PAN AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
Constellations of Hope: Africa and the Renewal of the Church in the Vision of Benedict XVI
Chief Guest: ***His Eminence Cardinal Peter Turkson, Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences***

PROGRAMME

19 – 21 November 2026

DAY 1: THURSDAY, 19th November 2026
Moderator: Rev. Dr. Vitalis MSHANGA, AJ./ Rev. Fr. Donald IMMO

TIME	ACTIVITY/SESSION	SPEAKER/PRESENTER
08:00 – 08:30	Arrival & Registration	Secretariat
08:30 – 08:35	Opening Prayer	His Eminence Cardinal Peter TURKSON
08:35 – 08:40	Welcoming Remarks	Prof. Daniel KITONGA – Tangaza University, Nairobi
08:40 – 08:50	TU Vice Chancellor's Address	Rev. Prof. Patrick MWANIA, CSSP - Tangaza University, Nairobi
08:50 – 09:00	President - Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	Rev. Dr. James P. BURNS, IVD - Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
09:00 – 09:10	President - Benedict XVI Vatican Foundation	Rev. Prof. Roberto REGOLI - Benedict XVI Vatican Foundation
09:10 – 09:20	Anglican Bishop, Diocese of Ikeduru, Nigeria	Rt. Rev. Dr. Emmanuel C. MADUWIKE - Anglican Diocese of Ikeduru, Nigeria
09:20 – 09:30	Archbishop - Archdiocese of Nairobi	His Grace Philip ANYOLO – Metropolitan Archbishop of Nairobi
09:30 – 10:30	**Keynote Address:** Reaffirming and rebuilding a culture of Hope	His Eminence Cardinal Peter TURKSON

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A. THEOLOGY OF HOPE AND AFRICAN REALITIES **Moderator:** Rev. Dr. Nicholas OBIERO/ Rev. Fr. Gregory Dominic OGAMBE		
11:00 – 11:30	**Main Presentation:** From Lesser Hopes to the Great Hope: Ratzinger's Theology of Hope and African Realities	Rev. Dr. Idahosa AMADASU - Archdiocese of Benin City, Nigeria
11:30 – 11:40	**2nd Presentation:** The Importance of African Saints, Martyrs and Other Exemplars of Faith in the Words and Writings of Benedict XVI and his Vision of Africa as a "Continent of Hope"	Dr. Andreas KLINGENBERG - University of Cologne, Germany
11:40 – 11:50	**3rd Presentation:** Ratzinger on the Theologian's Ecclesial Vocation and Interdisciplinary Theology: Relevance for Africa	Rev. Dr. Fredrick OMOLLO – Tangaza University, Nairobi
11:50 – 12:10	Mass Preparation/Entertainment	Chaplaincy/**MC:** Dr. Leo MWENDA, OP and Dr. Cecilia OSYANJU
12:15 - 13:00	Eucharistic Celebration + Rite of the Dedication of the LRC – Animation by SMA Formation Community	-Main celebrant: Most. Rev. Phillip Anyolo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Nairobi -Homilist & Dedication Rite: His Eminence Cardinal Peter TURKSON

