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# RETHINKING FORCED DISPLACEMENT IN AFRICA

*Repenser les déplacements forcés en Afrique*



**26 - 28** March  
2026



**GASTON BERGER UNIVERSITY  
Saint-Louis (Senegal)**



Federal Ministry  
of Research, Technology  
and Space



# DAY 0 - MARCH 25, 2026

*Arrival & Welcome — Thiès — Saint-Louis*

**8.30am**

## **Departure from Thiès**

Hôtel Croissant Magique — 381 Av. Lamine Gueye / Rue Sans Soleil, Thiès

**1pm**

## **Estimated Arrival at Saint-Louis**

Hôtel de la Poste, Saint-Louis — BP 48

**1pm – 4pm**

## **Check-in · Lunch (per diem) · Preparation**

**4pm – 7pm**

## **Visit of Saint-Louis with a horse-drawn carriage**

**8pm**

## **Dinner — Hôtel de la Poste**

# DAY 1 - MARCH 26, 2026

*LASPAD Room, UGB Library*

**8.30am – 9am**

## **Departure from the Hotel de la Poste**

**9am – 9.15am**

## **Welcoming of the participants**

**9.15am – 10.30am**

## **Opening Ceremony**

Speech by Papa Fara Diallo — Director of LASPAD (welcoming institution)

Speech by Magatte Ndiaye — Rector, Gaston Berger University

Speech by Abdoulaye Gueye — Director, UGB Library

Speeches by Stefan Rother (MIASA) and Dr Oumarou Hamani (LASDEL)

General guidelines by Marko Scholze

Scientific opening by Oumarou Hamani and Faisal Garba

# DAY 1 - MARCH 26, 2026

LASPAD Room, UGB Library

10.30am – 1pm

## Panel : Intra-African Regional Mobility and Immobility

**Chair: Mary Setrana** (University of Ghana)

- **Tebkieta Alexandra Tapsoba** (Univ. Joseph Ki-Zerbo) — People who are coming home, not people who are fleeing
- **Sarah Bemmah Nyarko** (University of Ghana) — Generational differences in Identity and Integration of Former Liberian Refugees
- **Valerie Rumbidzai Jeche** (Midlands State Univ.) — From Agrarian Crisis to Forced Mobility in Zimbabwe's Lowveld
- **Temitope Yetunde Bello** (KolaDaisi Univ.) — From Displacement to Cultivation: Forced Migrants in Nigeria's Southwestern Cities

11:30–12:00 — *Coffee Break*

12:00–13:00 — *General Discussion*

1pm – 2.30pm

## Lunch Break

2.30pm – 5.30pm

## Panel: Transition from Citizen to Refugee Status, Statelessness

**Chair: Ibrahima Kane** (LASPAD, Saint-Louis)

- **Marcia Schenck** (Univ. of Potsdam) — Displacement, Decolonization and Development: the African Refugee Regime
- **Henry Kam Kah** (Univ. of Buea) — Displacement Crisis in the Sahel and Neglected Humanitarian Attention
- **Gifty Sarkodie Amponsah** (Univ. of Ghana) — Inequalities in WASH Access among Displaced Persons in Ghana and Sierra Leone
- **Iriann Freemantle** (Univ. of Witwatersrand) — Migration Management, Racial Order and the Politics of Categorisation
- **Stella Onumeagbu** (Ignatius Ajuru Univ.) — Disability, Politics of Displacement and Exclusion

15:45–16:15 — *Coffee Break*

16:15–17:30 — *General Discussion*

7.30pm

## Dinner — Hôtel de la Poste

# DAY 2 - MARCH 27, 2026

LASPAD Room, UGB Library

9am

Departure from Hôtel de la Poste

9.30am – 12pm

Panel: The Multifaceted Border Crisis

**Chair: Ayrton Aubry** (LASPAD, Saint-Louis)

- **Idrissa Manka** (Univ. Cheikh Anta Diop) — From ancestral territory to protected area: Niokolo Koba National Park, Senegal
- **Mauro Tsandzane** (Univ. de La Réunion) — Forced displacement and humanitarian governance in Cabo Delgado, Mozambique
- **Chaimaa Radouani** (Leiden University) — Black Bodies, Racial Borders: Forced Displacement and Mobility Governance in Morocco
- **Ester Tamdja** (Univ. de Bangui) — The quest for security: root cause of insecurity? Sudanese refugees in Ndele, CAR

