

SUNDAY, 5 NOVEMBER

14:00 ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING
16:00 BOOK DISPLAY ROOM OPEN FOR SET UP
18:30 DINNER
20:00 MEET & GREET

MONDAY, 6 NOVEMBER

07.00 BREAKFAST

08.30 WELCOME TO LITTAFRICA 2023

Worship

Words of Welcome & Devotion - Bishop Onkeme Letshwiti

09.30 PLENARY SESSION

The Transformative Power of Hope: How Written Words Shape Lives

Dr. Amon Kasambala

10.45 HEALTH BREAK

Refreshments Book Displays open

11.15 ELECTIVE WORKSHOPS

TOPIC	FACILITATOR
 Writing for Transformation: Crafting Compelling Narratives that Inspire and Uplift 	Colleta Macharia
2. The Editorial Process: From Manuscript to Polished Book	Vincent-de-Paul Lele
3. Digital Marketing for Hopeful Literature: Social Media, Blogging, and Online Presence	Tricia Kok
 French-language track: Équiper la prochaine génération d'acteurs du livre chrétien en Afrique francophone 	Georges Late

12.30 LUNCH

13.40 LETTERS OF HOPE Prize Giving

14.00 PANEL DISCUSSION

Engaging the Next Generation: Inspiring Hope in Young Readers through Literature

Panelists:

- 1. Boitumelo Molefane
- 2. Gathuku Kibunga

Moderator: Afrika Mhlope

15.00 HEALTH BREAK

Refreshments Book Displays open

15.30 ELECTIVE WORKSHOPS

TOPIC	FACILITATOR
Blogging as a Tool to Discover your Writing Voice	Dr. Cornelia van Deventer
 Designing for Impact: Cover Design and Interior Layout for Hope-Inspiring Books 	Sam Nyarko-Mensah
3. Leading with Purpose: Inspiring Hope through Effective Leadership in Christian Publishing (with FRENCH TRANSLATION)	Dr. Amon Kasambala

16.45 CONNECT & FELLOWSHIP

Personal Consultations Book Displays Fellowship Time

18.30 DINNER

20.00 FELLOWSHIP & PERSONAL REFLECTION TIME (Optional)

TUESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER

07.00 BREAKFAST

08.30 REFLECTION & DEVOTION TIME

Worship Music Devotional - **Archbishop Joseph Atem Zorial** Prayer

09.15 PLENARY SESSION

Theme: Innovations in Publishing: Leveraging Technology to Spread Hope Dr. Kirimi Barine

10.30 HEALTH BREAK

Refreshments Book Displays open

11.15 ELECTIVE WORKSHOPS

TOPIC	FACILITATOR
 Soul Care: Nurturing Hope and Creativity to Honour God's Call to Write 	Joan Campbell
Editing for Clarity and Emotional Resonance: Refining the Language of Hope	Rahael Manang
3. Innovation and Adaptation: Leading in an Ever-Changing Publishing Landscape	Dr. Kirimi Barine
4. French-language track: Comment organiser un atelier de formation d'écrivains réussi.	Georges Late

12.30 LUNCH

13.45 PANEL DISCUSSION

The Role of Writers and Publishers in Promoting Hope in a Diverse and Challenging World

Panelists:

- 1. Afrika Mhlope
- 2. Inge Danzeisen
- 3. Georges Late

Moderator: Jonah Nyoni

15.00 HEALTH BREAK

Refreshments Book Displays open

15.30 ELECTIVE WORKSHOPS

TOPIC	FACILITATOR
Imparting Hope through Devotional Writing	Philip Polo & Peter Velander
 Marketing and Promoting Hopeful Books: Strategies for Reaching a Wide Audience (with FRENCH TRANSLATION) 	Vincent T. Bosha
3. Leading Self before Leading others	Bishop Onkeme Letshwiti

16.45 CONNECT & FELLOWSHIP

Personal Consultations Book Displays Fellowship Time

18.30 DINNER

20.00 FELLOWSHIP & PERSONAL REFLECTION TIME (Optional)

WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER

07.00 BREAKFAST

08.30 REFLECTION & DEVOTION TIME

Worship Music Devotional - **Rev. Luka Vandi Uti** Prayer

09.15 PLENARY SESSION

Navigating Challenges: Overcoming Obstacles in Spreading Hope Through Literature

Georges Late / Prof. Thapelo Otlogetswe

10.30 HEALTH BREAK

Refreshments Book Displays open

11.15 ELECTIVE WORKSHOPS

TOPIC	FACILITATOR
 Hope for Africa through Thematic Writing and addressing Africa's Social Cultural Issues 	Afrika Mhlophe
2. Book Marketing Ideas to Help Authors Increase Sales.	Vincent T. Bosha
3. Leading and Stewarding God's Resources	Dr. Amon Kasambala
4. French-language track: Le processus éditorial : du manuscrit au livre publié	Vincent de Paul Lele

12.30 LUNCH

14.00 PANEL DISCUSSION

Diverse Voices, Shared Hope: Embracing Inclusivity in Christian Publishing.