13:00 – 13:45	**Lunch**	**MC:** Dr. Leo MWENDA, OP and Dr. Cecilia OSYANJU
B. FAITH AND REASON IN AFRICAN HIGHER EDUCATION **Moderator:** Sr. Dr. Rachael CHEPKEMOI/ Br. Joseph C. NYAMABODO		
14:00 – 14:30	**Main Presentation:** Ratzinger and the University: Keeping the Sensitivity to Truth Alive	Rev. Prof. Maurice AGBAW-EBAI – University of St. Mary's - Minnesota
14:30 – 14:40	**2nd Presentation:** Reconceptualizing Education in Rehabilitation Schools in Kenya by	Dr. Catherine MWARARI - Tangaza University, Nairobi
14:40 – 14:50	**3rd Presentation:** Faith and Reason in African Higher Education: Navigating Academic Freedom and Catholic Fidelity in Catholic Institutions	Sr. Dr. Rachel CHEPKEMOI - Tangaza University, Nairobi
C. LITURGY, INCULTURATION, AND SACRED BEAUTY **Moderator:** Dr. Wairimu B. CHURU/Rev. Fr. Charles KINYUA		
15:00 – 15:30	**Main Presentation:** The spirit of the liturgy in Benedict XVI: safeguarding inwardness in efforts of inculturation	His Grace Anthony MUHERIA – Archbishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Nyeri, Kenya
15:30 – 15:40	**2nd Presentation:** Inculturation and Interculturality in African Theology in Light of Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger's Speech in Hong Kong (1993)	Georges Mizingi NEMBUNZU - KU Leuven, Belgium
15:40 – 15:50	**3rd Presentation:** The Socio-cultural Spring board for Synodality: A Search for Pastoral Models with Reference to Small Christian Communities	Rev. Dr. Cyprian BINAKA, C.S.C. – Tangaza University, Nairobi

16:00 – 16:20	Health/Tea/Coffee break/Entertainment	**MC:** Dr. Leo MWENDA, OP and Dr. Cecilia OSYANJU

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D. ECCLESIOLOGY AND SYNODALITY **Moderator:** Rev. Dr. George KOCHOLICKAL/ Rev. Fr. Gregory Dominic OGAMBE		
16:30– 17:00	**Main Presentation:** Sinodality and Reform of the Church: some reflections in dialogue with Joseph Ratzinger	Rev. Fr. Alessandro CLEMENZIA - Theological Faculty of Central Italy
17:00 – 17:10	**2nd Presentation:** Academic Freedom and Doctrinal Fidelity in African Catholic Universities: The Vision of Joseph Ratzinger	Dr. Eric Boateng ASARE - Pontifical University of Santa Croce, Rome
17:10 – 17:20	**3rd Presentation:** The Eucharistic Theology and the Ecclesial Communion of Joseph Ratzinger with their Significance to the Catholic Church in Africa	Jacques Agbokabulo BAYAA – A Comboni Missionary, Cameroon
17:20 – 17:50	**Combined Questions and Answers**	All presenters in A, B, C, and D
17:50 – 17:55	Announcements	**MC:** Dr. Leo MWENDA, OP and Dr. Cecilia OSYANJU
17:55 – 18:25	Solem Vespers with Benediction	-Apostles of Jesus, Institute of Philosophy and Theology with His Eminence Cardinal Peter TURKSON
DAY 2: FRIDAY, 20th November 2026 Moderator: Dr. Judith PETE/Rev. Fr. Lawrence MBUGUA		
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08:00 – 08:30	Arrival & Registration	Secretariat
08:30 – 09:00	Solemn Lauds	-Salesians of Don Bosco Utume Theologicum WITH

		His Grace Raphael WOKORACH- Archbishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Gulu, Uganda
09:00 – 09:10	Recapitulation of Day 1	Rapporteur – Dr. Jeketule Soko – Tangaza University, Nairobi
E. TRUTH, CHARITY, AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION **Moderator:** Dr. Cecilia OSYANJU/Rev. Fr. Lawrence MBUGUA		
09:20 – 10:20	**Main Presentation:** Charity in Truth: A Path to Social Transformation	Rev. Dr. Sahaya G. SELVAM, SDB - Tangaza University, Nairobi
10:30 – 10:40	**2nd Presentation:** The Challenge of Relativism of Truth in Africa in the Light of The Theology of Pope Benedict XVI	Rev. Dr. Vitalis MSHANGA, AJ – Tangaza University, Nairobi
10:40 – 10:50	**3rd Presentation:** Truth, Charity, And the Common Good: Reimagining the Ethics of Power through the Moral Vision of Pope Benedict XVI in The African Ubuntu Perspective.	Rev. Dr. Florence KABALA, PMS – Tangaza University, Nairobi
10:50 – 11:20	Health Break & Entertainment	**MC:** Dr. Leo MWENDA, OP and Dr. Cecilia OSYANJU

