors and MIASA Directors