



**Democracy and Governance in Africa:
(Dis)Enabling the Public Sphere**

Kadir Has University
Istanbul, Turkey
6–7 July, 2010

6 July 2010: Room 206

1400–1430: **Opening Remarks by ISTR, TrustAfrica, and IDRC**

1430–1630: **Definitions Panel: Measuring Civil Society in Africa**

Chaired by Ebenezer Obadare

Panel: Bev Russell & Alan Fowler

Discussant: Adam Habib

1630: **Break**

1645–1800: **Funded IDRC Research Papers**

Chaired by Suzanne Taylor

Driss Kettani: Research in Action as a means to Develop Capacities of Politicians and Decision Makers

George Kabongah: Strengthening Democratic Governance through ICT: Post-Election Reconstruction in Kenya

Discussion

7 JULY 2010: Room 206

0830–1030: **DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA**

Christiana Atibil: Democratic governance and actors' conceptualisation of the idea of civil society in Africa

Ronelle Burger: How can we trust government to regulate fairly?

Victor Adefemi: Imperial presidency in Nigeria

Mouzayian Khalil: Peer Pressure: APRM and civil society in Nigeria

1030–1045: **BREAK (COFFEE/TEA)**

1045–1245: **THE PUBLIC SPHERE IN AFRICA'S GOVERNANCE**

James Muzondidya: Democratizing Democratisation: Democratizing rural spaces in transitional African states

Jacob Mati: The power and limits of social movements...Kenya

Priscilla Wamucii: Youth (in)security, governance and the public space in Kenya

Leviticus Turner: Civil society, democratic consolidation and the culture of suspicion in sub-Saharan Africa

1245–1300: **WRAP-UP**