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### ***Conférence internationale***

**Thème :** L'urbanisme aux périphéries - Recentrer les cités et villes frontalières africaines (Urbanism at the Margins – Centering African Border Towns and Cities).

**Date :** 16 – 17 septembre 2019

**Lieu :** Université de Lomé (Village du Bénin)

#### Programme d'ouverture

##### **Lundi/Monday 16/9/19**

**08.30 - 09.00:** Arrivée et installation des participants et autorités universitaires

**09.00 - 09.10:** Mot de bienvenue du responsable du Comité d'organisation

**09.10 - 09.20:** Intervention du doyen de la Faculté des Lettres, Langues et Arts

**9.20 -9.30:** Discours d'ouverture du Président de l'UL ou son représentant

**9.30 - 10.20:** Interventions des représentant de l'OCDE: David Benazeraf:

“Africapolis, Unique Database on Cities, Border Towns and Urbanisation in Africa”

**10.20-11.10 :** Pause-Café

### **11:10 - 12:45: Panel One: Comparing Border Twins**

*Anusa Daimon, (University of the Free State): “Beitbridge (Zimbabwe) and Musina (South Africa) Towns as a Single Urban Frontier”*

*Hugh Lamarque (University of Edinburgh): “Structure, Agency, and Asymmetry in the Border Towns”*

*Godwin Ikwuyatum (University of Ibadan): “An Exploration of the Emergence and Urbanization of Idiroko-Igolo Twin Settlements along the Nigeria-Benin Republic Borderland”*

*Toussaint Vigninou (Université d’Abomey-Calavi): “Dynamique des villes le long de la frontière nigériane: le cas de Sémé-Podji au Bénin”*

### **12:45 - 1400 Lunch**

### **14:00 – 15:30 Panel Two: Sizing up Border Urbanism**

*Olivier Walther (University of Florida) and Marie Trémolières (OECD): “West African Border Cities: Growth and Density”*

*Willy Mbomobo Mandembe (Université de Kisangani): “Frontières et intégration des villes africaines: essai sur les villes de Kinshasa et Brazzaville”*

*Hans Peter Hahn (Goethe University, Frankfurt): “A Limited Urbanity: About the Advantages and Disadvantages of Border Towns in the ‘Hinterland’”*

*Brenda Chalfin (University of Florida): “Melding Land and Sea: Maritime Frontiers and Terraqueous Urbanism in Ghana’s Tema and Takoradi”*

### **15.30 -15.45: Pause-Café**

### **15:45 – 17:15 Panel 3: Border Cultures, Border Crossings (1)**

*Willie Eselebor and Ademola Adewusi, (University of Ibadan): “Pillar in Ketu-Iwoye Market: Merger and Enabler of Trade in Borderlands”*

*Kokou Azamede (Université de Lomé): “La perception de la frontière Togo-Ghana dans la communauté Ewe sur la côte ouest africaine”*

*Paul Nugent (University of Edinburgh): “Lomé and Aflao: The Odd Couple”*

*Ntewusu Samuel Aniegye (University of Ghana) and Edem Adotey (University of Ghana): “Festivals, Livelihoods and Cross-Border Cooperation on the Ghana-Togo Boundary: A Study of Dzodze Deza (Palm Festival)”*

**17.15 - 17.35: Roundup by Discussants:** *Elaine Peña (George Washington University) and Olivier Walther (University of Florida)*

**Evening: Book launches, followed by dinner**

## Mardi/Tuesday 17/9/19

### 09:00 – 10:30 Panel 4: Mobilities

*Bragdi Salim (Université de Constantine 3): “Géographie de la frontière méridionale de l'Algérie: étendue géographique, profondeur historique et commerce de troc”*

*Martial Massike Loke (University of Ngaoundere – Ministry of Secondary Education, Cameroon) and José-María Muñoz, (University of Edinburgh): “Urban Governance and the Humanitarian Apparatus in The Cameroon-Central African Republic Border”*

*Bashir Odufuwa, Bamidele Badejo and Umar Salisu (Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ogun State): “Sustainable Mobility Dilemma in South West Border Towns of Nigeria”*

*Pedi Anawi (Université de Lomé): “Movement and New Identities in the Urban Setting: A Reading of Cyprian Ekwensi’s *Jagua Nana* and *Jagua Nana’s Daughter*”*

### 10.30 -11.00: Pause-Café

### 11.00 – 12:45 Panel 5: Livelihoods

*Samuel Bewiadzi Akakpo (University of Health and Allied Sciences, Ho): “Trade, Markets and Livelihoods Along the Ghana-Togo Border: A Case Study of Agotime Border Towns”*

*Isabella Soi (Università degli Studi di Cagliari): “Border and Frontier Towns in Uganda”*

*Allwell Akhigbe (University of Ibadan): “Clash of Interests? Conflicting Perspectives on the State and Border Communities on Smuggling in Nigeria”*

*Abubakar Sama'ila (Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto): “Tending the Meadow at the Margin’: Border Markets and Power Networks in Nigeria-Niger-Benin Border Region”*

### 12:45 - 1400 Lunch

### 14:00 – 15:30 Panel 6: Infrastructures

*Moustapha Koné (Université Abdou Moumouni, Niamey): “Entreprises et santé dans les villes frontalières ouest-africaines”*

*Wolfgang Zeller (University of Edinburgh): “‘Border Town’: A Comparative Study of Two Urbanizing Cross-Border Agglomerations on the Upper Zambezi”*

*Nathalie Raunet (University of Birmingham): “Mitigating the Lack of Urban Infrastructure: Togolese Border Towns, Ghana, and Elections”*

*Lawali Dambo (Université Abdou Moumouni, Niamey): “Accessibilité et infrastructures des villes frontalières en Afrique de l’Ouest”*

**15.30 -15.45: Pause-Café**

**15:45 – 17:15 Panel 7: Border Cultures, Border Crossings (2)**

*Hélène Blaszkiewicz (Université de Lyon): “Comparing Two Zambian Border Towns in the Central African Copperbelt: Congo’s Urban Splashes?”*

*Djifa Aboubacar Sowou (Université de Lomé): “The Noepe-Akanu Joint Border Post: An important Site for Business and Linguistic Connection”*

*Agboh, Ebony (Université de Lomé): title to be confirmed*

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**Followed by Closing of Conference**