

	AFRICAN WOMEN THEOLOGIAN CONFERENCE - HUC AMDG CAMPUS OPENING ASSEMBLY Moderator – Rev. Dr. Stephen Eyeowa, SJ MC – Betty Too /Lilian Itenya Venue: HIPSIR
Arrival	Tuesday ,02 September, 2025
17:30 – 17:40 pm	Opening Prayer/HUC Anthem Sr. Dr. Mary Nzilani Wambua, SMMG (HoD, Practical Theology)
17:40 – 17:55 pm	Welcoming Remarks Rev. Dr. Marcel Uwineza, SJ (HUC Principal)
17:55 – 18:10 pm	Opening Remarks Mrs. Margaret Muhoro (Chair, HUC Governing Council)
18:10 - 18:20pm	Sr. Mumbi Kigutha, CPPS (President of Friends in Solidarity; Director of Watawa wa Taa)
18:20 – 18:45 pm	Keynote Speech Dr. Philomena Mwaura, Ph.D (Kenyatta University, Kenya)
18:45 – 18:55 pm	Orientation by the Steering Committee Sr. Dr. Jacinta Opondo, FSSA (Chair, Steering Committee)
19:00 pm	Social/Dinner

11:15 -11:40am	***Interactive Session***
11:40 - 12:15	Book Launch Sr. Jacinta Opondo, FSSA (Chair, Steering Committee) Paulines Publication
12:25 Noon	College Mass: Celebrant: Archbishop Phillip Anyolo – The Archdiocese of Nairobi
13:00 - 15:30pm	Lunch break Afternoon Session 2nd Session: Thematic Area: Ministry and Synodality
15:30 – 18:30pm	Prof. Mary Getui, Ph.D (<i>The Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA)</i>) Topic: Discerning leadership in the model of motherhood (20 Mins.) Sr. Dr. Ajayi Maria Natalia Ayodeji, IHM, Ph.D. (<i>Catholic Institute of West Africa (CIWA) - Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria</i>) Topic: Consecrated women of light, watawa wa taa's leadership style: women turning Challenges into opportunities in ministry and society (20 Mins) Sr. Dr. Mercy Shumbamhini, CJ, Ph.D (<i>Part-time lecturer: Arrupe Jesuit University, Zimbabwe</i>) Topic: Recognising the importance of safety for all in the church: a holistic approach (20 Mins).
17:00 – 17:15pm	Short Break
17:15 – 18:15pm	***Interactive Session***
18:15 – 18:30pm	Recap

DAY 2	THURSDAY, 04 SEPTEMBER, 2025 Moderator – – Rev. Dr. Norbert Litoing, SJ Venue: HIPSIR
	<p>Morning Session</p> <p>Thematic area: Church Norms and Synodality</p> <p>09:00 – 09:30 am Keynote Speech</p> <p>Prof. Myriam Wijlens (<i>University of Erfurt – Germany</i>) Topic: Using and Creating Canonical Windows of Opportunities for Women Participating in Leadership and Governance</p> <p>09:30 – 10:00 am ***Interactive Session***</p> <p>10:00 – 10:30 am Tea Break</p> <p>10:30 – 12:55 am 1st Session:</p> <p>Sr. Dr. Sabine Ursule Ngueme, CFMY, Ph.D Topic: Le chapitre général comme lieu synodal: la participation des religieux à la prise de décisions majeures de l'institut religieux (20 Mins)</p> <p>Sr. Ann Kirera Kinya, SMI, Topic: Reclaiming Pastoral Identity from Secular Professional Attitudes: A Synodal Invitation to Women Religious Formation Today (20 Mins).</p> <p>Sr. Dr. Jacinta Auma Opondo, FSSA, J.C.D (<i>Hekima University College - Kenya</i>) Topic: Canon Law: "Sine Qua Non" for Synodal Cohesion Towards Truth, Justice and Mercy (20 Mins)</p>

