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**Maria Sibylla Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa**

**University of Ghana, Legon-Accra**

**International workshop on:**

**ISSUES OF RESTITUTION AND REPATRIATION OF LOOTED AND ILLEGALLY ACQUIRED AFRICAN OBJECTS IN EUROPEAN MUSEUMS**

**13-14 December 2018**

**Institute of African Studies, Conference Room, University of Ghana**

**Thursday 13 December**

***9.00 – 9.30 Registration***

**9.30 – 11.00 Welcome**

**Speeches by the Directors of MIASA: Abena D. Oduro (University of Ghana) and Gordon Crawford (University of Freiburg)**

**Keynote Speech** **I:**

**Wazi Apoh,** Department of Archaeology and Heritage Studies, University of Ghana

*‘Mainstreaming the Discourse on Restitution and Repatriation Within African History and Heritage Studies’*

***11.00 – 11.30 Break***

**11.30 – 1.00 Country/Regional Experiences and Issues I: Cameroon, Togo, Namibia, and Ghana**

**Albert Gouaffo,** Département des Langues etrangères appliquées, Université de Dschang, Cameroon

*‘Provenance Research as Pre-condition for Restitution or Sharing of Colonial Objects in German Museums: the Case of Cameroon’*

**Kokou Azamede,** Faculté des Lettres et Sciences Humaines, Université de Lomé, Togo

*‘Objects from Togo and Danhome (today Bénin) in German Museums ‘*

**Steven Isaack,** Heritage Watch, Namibia

*‘Issues of Restitution and Repatriation of Looted and Illegally Acquired African Objects in European Museums in The Context of Namibia"*

**Togbe Opeku V,** Chief of Kpando-Agbenoxoe and Regent of Kpando Paramount Chief Palace, Ghana

*‘Sustaining Traditions, Heritage Institutions and Indigenous Identities with Royal Objects and Cultural Rituals’*

**Mamaga Ametor II,** Paramount Queen of Alavanyo Traditional Area, Ghana

*The Role of Queen Mothers in Issues of Restitution and Heritage Development*

***1.00 – 2.00 Lunch***

**2.00 – 3.30 Country/Regional Experiences and Issues II: Nigeria, Benin, and Namibia**

**Zacharys Gundu,** University of Ahmadu Bello, Nigeria

*‘Looted Nigerian Heritage: An Interrogatory Discourse around Repatriation.’*

**Emery Patrick Effiboley,** Department of History and Archaeology, University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin

*‘Reflections of the issue of repatriation of looted and illegally acquired African materials in Western museums’*

**Dag Henrichsen,** Centre for African Studies, University of Basel, Switzerland

‘*Restitution – a recent phenomenon? Traditions of Critique of Scientific Practices and early Histories*

*of Claims for Restitution by Namibian communities’*

***3.30 – 4.00 Break***

**4.00 – 5.30 Keynote Speech II: *(with live stream to FRIAS, tbc)***

**Andreas Eckert,** Institute for Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany

*‘Decolonizing the Museum? African Objects and the Politics of Restitution “.*

***Evening: Dinner and Cultural Programme (by invitation only)***

**Friday 14 December**

**9.00 – 11.00 The Role of African and European Museums in Restitution Issues: Universal and Encyclopaedic Models**

**Gertrude Aba Eyifa-Dzidzienyo,** Department of Archaeology, University of Ghana

*‘Looted and illegally acquired African objects in European Museums: Issues of Restitution and Repatriation in Ghana.’*

**Thomas Laely,** Ethnographic Museum at the University of Zurich, Switzerland

*Restitution and Beyond in Contemporary Museum Work. Re-imagining a Paradigm of Knowledge Production and Partnership.*

**Alexis von Poser,** Landesmuseum Hannover – Das Weltenmuseum, Germany

*‘The Lower Saxon State Museum's Strategy on Dealing with its Colonial Collections’*

***11.00 – 11.30 Break***

**11.30 – 12.30 Legal Issues: International Law versus Colonial Law of Appropriation**

**Kofi Baku,** Department of History, University of Ghana

*‘Righting the Wrongs of the Past: What We Must Do’*

**Kwame Larbi,** Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana

*‘Positioning African Governments/Museums to Request and Receive Restituted and Repatriated Art Objects’*

***12.30 – 1.30 Lunch***

**1.30 – 4.30 Round Table Discussion: Next steps? Research Proposals and Funding**

***(closed session)***

**Location (tbc): MIASA Bungalow at University of Ghana, Legon Hill 26**

**Chaired by the Directors of MIASA: Abena D. Oduro (University of Ghana) and Gordon Crawford (University of Freiburg)**