F. LEADERSHIP AND FORMATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY **Moderator:** Rev. Dr. Mary Ngina NDUNG'U/Ms. Betty Brenda KIEMA		
11:30 – 12:00	**Main Presentation**: Purpose-Driven Leadership: Advancing Sustainable Development and Social Impact in Africa	Mrs. Karen BASIYE – Safaricom and Mpesa Foundation, Kenya
12:00 – 12:10	**2nd Presentation:** Against the Dictatorship of Corruption: Moral Truth, Virtue, and the Renewal of Authority in Africa	Rev. Prof. Patrick MWANIA, CSSP- Tangaza University, Nairobi
12:10 – 12:20	**3rd Presentation:** Seminary and Male Religious Formation in Africa for the 21st Century	Rev. Br. Dr. Tom KEARNEY CFC – Tangaza University, Nairobi
12:30 – 13:00	Mass Preparation/ Entertainment	Chaplaincy

13:00 – 13:45	**Holy Mass -** Animation by: The Passionists and Capuchin Formation Communities	-Main Celebrant: Rt Rev. Bishop Sabino Ocan Odoki, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Arua, Uganda - Homilist: Rt. Rev. Linus Sanctus Wanok, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Lira, Uganda
13:45 – 14:20	**Lunch Break**	**MC:** Dr. Leo MWENDA, OP and Dr. Cecilia OSYANJU
G. AFRICA AND THE GLOBAL CHURCH **Moderator:** Rev. Dr. Don Bosco ONYALLA / Mr. Christopher SHAMBA		
14:30 – 14:45	**Main Presentation:** Catholic Intellectual Tradition and the Praxis of Hope through the Craft of Theology in Africa.	Rev. Prof. Stan CHU ILO- DePaul University in Chicago, USA
14:45 – 15:00	**2nd Presentation:** The Conflict of Modern Culture and Christian Hope: The Contemporary African Experience	Rev. Prof. Luke Emehiele IJEZIE - Catholic Institute of West Africa (CIWA) - Nigeria.
15:00 – 15:10	**3rd Presentation**: Modern Youth: The Crucial Pillars of the Present and Future African Synodal Church	Rev. Dr. Virgilius KAWAMA- The Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA), Nairobi
15:10 – 15:20	**4th Presentation:** Towards a Synodal Church: Communion Ecclesiology in Africa in the Light of the Theology of Pope Benedict XVI	Br. Justus WEDNESDAY
H. EDUCATION AS A CONSTELLATION OF HOPE **Moderator:** Dr. Phoestine NALIAKA/Student - Ms. Anastacia MOIGE		
15:30 – 16:00	**Main Presentation:** Education as a constellation of hope: Toward a Christocentric pedagogy in African	Rev. Prof. Peter Neema – ABOOKI - University of Namibia, Namibia

	Universities	
16:00 – 16:10	**2nd Presentation:** Benedict XVI's Faith-Based Hope in Spe Salvi: from an African Socio-Cultural Perspective	Dr. Pascoal Rodrigues MUTONGORECA
16:10 – 16:20	**3rd Presentation:** Hope, Disillusionment and Christ: Spe Salvi and Kenya's Youth (GEN Z)	Rev. Prof. George KOCHOLICKAL - Tangaza University, Nairobi
16:20 – 16:50	Break/Entertainment	**MC:** Dr. Leo MWENDA, OP and Dr. Cecilia OSYANJU
17:00 – 17:15	**Breakout Rooms - Presentations** + Q & A (Rooms B1-4)	Groups E, F, G, and H – 10 Min each
	Presentations - Room B 1 1. Small Christian Communities as Pillars of Faith and Reason: Pope Benedict XVI's Vision of Transformative Hope 2. Remembering Toward the Future: Benedict XVI 3. Africa's Wounded Memory, and the Church as a Constellation of Hope	-Rt Rev. Sanctus Lino WANOK- Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Lira, Uganda Rev. Dr. Lilian Adhiambo PETER, OVISS – Tangaza University, Nairobi -Rev. Dr. Marcel UWINEZA SJ – Hekima University College, Nairobi
	Presentations - Room B 2 1. Education as a Constellation of Hope: Theology and Interdisciplinary Dialogue 2. Religious Life and Missionary Dynamism: Reclaiming Prophetic Witness and Missionary Identity in Africa and the Universal Church 3. Walking Together, Dreaming About the Future: Youth as Architects of the Synodal Church	-Rt. Rev. Sabino Ocan ODOKI – Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Arua, Uganda. - Sr. Dr. Mary Joan IWENOFU – Tangaza University, Nairobi - Sr. Stellamaris Mutindi M. Lucas, SSJ - Hekima University College, Nairobi