<p>15:00 – 17:00pm</p>	<p>Afternoon Session</p>
	<p>2nd Session</p>
	<p>Thematic area: Church and Synodality</p> <p>Prof. Lisa Sowle Cahill Ph.D (<i>Boston College - USA</i>) Topic: "Synodality Demands Solidarity: Women and Men as Full Ecclesial Partners" (20 Mins)</p> <p>Sr. Dr. Anne Arabome, SSS, Ph.D. (<i>Sophia Institute for Theological Studies and Spiritual Formation - Namibia</i>) Topic: Synodal Leadership: Women at the Forefront of Ecclesial Renewal (20 Mins)</p> <p>Sr. Dr. Florence Adetoun Oso, EHJ, Ph.D <i>(Ss. Peter & Paul Major Seminary, Ibadan - Nigeria)</i> Topic: Making synodality the evangelical path in the service of God's kingdom: reimagine and revitalise the consecrated women's way of life (20 Mins).</p>
	<p>Health break</p>
<p>16:00 – 16:30</p>	
<p>16:30 – 17:00</p>	<p>***Interactive Session***</p>

DAY 3

FRIDAY, 05 SEPTEMBER, 2025

Moderator – Sr. Mumbi Kigutha

Venue: HIPSIR

09.00 – 9.30 am

Morning Session

Keynote Speech

Sr. Prof. Josee Ngalula, SSA, Ph.D.

(Catholic University of Congo (UCC))

Topic: Ecclesiological Responsibility of African Women in the Wake of the Synod on Synodality (30 Mins.)

09:30 – 10:00am

Interactive Session

10:00 – 10:30m

Health Break

10:30 – 12:55

1st Session:

Thematic area: : Bible and Synodality

Sr. Prof. Caroline Mbonu, HHCJ, Ph.D

(University of Port Harcourt)

Topic: Flying with Both Wings: A Theology of Women for a Synodal African Church (20 Mins.)

Sr. Onu Juliana Uchenna, Doctoral Student

(Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)

Topic: Wisdom's wealth: feminine imagery and the economy of virtue in Ben Sira (20 Mins.)

Sr. Kanza Anastasie, OSB, Doctoral Student

(Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya)

Topic: “A woman does not build a village”: A contextual exegesis of Luke 10:38-42 (20 Mins.)

Rev. Prof. Paul Béré, SJ, Ph.D

(Pontifical Biblical Institute of the Pontifical Gregorian University)

Title: “Out of Three: Two Events, Two Voices, Two Hopes”
(30 Mins)

12:00 – 12:15

Short break

12:15 – 12:55

Interactive Session

15:00 – 18:00 pm

2nd Session

Thematic area: Mission and Synodality

Sr. Dr. Maria Cimperman, RSCJ, Ph.D (*UISG, CTU - Rome*)

Topic: For Mission: Synodality Calling Forth Renewal and Revitalisation in Consecrated Life for the Church and World (20 Mins)

Prof. Susan Abraham Ph.D

(*Pacific School of Religion*) (20 Mins)

Dr. Nora Nonterah Ph.D

(*Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)*) (20 Mins)

Topic: The Intersection of Synodality, Governance, Gender, and SDG4

16:00 – 16:30pm

16:30 – 17:00pm

Health Break

17:00 – 17:20pm

Interactive Session

Recap

	CLOSING ASSEMBLY SATURDAY, 06 SEPTEMBER 2025 Moderator – Betty Too / Lilian Itenya Venue: JST
09:00 – 09:10am	Opening Prayer Fr. Sebastine Adigwe, SJ (HUC Chaplain)
09:10 – 09:20am	Closing Remarks Sr. Jacinta Opondo, FSSA (Chair, Steering Committee)
09:20 – 09:30am	Steering Committee George Macharia, SJ
09:30 – 9:45am	Short Break
10:00 – 11:00am	Holy Mass Celebrant: Bishop Rodrigo Meija, SJ
11:00 – 12:00	Lunch
12:00 – 18:00pm	Networking
18:30 –	Social/Dinner
	Sunday, 07 September, 2025 Departure