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International workshop on:

**ISSUES OF RESTITUTION AND REPATRIATION OF LOOTED AND ILLEGALLY
ACQUIRED AFRICAN OBJECTS IN EUROPEAN MUSEUMS**

13-14 December 2018

J.H.K. Nketia Conference Hall, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana

Thursday 13 December

9.00 – 9.30 Registration

9.30 – 11.00 Welcome

Speeches by the Directors of MIASA: Abena D. Oduro (University of Ghana) and Gordon Crawford (University of Freiburg)

Keynote Speech I:

Wazi Apoh, Department of Archaeology and Heritage Studies, University of Ghana

Mainstreaming the Discourse on Restitution and Repatriation Within African History and Heritage Studies

11.00 – 11.30 Break

11.30 – 1.00 Country/Regional Experiences and Issues I: Cameroon, Togo, Namibia, and Ghana

Albert Gouaffo, Département des Langues étrangères appliquées, Université de Dschang, Cameroon

Provenance Research as Pre-condition for Restitution or Sharing of Colonial Objects in German Museums: the Case of Cameroon

Kokou Azamede, Faculté des Lettres et Sciences Humaines, Université de Lomé, Togo

Objects from Togo and Danhome (today Bénin) in German Museums

Steven Isaack, Heritage Watch, Namibia

Issues of Restitution and Repatriation of Looted and Illegally Acquired African Objects in European Museums in The Context of Namibia

Togbe Opeku V, Chief of Kpando-Agbenoxoe and Regent of Kpando Paramount Chief Palace, Ghana

Sustaining Traditions, Heritage Institutions and Indigenous Identities with Royal Objects and Cultural Rituals

Mamaga Ametor II, Paramount Queen of Alavanyo Traditional Area, Ghana

The Role of Queen Mothers in Issues of Restitution and Heritage Development

1.00 – 2.00 Lunch

2.00 – 3.30 Country/Regional Experiences and Issues II: Nigeria, Benin, and Namibia

Zacharys Gundu, University of Ahmadu Bello, Nigeria

Looted Nigerian Heritage: An Interrogatory Discourse around Repatriation

Emery Patrick Effiboley, Department of History and Archaeology, University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin

Reflections of the issue of repatriation of looted and illegally acquired African materials in Western museums

Dag Henrichsen, Centre for African Studies, University of Basel, Switzerland

Restitution – a recent phenomenon? Traditions of Critique of Scientific Practices and early Histories

of Claims for Restitution by Namibian communities

3.30 – 4.00 Break

4.00 – 5.30 Keynote Speech II: (with live stream to FRIAS)

Andreas Eckert, Institute for Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany

Decolonizing the Museum? African Objects and the Politics of Restitution

Evening: Dinner (by invitation only)

Friday 14 December

9.00 – 10.30 The Role of African and European Museums in Restitution Issues: Universal and Encyclopaedic Models

Gertrude Aba Eyifa-Dzidzienyo, Department of Archaeology, University of Ghana

Looted and illegally acquired African objects in European Museums: Issues of Restitution and Repatriation in Ghana

Thomas Laely, Ethnographic Museum at the University of Zurich, Switzerland

Restitution and Beyond in Contemporary Museum Work. Re-imagining a Paradigm of Knowledge Production and Partnership

Alexis von Poser, Landesmuseum Hannover – Das Weltenmuseum, Germany

The Lower Saxon State Museum's Strategy on Dealing with its Colonial Collections

10.30 – 11.00 Break

11.00 – 12.30 Legal Issues: International Law versus Colonial Law of Appropriation

Kofi Baku, Department of History, University of Ghana

Righting the Wrongs of the Past: What We Must Do

Kwame Amoah Larbi, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana

12.30 – 1.30 Lunch

1.30 – 4.30 Round Table Discussion: Next steps? Research Proposals and Funding

(closed session)

Location: MIASA Bungalow at University of Ghana, Legon Hill 26

Chaired by the Directors of MIASA: Abena D. Oduro (University of Ghana) and Gordon Crawford (University of Freiburg)