



AFRICA ARISE & SHINE **27**

June 3–6, 2026

Conakry, Republic of Guinea

"Africa, Your Shifting Season Has Come."

Hosea 12:13

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Theme	"Africa, Your Shifting Season Has Come."
Scripture	Hosea 12:13
Edition	27th Africa Arise and Shine Conference
Dates	June 3–6, 2026 (4 Days)
Location	Conakry, Republic of Guinea

KEY FOCUS AREAS

- › Prophetic declaration of Africa's new season
- › Moral, spiritual and visionary leadership
- › Continental transformation and renewal
- › Call to responsibility and destiny

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

- › Church and Christian leaders
- › Youth and emerging leaders
- › Government and civic leaders
- › Business and institutional leaders
- › Christian professionals and influencers

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SPEAKERS AT A GLANCE

- 01 Dr. Philip Igbinijesu**
Lead Pastor, Word Assembly | Leadership & Management Consultant
- 02 Apostle Michael Adeyemi Adefarasin**
Chief Servant, Kingdom Lifeline Apostolic Ministries International (KLAM) | Abuja, Nigeria
- 03 Apostle Victor Mokgotlhoa**
Senior Pastor, Praise Tabernacle Church | Johannesburg, South Africa
- 04 Dr. Samuel Hayes**
International Director, ICAL | Founder & President, Samuel Hayes Ministries
- 05 Dumi Lopang**
Business Development Director, AICC | Kingdom Entrepreneur | Botswana
- 06 Apostle Linda Gobodo**
Founder, Vuka Africa Foundation | Healing of the Nations of Africa (HHR)
- 07 Le Révérend Francis Michel Mbadinga**
Secrétaire Exécutif, Confédération Pentecôtiste, Charismatique et de Réveil — Gabon
- 08 Pastor Gregory Lan Ijiwola**
Founder & Lead Pastor, CityLight International Assembly | Chicago, USA
- 09 Dr. Odessa Petzold**
Business Technology Development Director, Corning R&D; | Precision Glass Solutions
- 10 Pastor Jean Paul Valois**
Pastor, L'Arche de la Gloire de l'Éternel | Europe & Asia Region
- 11 Dr. Ben Leong**
Associate Professor of Computer Science, NUS | Director, Experimental Systems & Technology Lab
- 12 Apostle David Juma**
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President & Founder, Omoogun Foundation | Retired Engineering Executive, Corning
- 14 Dr. Shandon Hart**
Research Scientist, Corning Incorporated | Elder & Teaching Pastor, Southside Alliance Church

01

Dr. Philip Igbinjesu

Lead Pastor, Word Assembly | Leadership & Management Consultant

Philip Igbinjesu is the founding and Lead Pastor of Word Assembly, with centres in several cities. An author, leadership & management consultant and speaker, he is passionate about modelling, teaching and demanding the high standards that make for exceptional leadership. He is Board Chairman of the Institute for National Transformation (INT) Nigeria, Managing Partner of Kings Court Management Consulting, and chairs several other corporate organisations. He holds an LL.B, B.L., MBA, and Ph.D. in Organisational Leadership (specialisation: Human Resource Development). He is married to Olubunmi, his love and co-Pastor, and is blessed with children.

02

Apostle Michael Adeyemi Adefarasin

Chief Servant, Kingdom Lifeline Apostolic Ministries International (KLAM) | Abuja, Nigeria

With a mandate from Isaiah 42:6–7, 'Apostle Yemi' carries a mission to raise leaders who will influence society and tip the scales from secular culture into Kingdom culture. He moves in a strong prophetic mantle and strategic-level spiritual warfare, demanding territorial strongholds for the liberation of peoples. Called to the nations, he provides oversight and covering to numerous ministries and sons around the globe as chief servant of KLAM. He is an international conference speaker, married to Sharon, and domiciled in Abuja, Nigeria.

03

Apostle Victor Mokgotlhoa

Senior Pastor, Praise Tabernacle Church | Johannesburg, South Africa

Born again on 3 October 1971 at boarding school, Apostle Victor received his call to ministry in 1974. He trained as a teacher but, with the call echoing ever more strongly, resigned in 1984 to pastor full-time — planting four churches within two years. A theology scholar and Senior Pastor of Praise Tabernacle Church in Johannesburg, he expanded into missionary work after exposure to missions in South Korea. The Church now conducts teaching missions in Angola, Malawi, Botswana, and Uganda. He married Salome in 1985 and they are blessed with three children.

04

Dr. Samuel Hayes

International Director, ICAL | Founder & President, Samuel Hayes Ministries

Distinguished as a strategic designer by ministry, military, business and academic leaders, Lieutenant Colonel Hayes (Retired) carries decades of experience from assignments in 12 countries across three continents as a Special Operations Officer in the U.S. Army. He simultaneously thrived as businessman, scholar and minister. As International Director of the International Coalition of Apostolic Leaders (ICAL), he leads alongside his wife Dr. Andrea Hayes in a marriage ministry. An international best-selling author, his books distil insights on relational leadership, global networks, design thinking, marriage and strategy. The Hayes family resides in North Carolina.

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Dumi Lopang

Business Development Director, AICC | Kingdom Entrepreneur | Botswana

An industry-astute Kingdom entrepreneur with an impeccable record across telecommunications, media and advertising — from Etel and Pixal Communications Africa to the multi-award-winning Yarona FM and Horizon Ogilvy & Mather. As Executive Director across multiple companies, he is building a media group projected to list on the Botswana Stock Exchange. Notable achievements include re-branding Vista Cellular to Orange Botswana and spearheading Exponential — a \$10 million project that transformed the Gaborone skyline. He is also Vice Chairman of Scripture Union Botswana and actively mentors young entrepreneurs, connecting them to angel funding for social entrepreneurship.

