



IAGG-GSIA Workshop on FAMILIES

Under the auspices of the Global Social Initiative on Ageing (GSIA) Africa Programme of the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG), the Africa Unit for Transdisciplinary Health Research (AUTHeR) at North West University (NWU), South Africa, convened a 3-day expert workshop, from 29-31 July 2013, on 'Families, Intergenerational Dynamics and Ageing in sub-Saharan Africa: Toward Understanding Realities'.

The core purpose of the workshop is to develop an incisive framework and agenda for generating incisive evidence and theoretical interpretations of family and intergenerational dynamics and support in the context of ageing in SSA. To this end, the workshop will bring together key international and African scholars from the fields of family sociology, gerontology and demography in three days of joint, structured reflection and discussions.

The workshop deliberations sought to accomplish four key aims:

1. To pinpoint paramount policy - and scientifically-relevant queries, and related knowledge gaps
2. To identify relevant theoretical perspectives from family sociology or gerontology that may be drawn upon for, and in turn critically interrogated by, the generation and interpretation of empirical evidence
3. To forge a systematic and detailed 5-year agenda and plans for single and cross country research
4. To establish a broad structure and key domains for an intensive training course curriculum on families and ageing in SSA to be delivered to relevant social science students and scholars to build capacity for further, high-quality inquiry on these areas.

The following experts got together in Potchefstroom, South Africa:

- ▣ Dr. Isabella Aboderin, African Population and Health Research Center, Nairobi, Kenya; IAGG Regional Chair for Africa; AFRAN coordinator
- ▣ Dr. Blessing Mberu, African Population and Health Research Center, Nairobi, Kenya
- ▣ Dr. Yaw Amoateng, Centre for Sociological Research, University of Johannesburg, Sth Africa
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- ▣ Dr. Lucy Maina, Dept of Sociology, Kenyatta University, Kenya
- ▣ Dr. Samuel Mwangi, Dept of Sociology, Kenyatta University, Kenya
- ▣ Prof. Akpovire Oduaran, School of Continuing Education, North-West University, Mafikeng, Sth Africa
- ▣ Prof. Vera Roos, AUTHeR, School for Psycho-Social Behavioural Sciences, North-West University, Potchefstroom, Sth Africa
- ▣ Prof Tony Naidoo, Community Psychology, Dept of Psychology, University of Stellenbosch, Sth Africa
- ▣ Prof Chrizanne van Eeden, Faculty of Humanities, North-West University, Vaal Triangle Campus, Sth Africa
- ▣ Dr Vicky Koen, School of Nursing Sciences, North-West University, Potchefstroom, Sth Africa
- ▣ Ms Janine van Aardt, North-West University, Potchefstroom, Sth Africa
- ▣ Ms Susan Jansen van Rensburg, North-West University, Potchefstroom, Sth Africa
- ▣ Ms Amone Redelinghuys, North-West University, Potchefstroom, Sth Africa
- ▣ Ms Schola Matovu, School of Nursing, Dept of Family Health Care, University of California, San Francisco, USA
- ▣ Prof Minrie Greeff, AUTHeR, North-West University, Potchefstroom, Sth Africa
- ▣ Dr Shingairai Chigeza, AUTHeR, North-West University, Potchefstroom, Sth Africa
- ▣ Dr Herman Grobler, Centre for Child, Youth & Family Studies, AUTHeR, North-West University, Wellington, Sth Africa
- ▣ Ms Patricia Kolobe, Ipelegeng Centre, North-West University, Mafikeng, Sth Africa
- ▣ Dr. Jaco Hoffman, Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, University of Oxford; AUTHeR, North-West University, Potchefstroom South Africa; AFRAN
- ▣ Prof. Andreas Hoff, Social Gerontology, Zittau-Goerlitz University of Applied Sciences, Germany
- ▣ Prof. Norah Keating, Human Ecology, University of Alberta, Canada; Director IAGG Global Social Initiative on Ageing
- ▣ Prof. Sjaak van der Geest, Medical Anthropology, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands