Balancing social and environmental capital for sustainable development in Africa

Reflections by AfOx Fellows from DRC, Ghana, and Kenya

Monday, 16th September 2019, Christ Church, Oxford
Sir Michael Dummett Lecture Theatre
5-7pm

The African House at Christ Church is delighted to host three AfOx fellows from Kenya, Ghana, and DRC discussing the roles of government, private sector, and communities in advancing rural development to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (including universal water services, poverty reduction, and gender inclusivity). They will discuss questions around inclusive water service delivery in water-stressed environments, how decisions are made in complex social-ecological systems and how conflict interferes with the basic provision of services as well as the development of rural public policies to advance the SDG agenda.

The seminar will be followed by a drinks reception. All are welcome. Please register here.

If you have any questions concerning the event, please contact Dr Johanna Koehler (Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment | Christ Church).

Prof Salome Bukachi
Prof Bukachi is an Associate Professor in the Institute of Anthropology, Gender and African Studies at the University of Nairobi, Kenya. During her stay at Oxford, she works with the REACH programme on water security at the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment. Generally, her research interests include understanding local contexts and social and behavioural aspects of development. Specifically, her research has been focused on infectious diseases, gender issues and community engagement.

Dr Rebecca Asare
Dr Asare is Director of Programs and Research at the Nature Conservation Research Centre in Accra, Ghana. While at Oxford, she is based at the School of Geography and the Environment. Her research is focused on understanding the relationships between social and ecological systems, and exploring the question—why do people do the things they do? By understanding what drives peoples’, communities’, and governments’ decision making regarding natural resource management, and assessing the impacts, we are better placed to pursue ecological and social outcomes that are sustainable and equitable.

Dr Aymar Bisoka
Dr Bisoka is based at the Catholic University of Bukavu, Democratic Republic of Congo. During his stay at Oxford, he works at the African Studies Centre. His research interests include the Great Lakes Africa in terms of post-conflict development and political ecology, peasantry, armed groups and politics, as well as rural public policy guidelines in Africa more generally. He is also interested in power relations, resistance and emancipation.