



# *The Great Lakes Region of Africa: Divergent Pasts, Converging Future*

*Saturday 26 February 2005*

## *Glendon Dining Hall*

**8:15 – 9:00**

*Registration*

Registration and continental breakfast

**9:00 – 9:25**

*Opening Remarks*

**GLRAISC**

The Great Lakes Region of Africa Independent Study Committee

**Professor Domenico Mazzeo**

International Studies Programme Coordinator

**Kenneth McRoberts**

Principal of Glendon College, York University

*Introduction of  
the Morning Panel*

*Master of Ceremonies*

**The Honourable Jean Augustine**

Federal Liberal Member of Parliament for the riding of Etobicoke-Lakeshore

**9:25 – 9:55**

*The Great Lakes  
Region of Africa:*

*An Overview of Region*

**Dr. Vincent Khapoya**

Professor and Specialist on African Politics and Foreign Policy  
Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan

Presentation: *The Great Lakes Region of Africa: The Imperial Legacy, An Overview  
of the Region*

**9:55 – 11:05**

*Democracy, Civil Society  
and Human Rights in  
The Great Lakes  
Region*

**Dr. Wafula Okumu**

International Consultant on Peace, Governance, and Humanitarian Matters in Africa  
Presentation: *Peace and Democracy in the Great Lakes Region: Challenges  
and Prospects*

**Mr. Georges Tshionza Mata**

Secretary General of Service de Renforcement des Appuis aux  
Communautés de Base en Afrique Centrale (SERACOB)

Presentation: *Conflict Management in the Great Lakes of Africa:  
The Role of Civil Society*

**Dr. Monique Mujawamariya**

President and Founder of Mobilisation Enfants du Monde  
Former Human Rights Activist in the Great Lakes Region of Africa  
Presentation: *Requiem pour un Géant blessé*



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**11:05 – 11:45**

*Canada- Great Lakes  
Region Relations*

**Mr. Julian Murray**

Regional Director for Central Africa and the Great Lakes Region  
Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)  
Presentation: Title to be confirmed

**Ms. Anne Leahy**

Canadian Ambassador to the Great Lakes Region of Africa  
Foreign Affairs Canada  
Presentation: *Canada-Great Lakes Region Relations*

**11:45 – 12:05**

*UN Involvement  
in the Great Lakes Region  
of Africa*

**Mr. Ibrahima Fall**

Special Representative of the Secretary General for the Great Lakes Region  
United Nations

Presentation: *The UN and the Great Lakes: The International Conference on the Great  
Lakes Region*

**12:05- 12:30**

Question Period - Open to all in attendance

**12:30 – 1:45**

*Lunch and Cultural  
Performance*

A Selection of Dishes from the Great Lakes Region of Africa

**Mr. Adam (Professor) Solomon**

Guitarist from East Africa  
Presentation: *African Renaissance Blues*



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## **PANEL A**

*York Hall, Room 204*

Moderator

**Dr. Jean-Pierre Diamani**

Professor of Political Science and International Studies  
Glendon College, York University

**2:00 – 3:05**

*Peace, Security  
and Governance*

**Mr. Bernard Leloup**

Specialist on National and International Politics of Central and East Africa  
Researcher at the Centre for the Study of the Great Lakes Region of Africa  
University of Antwerp

Presentation: *National Politics and International Relations in the Great Lakes Region*

**Dr. Vincent Khapoya**

Professor and Specialist on African Politics and Foreign policy  
Oakland University

Presentation: *Regional Conflict and Humanitarian Intervention in Africa:  
The Great Lakes Area*

**Dr. Michael Barutciski**

Refugee Specialist

Professor of the International Studies Programme, Glendon College

Presentation: *Refugees in the Great Lakes Region of Africa*

**3:05 – 3:25**

Question Period - Open to all in attendance

**3:30 – 4:35**

*Economy and  
Sustainable Development*

**Mr. Daniel Henry**

Senior Advisor for Rural Development and Agriculture – Africa and Middle East Branch  
Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)

Presentation: Title to be confirmed

**Mr. Vincent Leyaro**

Research Assistant - Regional Integration, Poverty and Public Expenditure  
Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF) – Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Presentation: *Enhancing Intra-Regional Trade and Infrastructure Development  
for a Prosperous Region*

**Ms. Paula Butler**

Doctoral Candidate at OISE – University of Toronto

Researcher - Race Relations and the Canadian Mining Industry's Involvement  
in African Countries

Presentation: *"I was just there looking at the rocks": A Story-Telling Session on  
Canadian Interests in African Mining*

**4:35-4:55**

Question Period – Open to all in attendance





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## **PANEL B**

*York Hall, Room 129*

*Moderator*

**Mr. François Bugingo**

Journalist with Télé-Québec  
Émission Points chauds

**2:00 – 3:05**

*Human Development*

**Mr. Tony Rogge**

Manager of the Program Support Unit  
Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief (CPAR)

Presentation: *When Elephants Fight, the Grass Suffers: Fostering Participation in Development Projects*

**Dr. Sumeet Sodhi**

Participant in an HIV/AIDS project in the DRC  
Médecins Sans Frontières

Presentation: *Healthcare Challenges in the Democratic Republic of the Congo*

**Dr. Malubungi Mueni**

Specialist on Gender Issues, International Development and Immigration  
Director General of the Réseau des Chercheuses Africaines (RECAF)

Presentation: *Femmes des pays des grands lacs, quelles perspectives d'avenir?*

**3:05 – 3:25**

Question Period - Open to all in attendance

**3:30 – 4:35**

*Civil Society,  
Culture and Media*

**Dr. Toyin Falola**

Professor and Historian - Specialist on Africa  
University of Texas at Austin

Presentation: *Challenges of Higher Education*

**Dr. Kenneth Harrow**

Director of the Comparative Literature and Studies Program  
Professor of African American and African Studies  
Michigan State University

Presentation: *The Cultural Representation of Genocide: The Rwanda Writers' Project and Hotel Rwanda*

**Mr. Georges Tshionza Mata**

Secretary General of SERACOB (Service de Renforcement des Appuis aux Communautés de Base en Afrique Centrale)

Presentation: *Les défis des médias en Afrique des Grands-Lacs*

**4:35-4:55**

Question Period - Open to all in attendance



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## **CONCLUSION**

*Glendon Manor, Ballroom*

**5:00**

*Summation of Panels,  
Closing Remarks  
and Reception*

**Dr. Jean-Pierre Diamani**

Professor of Political Science and International Studies  
Glendon College, York University  
Presentation: *Summary of Panel A*

**Mr. François Buingo**

Journalist with Télé-Québec  
Presentation: *Summary of Panel B*

**Principal Kenneth McRoberts**

Closing Remarks

**Reception – Wine and Cheese**