10:00–10:30 — *Coffee Break*

10:30–12:00 — *General Discussion*

12pm – 1.30pm

Lunch Break

1.30pm – 4.30pm

Panel: Forced Displacement, Mobility and Migration

**Chair: Abebaw Minaye & Ayrton Aubry**

- **Asaf Augusto** (Univ. of Bayreuth) — Crisis, Compulsion and Mobility: Angola-Portugal Reciprocal Movements
- **Aya Boubel** (Univ. de Bordeaux) — Governing by the numbers: Exhortation to precision or ethical resignation
- **Toziny Viva Eliannah** (Univ. de Toliara) — The tandroisation of Toliara: informal practices and Tandroy migrants
- **Koua-Oba Jovial** (Univ. Marien Ngouabi) — Inter-ethnic crises in DRC and their migration impact
- **Fekadu A. Tufa** (Addis Ababa Univ.) — Reconceptualizing Displacement: Conflict and Climate Change in Ethiopia's Somali Region
- **Danny Mbuyi Lukusa** (Avocat, Belgium) — Restricted mobility and survival strategies in areas controlled by armed groups in DRC

15:00–15:30 — *Coffee Break*

15:30–17:00 — *General Discussion*

# DAY 3 - MARCH 28, 2026

LASPAD Room, UGB Library

**8.30am**                      **Departure from Hôtel de la Poste**

**9am – 11am**                      **Panel: Humanitarian Protection and Solidarity Practices**

**Chair: Laura Lambert** (Leuphana University, Lüneburg)

· **Amira Ahmed** (American Univ. of Cairo) — Migration in the Global South from a Cultural Heritage Perspective: Congolese & Sudanese in Egypt

· **Nadhifa Ng'Ono Jama** (Mombasa, Kenya) — Sexual Harassment and Protection in Horn of African Forced Displacement

· **Allavo Rodolphe Wilson** (Univ. de Parakou) — Invisible forces and solidarity practices among marginalized youth in Benin

· **Bababunmi O. Williams** (Osun State Univ.) — Beyond the Camps: The Transformation of IDPs in Jimeta-Yola, Adamawa State, Nigeria

09:30–10:00 — *Coffee Break*

10:00–11:30 — *General Discussion*

**11.30am – 12pm**                      **Closing Ceremony & Synthesis of the Conference**

Synthesis by **Stefan Rother** — Director MIASA, Germany

**12pm – 1.30pm**                      **Closing Lunch**

**3pm**                                      **Departure from Saint-Louis — from Hôtel de la Poste**

**7pm**                                      **Arrival at Thiès — Hôtel Croissant Magique, 381 Av. Lamine Gueye**

# DAY 4 - MARCH 29, 2026

Departures — Blaise Diagne International Airport

**Morning**                                      **Departures from Blaise Diagne International Airport**

One hour transit from Hôtel Croissant Magique (Thiès) to the airport

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1	Dr Asaf Cassule Noé Augusto	Université de Bayreuth, Allemagne
2	Mme Aya Boubel	University of Bordeaux, France
3	Dr Toziny Viva Elianah EP Vahinisoa	Université de Toliara, Madagascar
4	Dr Jovial Koua Oba	Université Marien Ngouabi de Brazzaville, Congo-Brazzaville
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12	Dr Temitope Yetunde Bello	KolaDaisi University, Ibadan, Nigeria
13	Dr Sarah Bemmah Nyarko	Université du Ghana, Legon-Accra, Ghana
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15	Dr Valerie Rumbidzai Jeché	Université Midlands State, Zimbabwe
16	Dr Bababunmi Olanrewaju Koforowola Williams	Université Osun State, Nigeria
17	Mme Nadhifa Ng'Ono Jama	Mombasa, Kenya
18	Amira Abdrahman Ahmed Mohamed	American University of Cairo, Egypte
19	Mr Rodolphe Wilson Allavo	Université de Parakou, Bénin
20	Mr Idrissa Manka	Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, Sénégal
21	Mr Mauro Jaquis Joao Tsandzane	Université de La Réunion
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29	Dr Hamani Oumarou	LASDEL, Université Abdou Moumouni, Niamey, Niger
30	Dr Stefan Rother	MIASA Accra & Université Fribourg, Allemagne
31	Mr Soorej Jose Puthooppambil	Université Uppsala, Suède
32	Dr Ibrahima Kane	LASPAD, Saint-Louis, Sénégal
33	Dr Ayrton Aubry	LASPAD, Saint-Louis, Sénégal

## Practical Information

<b>Venue</b>	Salle LASPAD, Bibliothèque de l'Université Gaston Berger Saint-Louis, Sénégal
<b>Dates</b>	Tuesday 25 March (Arrival) — Sunday 29 March (Departures) 2026 Conference: 26, 27 and 28 March 2026
<b>Language</b>	Bilingual French / English · Simultaneous interpretation provided
<b>Accommodation</b>	Hôtel de la Poste, Saint-Louis — fully covered by MIASA for selected participants
<b>Transport</b>	Departure from Thiès on 25 March · Return via Blaise Diagne Airport on 29 March (one hour transit from Hôtel Croissant Magique)
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