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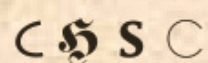
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PROGRAM

PRAIA, CABO VERDE - NATIONAL LIBRARY - CONFERENCE ROOM

DECEMBER 3RD, WEDNESDAY

09H00 - OPENING SESSION

09H40 - FIRST KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Mathijs Lamberigts (KU Leuven, Belgium)
*The Wishes of the Congolese Episcopate at the Eve of Vatican II and the
Independence of Congo: A Survey*

10H40 DEBATE

11H20 COFFEE-BREAK

12H00

Ilaria Macconi (Fondazione per le Scienze Religiose Giovanni
XXIII/FSCIRE (Bologna and Palermo/Italy)
*The Inculturation of the Church in Africa and the Redefinition of
Evangelization: An Historical Perspective*

12H30 DEBATE

13H00 LUNCH

14H00 - SECOND KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator, S.J (Jesuit School of Theology of
Santa Clara University, California, USA)
*Past Perfect or Past Present? The Significance of Vatican II for the
Renewal of the Church in Africa*

15H DEBATE

15H40 COFFEE-BREAK

16H10

Jude Lawrence Ogbumba (KU Leuven, Belgium)

*The Global Vision of the Catholic Church in the 1960s on War and Peace
and the Episcopal Engagement with Local Realities during the Biafra War
(1967-1970)*

16H30 DEBATE

20H00 DINNER

DECEMBER 4TH, THURSDAY

09H00

Chidiebere Obiora Nnabugwu (KU Leuven, Belgium)

How Vatican II Addressed Africa's (De)Colonisation

09H30

Hugo Dores (Centre for the History of Society and Culture, Coimbra,
Portugal)

*Conciliar Winds in Imperial Lands: The Spiritans and the Impact of
Vatican II in Colonial Angola*

10H00

Jairzinho Lopes Pereira (KU Leuven, Belgium/ Centre for the History of
Society and Culture, Coimbra, Portugal)

*Africa and the Catholic Church in Africa Seen Through the Lenses of
Portuguese Prelates at Vatican II*

10H30 DEBATE

11H00 COFFEE-BREAK

11H30

Paulo Manuel Ribeiro Gonçalves (Centre of Religious History Studies,
Portuguese Catholic University)

As especificidades da receção do Concílio Vaticano II em Moçambique

12H00

Rodrigue Naortangar (Université Jésuite d'Abidjan, Ivory Coast)
Vatican II dans une périphérie sahélienne: contribution et réception tchadiennes

12H30 DEBATE

13H00 LUNCH

14H00

Andrew Sserugo (Arrupe Jesuit University, Harare, Zimbabwe)
The Virgin Mary and Marian devotion

14H40

Camille Mukoso Muzième (Jesuit University in Nairobi, Kenya)
Nostra Aetate and African Religions: An Unfinished Dialogue

15H10

Norbert Litoing (Centre for Interfaith Studies in Africa – CISA, Hakima University College, Nairobi, Kenya)
Two Episcopates, Two Visions: Catholic-Muslim Relations in Senegal and the Reception of Nostra Aetate

15H40

Fidèle Hafashimana (Arrupe Jesuit University, Harare, Zimbabwe)
Vatican II, Clerical Education, and Lay Apostolate in Rwanda

16H10 DEBATE

16H40 COFFEE-BREAK

17H00 INTERVENTIONS OF EXTERNAL OBSERVERS

CLOSURE OF ACADEMIC WORKS



DECEMBER 5TH, FRIDAY

10H00

**Visit of courtesy to the academic Authorities of the Catholic
University School of Cape Verde**

11H00

**Visit to major historical sites, including Cape Verde's first
town, Ribeira Grande, and the Colonial Concentration Camp
of Tarrafal**