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Azania Speaks

Visions of partnership in Africa:
the art of the spoken word

UNIVERSITY OF UDINE

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PROGRAMME

17 NOVEMBER 2008

MORNING SESSION. CHAIR: ANTONELLA RIEM NATALE

8.30 Registration

9.00 Opening – Music ceremony with Seydou Dao, Kalifa Djarra, Ishaka Sanou (Burkinabe musicians) – Greetings from the authorities

10.00 Round table with: H.E. Cecilia Obono Ndong (Ambassador of Equatorial Guinea to Italy), Furio Honsell (Mayor of Udine), Victor Chatuè (Vice-Chancellor's Assistant for Cooperation with Africa, University of Udine)

11.30 Coffee break

12.00 Keynote speaker: Nduka Otiono (University of Alberta) *Mind Grenades, Verbal Missiles: Spoken Wor(l)d and the Impoverished Generation in Postcolonial Africa*

12.30 Lunch break

AFTERNOON SESSION. CHAIR: ITALA VIVAN

14.30 Natalia Molebatsi (South African spoken word artist): *From poetry to floetry. The journey of spoken word from the bassline to digital worlds*

15.00 Maria Renata Dolce (University of Salento). Presentation of the volume: *The Goddess Awakened. Partnership Studies in Literatures, Language and Education*

15.30 Tea break

16.00 James Tsaioor (University of Ibadan): *Politics, Popular Musical Culture and National Re-Invention in Nigeria*

16.30 Alberto Masala (Sardinian spoken word artist) *Street Alphabet*

17.00 Giampaolo Gri (University of Udine). Presentation of visual art exhibition

18 NOVEMBER 2008

MORNING SESSION. CHAIR: CARLA COMELLINI (UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA)

- 9.30** Silvia Camilotti (University of Bologna): *African Female Migrant Writers in Contemporary Italian Literature. A critical analysis*
- 10.00** Kaha M. Aden (Somali storyteller): *The Fourth Way. My Journey Through the Streets of Mogadishu*
- 10.30** Gabriella Ghermandi (Ethiopian storyteller): *Queen of Pearls and Flowers. A Story of Ethiopian Patriots Resisting Italian Colonization*
- 11.00** **Coffee Break**
- 11.30** Tahar Lamri (Algerian storyteller): *The Voice's Pilgrimage*
- 12.00** *Friulafrican. Poetry and Music at the crossroads of worlds.* Readings of Daniel Samba (African-Friulian storyteller), Isabelle Grattoni (African-Friulian storyteller), Lussia Di Uanis (Friulian poet), Fabian Riz (Friulian songwriter), Raff B.B. Lazzara (Friulian poet). Music background by Guido Carrara (Friulian songwriter)
- 13.00** Lunch break

AFTERNOON SESSION. CHAIR: NDUKA OTIONO

- 14.30** Itala Vivan (University of Milan): *The Brave New World of African Women Fighting Through Words*
- 15.00** Ntsiki Mazwai (South African spoken word artist): *MaMiya. The African Goddess Speaks*
- 15.30** **Tea break**
- 16.00** Pierpaolo Martino (University of Bari): *Wi tired ah di degradation. Women's dub poetry*
- 16.30** Napo Masheane (South African spoken word artist): *Caves Speak in Metaphors. Poetry as a Black Art*
- 21.15** **Concert: Mamadi Kaba (Guinea).**
(Venue: Sala Madrassi, Via Gemona 60, Udine. Free entrance)

19 NOVEMBER 2008

MORNING SESSION. CHAIR: MARIA BORTOLUZZI

- 9.00** Nella Maccarrone (Liceo Classico e Scientifico Leopardi – Maiorana, Pordenone): *Partnership Education through South African History.* Presentation of the book *Sources of Conflict, Visions of peace*
- 9.30** Round table on creative writing with Napo Masheane, Natalia Molebatsi, Ntiski Mazwai and Shailja Patel
- 10.30** **Coffee break**
- 11.00** Giuseppe Licitra (University of Catania): *African Women's Projects in Rural Communities. Presentation of IPWO (International Professional Women Opportunity) and CoRFiLaC*
- 12.00** *CheeseArt.* Cheese taste of CoRFiLaC products
- 12.30** **Lunch break**

AFTERNOON SESSION: CHAIR: ANTONELLA RIEM NATALE

- 14.30** Lance Henson (Tsistsistas poet): *Words from the edge*
- 15.00** *Other Africas.* Presentation of the latest issue of *Aut Aut* with Davide Zoletto (University of Udine), Roberta Altin (University of Udine) Raphael d'Abdon (University of Udine). Introduction by Itala Vivan
- 16.00** Shailja Patel (Kenyan spoken word artist): *Migritude. An Epic Journey in Four Movements*
- 16.30** Closing

Special Guest: Jahman Anikulapo (Culture Advocates Caucus, Nigeria)