Panelists:

- Etornam Sey Ghana
- Faly Ravoahangy Madagascar
- Archbishop Joseph Atem Zorial South Sudan

Moderator: John Maust

15.00 HEALTH BREAK

Refreshments Book Displays open

15.30 ELECTIVE WORKSHOPS

TOPIC	FACILITATOR
 Hope for Africa through Thematic Writing and Addressing Africa's Social Cultural issues (<i>REPEAT</i>) (with FRENCH TRANSLATION) 	Afrika Mhlophe
2. Book Marketing Ideas to help authors increase sales. (<i>REPEAT</i>)	Vincent T. Bosha
3. Writefully Speaking: How to tell Stories Authentically	Colletta Macharia

16.45 CONNECT & FELLOWSHIP

Personal Consultations Book Displays Fellowship Time

18.30 DINNER & CELEBRATION

Celebration Dinner

THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER

07.00 BREAKFAST

08.30 REFLECTION & DEVOTION TIME

Worship Music Devotional - Derek Koomson Prayer

09.30 FAREWELL

Speakers and timings are subject to change.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

PLENARY SESSIONS

The Transformative Power of Hope: How Written Words Shape Lives

As we navigate the challenges of the modern world, words continue to be a potent force for change. Discover how written words have the remarkable ability to instil hope, reshape perspectives, and ignite positive change within individuals and society at large. Whether you're a passionate reader, a writer, an editor, or simply someone seeking to explore the profound influence of hope in written form, this plenary session will inspire and invigorate your belief in the transformative power of words. Join us as we embark on a journey into the world of literature and hope, where stories become agents of change and words light the path to a brighter tomorrow.

Innovations in Publishing: Leveraging Technology to Spread Hope

This session will explore how technology is revolutionising the world of publishing, enabling us to spread hope in unprecedented ways. In an era of digital transformation, this session will showcase innovative strategies and tools that writers, publishers, and content creators are using to reach wider audiences and inspire positive change. From interactive storytelling and immersive virtual experiences to AI-driven content recommendations, discover how technology is breaking down barriers and connecting readers with stories that uplift, motivate, and instil hope. Whether you're a tech enthusiast, a writer looking to harness the power of digital platforms, or a publisher seeking to adapt to the evolving landscape, this session promises to ignite your imagination and show you the limitless possibilities of spreading hope through the written word in the digital age. Step into a world where words are more than just ink on paper, where innovation and technology breathe life into the pages of hope.

Navigating Challenges: Overcoming Obstacles in Spreading Hope Through Literature

This session will highlight the barriers and hurdles that authors, publishers, and advocates face in their mission to infuse hope into the written word. Join our speakers as they share their personal journeys, revealing the struggles and triumphs in harnessing literature as a beacon of optimism amidst the complexities of our world. From navigating societal taboos to the intricacies of promoting diversity and inclusion, we explore the intricate tapestry of challenges that shape the landscape of hopeful storytelling. This session invites you to engage with the untold stories behind the stories, offering valuable insights into how literature continues to defy adversity, offering solace, empowerment, and inspiration in an ever-evolving literary realm.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Engaging the Next Generation: Inspiring Hope in Young Readers through Literature

This panel session will delve into the transformative power of literature in shaping the minds and hearts of the next generation. Explore how books can inspire hope, empathy, and resilience in young readers, fostering a love for reading that transcends generations. Discover innovative approaches to curating reading lists, promoting diverse voices, and harnessing the magic of storytelling to ignite the imaginations of today's youth. This session promises insightful discussions, practical strategies, and a collective vision for a brighter future through the pages of books.

The Role of Writers and Publishers in Promoting Hope in a Diverse and Challenging World

Writers and publishers hold a pivotal role in promoting hope in a diverse and challenging world. Through their storytelling, writers have the power to shine a light on marginalized voices, untold stories, and the resilience of individuals facing adversity. They can craft narratives that foster empathy, understanding, and a sense of shared humanity, inspiring readers to believe in the possibility of positive change. Publishers play a crucial part by amplifying these voices, supporting inclusive storytelling, and ensuring that a wide range of perspectives is represented in literature. Together, writers and publishers can create a literary landscape that not only reflects the complexities of our world but also offers pathways to hope, unity, and a brighter future. Their collaboration is instrumental in nurturing a sense of optimism and possibility, even in the face of diversity and challenges.

Diverse Voices, Shared Hope: Embracing Inclusivity in Christian Publishing.

In a world where faith and spirituality intersect with a rich tapestry of cultures, backgrounds, and perspectives, this session will highlight the pivotal role Christian writers and publishers play in fostering unity and understanding. Join us for an enlightening discussion with accomplished authors, theologians, and publishing experts as they share insights on the power of diverse voices to inspire hope, encourage dialogue, and strengthen the bonds of faith in an increasingly interconnected world. Discover practical strategies for embracing inclusivity in Christian literature and learn how these stories can bridge divides, offer solace, and promote a message of love, compassion, and shared hope to readers everywhere.