	Presentations - Room B 3 1. Nation-Building: Reconciliation, Healing, and Corruption 2. Wounded Wholeness: John 19:31–37 and Spe Salvi as a Hermeneutical Resource for African Christianity 3. Ecclesiology and Synodality (Africa and the Renewal of the Church in the Vision of Benedict XVI)	Most Rev. Raphael WOKORACH- Archbishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Gulu, Uganda -Rev. Dr. Anthony-Mario EGBUNONU, SPS - KU Leuven, Belgium - Br. Peter OKELLO, OSM - Tangaza University, Nairobi
	Presentations - Room B 4 1. The Role of Peace Education and Interreligious Dialogue in Nigerian Universities as a Sign of Renewal Church in Africa 2. Leadership and Formation for the 21st Century 3. What Education for What Africa? A Tenacious 21st Century Quest	-Prof. Yusuf SULEIMAN - University of Ibadan, Nigeria Br Tom Kearney CFC - Tangaza University, Nairobi -Dr. Elidius NJAU
17:30 – 17:35	**Announcements in the Main Hall**	**MC:** Dr. Leo MWENDA, OP and Dr. Cecilia OSYANJU
17:30 – 17:35	**Concluding Prayer**	His Eminence Cardinal Peter TURKSON

DAY 3: SATURDAY, 21st November 2026
Moderator: Prof. Daniel KITONGA/Mr. Christopher SHAMBA

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08:00 – 08:15	Arrival & Registration	Secretariat
08:15 – 08:20	Opening Prayer	His Eminence Cardinal Peter TURKSON
08:25 – 09:25	Presentation of the History of Tangaza / Documentaries	Tangaza Communications Team: Ms. Naomi Thuo/ Jeff Kimanga / Jude Kalema
09:30 – 09:45	Summary of Days 1 & 2	Rapporteur – Ms. Nazarene Makena/Sophie Chebet – Tangaza University, Nairobi

09:50 – 10:10	Concluding Speeches	-Rev. Dr. James P. BURNS, IVD – President, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, USA -Rev. Prof. Roberto REGOLI- President, Benedict XVI Vatican Foundation -Rev. Prof. Patrick MWANIA, CSSP- Vice Chancellor/Rector, Tangaza University
10:10 –10:20	Health Break/Coffee/Tea/On boarding	**MC:** Dr. Leo MWENDA, OP and Dr. Cecilia OSYANJU
10:30	Departure from Tangaza to the Holy Family Basilica	-Moderator -Logistics Team led by Rosemary GAKII
11:30 – 13:00	Concluding Holy Mass	-His Eminence Cardinal Peter TURKSON & Concelebrants Organization- Rev.Fr. Daniel KARAU & Team
13:00 Onwards	Lunch & Excursion	Logistics Committee

"Education is an act of love, an exercise of 'intellectual charity' which calls for responsibility, dedication and a consistent life."

Pope Benedict XVI, "Address to Participants in the Plenary Assembly of the Congregation for Catholic Education," February 7, 2011.