

# SCHEDULE

# West Africa AND THE *ORIGINS* OF HUMANKIND

C O N F E R E N C E

03–05.  
12.2024

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## Tuesday, December 3rd

08:30 – 09:00	REGISTRATION	
09:00 – 09:05	Welcome Address	Eleanor Scerri
09:05 – 09:35	TBD	Philip Allsworth-Jones
09:35 – 10:05	TBD	Didier N'Dah
10:05 – 10:35	Lithic Industries of the Granite Outcrops in the Massili Basin (Tributary of the Nakambé River): Techno-Economic Approach and Research Perspectives	Lassané Toubga
10:35 – 10:55	COFFEE BREAK	
10:55 – 11:25	Between climatic instability and technical variability: lithic industries from MIS 2 in the lower Falémé valley (eastern Senegal)	Charlotte Pruvost
11:25 – 11:55	TBD	Alexander Blackwood
11:55 – 12:25	TBD	TBD
12:25 – 13:25	LUNCH BREAK	
13:25 – 13:55	A Functional Study of Ground Stone Axes Assemblages from Akwanga, Central Nigeria	Okopi Ade
13:55 – 14:25	Archaeology and palaeoclimate of Dutsen Kura, Central Nigeria	Chiamaka Lauretta Magnut
14:25 – 14:55	Lower Pra River Archaeological Research Project: Prospects and possibilities for understanding the prehistory of Ghana's forest people	Samuel Amartey
14:55 – 15:15	COFFEE BREAK	
15:15 – 15:45	Late Quaternary environmental and cultural dynamics in the Niger Delta, Nigeria	Sylvester Obigba
15:45 – 16:15	Paleoanthropological approach to the ancestral and anthropic heritage of paleoenvironments on archaeological sites in Côte d'Ivoire	Yao Saturnin Davy Akaffou
16:15 – 17:15	Keynote Talk	Khady Niang
18:00 – 21:00	VISIT OF TRADITIONAL JENA CHRISTMAS MARKET	

## Wednesday, December 4th

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09:00 – 09:30	Developing the stalagmite palaeoclimate record in West and Central Africa: Implications for enhancing archaeological understanding and future climate projections	Lisa Baldini
09:30 – 10:00	Lake Bosumtwi recording the last one million years of hydroclimate change in West Africa – insights into potential habitat variability	Christian Zeeden
10:00 – 10:20	COFFEE BREAK	
10:20 – 10:50	From the coast to the tropical forest: recent results for the timeline of the Pleistocene Hominin evolution in West Africa	Eslem Ben-Arous
10:50 – 11:20	Rethinking the past: investigating early forest agriculture dynamics in Southwestern Nigeria	Victoria Olajidi
11:20 – 11:50	Middle Stone Age (MSA) in the Atlantic rain forests of Equatorial Guinea, West Central Africa	Antonio Rosas
11:50 – 12:50	LUNCH BREAK	
12:50 – 13:20	TBD	Emuobosa Oriejmie
13:20 – 13:50	Anthropisation and dynamics of a temporary pond in the Ferlo (Senegal) during the Holocene: the contribution of palaeoecological studies for conservation management	Aissatou Thiam Ndong
13:50 – 14:20	TBD	TBD
14:20 – 14:40	COFFEE BREAK	
14:40 – 16:40	Round Table Discussion	Moderated by Eleanor Scerri
18:30 – 21:30	Reception at Botanical Gardens	
TBD	Greenhouse Tour at Botanical Gardens	

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## Thursday, December 5th

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09:00 – 18:00	TBD - Full Day Excursion (Palaeolithic Sites in Thuringia, e.g. Castle Ranis and Ilse's Cave, Weimar-Ehringsdorf, Bilzingsleben)	
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