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Apostle Linda Gobodo

Founder, Vuka Africa Foundation | Healing of the Nations of Africa (HHR)

Apostle Linda Gobodo founded Vuka Africa Foundation, heralding Hope, Healing and Restoration and calling Africans on the continent and in the diaspora to rebuild their nations. She pastored His Kingdom Church Ministries for 10 years from 1997 before receiving a call to establish the House of Prayer in the nations. A leader of HHR and founder of Arise, Watch and Pray for Africa, she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Divinity and the Order of Ministry of Stateswoman by CICA (New York) in 2017. She is an author and songwriter whose passion is raising and equipping leaders through discipleship.

07

Le Révérend Francis Michel Mbadinga

Secrétaire Exécutif, Confédération Pentecôtiste, Charismatique et de Réveil — Gabon

Réformateur inventif issu de la cinquième lignée d'une génération de ministres du culte, le Révérend Mbadinga exerce son leadership sur des centaines d'églises au Gabon, en France et dans l'espace francophone. Considéré comme le père du Réveil Spirituel au Gabon dans les années 80, il est Secrétaire Exécutif de la Confédération Pentecôtiste, Charismatique et de Réveil de son pays. Conférencier international auprès des hommes d'affaires et élites chrétiennes aux États-Unis, en Europe et en Afrique, il est aussi consulté par des hommes d'État. Auteur prolifique de près de 70 ouvrages, il est marié à Scholastique et père de 10 enfants.

08

Pastor Gregory Lan Ijiwola

Founder & Lead Pastor, CityLight International Assembly | Chicago, USA

Gregory Lan Ijiwola is founder and Lead Pastor of CityLight International Assembly (Chicago) and CEO of The Life Development Center, through which he facilitates the Leading Lights Network — a mentoring and training network of value-grounded leaders with members in several nations. He holds a degree in Electronics Engineering, an M.A. in Urban Studies from Moody Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. in Organisational Leadership from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. A fellow of the Black Church Leaders programme at the University of Chicago Divinity School, he also serves as adjunct professor at Oral Roberts University. He is married to Debo and blessed with three children.

09**Dr. Odessa Petzold***Business Technology Development Director, Corning R&D; | Precision Glass Solutions*

Recipient of the Women of Color Award for Research Leadership and Corning's Outstanding Publication Award, Dr. Petzold has authored 10 granted patents and 17 patent applications. She serves as Business Technology Development Director for Precision Glass Solutions (PGS) and Program Director for Through Glass Vias (TGV) at Corning R&D; leading the business technology strategy and roadmap for PGS programmes. She earned her B.Sc. in Chemistry & Biochemistry from the University of the West Indies (1994) and her Ph.D. in Polymer Chemistry from Clark Atlanta University (1999).

10**Pastor Jean Paul Valois***Pastor, L'Arche de la Gloire de l'Éternel | Europe & Asia Region*

Jean-Paul Valois serves as one of the pastors of the Christian community L'Arche de la Gloire de l'Éternel, led by Apostle Jacques Ilunga Ngoy. He has been married to God's servant Immaculée Gahongayire for 30 years and they are parents to four children. Holding a degree in Chemical Engineering and Agro-Food Industries, he has served in pastoral ministry for nearly 20 years and currently oversees the community's churches across Europe and Asia.

11**Dr. Ben Leong***Associate Professor of Computer Science, NUS | Director, Experimental Systems & Technology Lab*

Ben Leong is an Associate Professor of Computer Science at the National University of Singapore (NUS) and Director of the Experimental Systems & Technology Laboratory in the Singapore Ministry of Education. He received his Ph.D., M.Eng. and S.B. degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and was awarded the NUS Outstanding Educator Award in 2015. Ben and his wife are parents to three children.

12**Apostle David Juma***Senior Minister, Life Church International | Founder, Elevate Television | Nairobi, Kenya*

Apostle David Juma is Senior Minister of Life Church International — an apostolic congregation headquartered in Nairobi with branches in South Africa, DRC, Togo, Uganda, Malawi and the USA. He is the founder of Elevate Television, a leading Christian media station advancing the Kingdom lifestyle from Kenya. He leads the Alliance of Apostolic Churches and Ministries (AACM), is a member of KCCAM, and serves as Convener for ICAL in Kenya. He is married and blessed with children and grandchildren.

13**Dr. James Ogundele***President & Founder, Omoogun Foundation | Retired Engineering Executive, Corning*

Born and raised in Nigeria, Dr. Ogundele migrated to the USA in 1981, earning B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in Electrical Engineering and an MBA from West Virginia University, a Doctorate in Management from Case Western Reserve University (2006) and an ACE from MIT-Sloan (2009). Over a 36.5-year career at Corning, he established and grew Corning Asia Regional MT&E; across Taiwan, China, Vietnam and India. A practitioner-scholar, he has lectured at Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Tunghai University and Xi'an Jiaotong University. He is happily married to Florence since 1982, with four adult children and four grandchildren.

Dr. Shandon Hart*Research Scientist, Corning Incorporated | Elder & Teaching Pastor, Southside Alliance Church*

Dr. Shandon Hart is a research scientist at Corning Incorporated, holding a B.S. in Ceramic Engineering from Alfred University and a Ph.D. in Materials Science from MIT. He is an inventor on 39 granted patents and 82 granted or pending patent applications in the United States. As a spiritual leader, he serves as elder, board member and teaching pastor at Southside Alliance Church, Elmira, NY, and as staff leader for Elmira Discipleship Ministries — a non-profit focused on people development. He is married to Colleen and together they have three children: Lincoln, Kinley and Eden.