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## Preface

This piece is the personal account of Wangoola-Wangoola around the Re-Union and Report Back Seminar on the dreams and aspirations of circles of youthful Afrikans in search of **Another World in general**, and, more particularly, **Another World of Afrika**, for which they assumed primary responsibility – some thirty years ago.

Some thirty years ago, together and severally, we developed models and organizational frameworks; set ourselves goals and targets; for example: the School for Alternative Medicine and Technology; Uhai; Mpambo Afrikan Multiversity; KALA, KENGO; etc.

Then in the 1990s the global wind of change which started with the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, and continued with the collapse of the Soviet Union and subsequent disintegration of the Soviet Empire in 1991, impacted badly on the fraternity of NGOs and Civil Society Organizations in Afrika, particularly the ones which had spearheaded the movement for “**Another World is Possible**”. Throughout the 1990s the circles of transformative praxists in Nairobi and elsewhere in Afrika, were scattered. So the Re-Union and Report Back Seminar in Nairobi in April 2022 is the regrouping of the survivors of the still on-going fall out of the collapse of the Soviet Union and the subsequent disintegration of the Soviet Empire, as clearly demonstrated by the invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

In the pages which follow Wangoola-Wangoola gives an eye-witness and engaged participant account of the thinking, dreams, plans and intentions of some of the key players in the transformative praxis in Nairobi, some three decades ago. The point is to bring out some humanity behind some of the active faces at the time. This account gives dimensions which would not fit an ordinary Re-Union and Report Back Seminar Report. It is best read side-by-side with the substantive Report on the Re-Union and Report Back Seminar, which, indeed, it supplements.

**THE KEY TO CONSUMATING AFRIKA'S AND ASIA'S  
SUSTAINABLE SELF DETERMINATION**



*Left to right; Rajesh, Wije, Wangoola and Lalita*  
**Permanent Transformative Praxis**  
**Permanent Afro-Asian Solidarity**

## THE IMMEDIATE MOMENT OF OPPORTUNITY

Although the idea of some reunion of the fraternity of AALAE and Allied Transformative Praxists had been on the mind of many for years; by the beginning of 2022, over 20 years later, it had not happened; and it still was not on the radar, for the foreseeable future! Then the possibility of some reunion, without any active expectation or warning, was precipitated by some urgent requirement of Wangoola-Wangoola Ndawula to undergo some specialized medical tests, only available at the Aga Khan Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya, in the entire East and Central Afrikan Region!

It should be remembered that if I had sold my brain and soul to the (mis) ruling neo-colonial military dynasty of Uganda, all expenses would have been paid by the state; and I would comfortably travel to somewhere in Europe or India. I am thankful to my family here in Uganda, Canada and Kenya who made it possible for a round trip to Nairobi, and the stay for a week in Nairobi in comfort and dignity.

On enquiry with the Aga Khan Hospital we were told the particular test we wanted was by appointment; and that the earliest available date was Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April; and that the cost of the tests was some USD800, payable in advance. The earliest the results would be ready for collection was after some three clear working days. This meant that one would have to be in Nairobi for a week for the whole process. The total cost of the medical travel to Nairobi would therefore cost the additional round trip for two to Nairobi by coach, accommodation and board, local transport and incidentals.

We immediately made an appointment at the Aga Khan for 2<sup>nd</sup> April, which luckily gave us some six weeks to organize and mobilize ourselves. Further, the requirement to stay in Nairobi for a week helped to concentrate my mind on what could be done with a whole week in Nairobi. Immediately I informed Magdalene Gathoni (founder and Director of Kenya Adult Learners Association, KALA), and Winnie Gathu, a former accountant with AALAE, and asked them to consider organizing a private, low-key one-day seminar and Re-Union, at which I would be glad to give a keynote on my work and works in Uganda in the last twenty years.

In a few days of exchanges on Whatsapp and telephone calls we settled on a One-day Seminar to be hosted by KALA, at the KALA Centre, Zambezi in the City of Nairobi, on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

## NECESSARY ALIBI



It was important that the AALAE Re-Union and Seminar was propitious to the full, and therefore not in any way encumbered by my personal situation; and that I certainly was not encumbered by pity on account of my unfolding ill health. It was important that I did not spoil the party. To my hosts and hostesses in Nairobi I therefore explained the necessity for me to be in Nairobi abruptly and without notice, around my daughter, Susan Kiwanuka, who resides and works in Nairobi, as follows. The abrupt travel to Nairobi was precipitated by an urgent requirement for me

and my wife Namulindwa to travel to Nairobi to see her; and that while in Nairobi we will stay with her in the Lavington area, where she resides.

## BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT BACK SEMINAR AND RE-UNION

For two decades during the 1980s and 1990s, Nairobi was East Afrika's most vibrant centre of economic and political activity; a peace haven which attracted many offices and headquarters of Afrika-wide and international organizations, including the United Nations, for example the United Nations Environment Programme, UNEP; the UN Human Settlement Programme; the All Afrika Conference of Churches, AACC; the Afrikan Association for Literacy and Adult Education, AALAE; and the Environment Liaison Centre, International, ELCI, etc.

For two decades the NGO Sector was vibrant, with many ideas, initiatives and their respective teaching, under the general rubric of "**Another World is Possible**"; for example:

**Wangari Maathai** of the Environment Movement who mobilized for the planting of one million trees; to save the environment. Much later on she was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace!

**Jack Githae.** He was an Afrikan Scientist and Herbalist who was convinced and convincing that if given the chance,

space, ambiance and the necessary resources he, with his colleagues of the same trade, had the capacity to eradicate malaria from the face of the Afrikan Continent in a decade. By 2022 Dr. Githae had distinguished himself as the Greatest Afrikan Scientist and Herbalist of All Time to have walked the land of Kenya; moreover, one who had developed remedies for HIV Aids; Ebola and Covid-19.

**Awori Achoka**; an environmentalist who specialized in land and land use management. He developed the theory of sustainable land use based on livelihoods. He called it **Uhai**.

**Mrs. Omo-Fadaka**; a Nigerian environmentalist of mixed Black and White parentage. She taught that her experience had taught her that under the global world order dominated and poisoned by White Racist Supremacism, the only way a person of mixed parentage could effectively protect and defend his or her rights was to define herself or himself as Black.

**Magdalene Gathoni** whose philosophy was that “Never invite a hungry man with a hungry family, to accompany you to procure food for your hungry family”

**Godfrey Mwereria** of the Afrikan Green Party. Mwereria taught that the only way the Afrikan Environmental Movement could succeed was by having an umbrella of Green Politics and Leadership at the highest level; hence he formed the Afrikan Green Party to capture Afrika-wide political power. Indeed at one time in the late 1990s he was a Presidential candidate in Kenya’s General elections.

**Wangoola-Wangoola**; an educationist who taught that the only path for the oppressed peoples and nations of Afrika to liberate themselves, together with the rest of the Third World, was through self-reliance and solidarity. To this end Wangoola taught, “**if ever you have a problem in an Afrikan country, the answer to that problem is within that country. However, in the event that there is no solution in that particular country, the solution shall be in one or other of the Afrikan countries. Now, in the event that still no answer can be found on the Afrikan**

continent, then the answer must lie in one or other of the oppressed countries and nations of the Third World; that is, in the Caribbean, Asia-Pacific or Latin America. Finally, in the event that there is no solution even elsewhere in the Third World; please look again – you probably have no problem at all!”

## A NEW GLOBAL CRISIS AND OPPORTUNITY

Following the tearing down of the Berlin Wall, the collapse of the Soviet Union and subsequent disintegration of the Soviet Empire in 1991, AALAE emerged as the point of convergence in Nairobi, particularly of the NGO and Civil Society fraternity, who believed that **“Another World was Possible”**, and were in search of that World. As a Pan-Afrikan network, AALAE had an Afrika-wide presence, with international connections with forces and organizations active in the worldwide search for Another World, a World beyond imperialism.



The tearing down of the Berlin Wall signaled the collapse of the Soviet Union and the disintegration of the Soviet Empire.

The fall of the Soviet Union and the disintegration of the Soviet Empire caused a disruption in the global world order, requiring all the countries of the world to re-set themselves, individually and in blocks; more particularly, first, the remaining super power of the USA, and the countries of the former Soviet Union and Soviet Empire; second, the medium imperialist countries of Europe, Japan, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, under the umbrella of the US;

and third, the third world countries of Afrika, the Caribbean, Asia and Latin America.

The new and unfolding situation following the fall of the Soviet Union required of all state and non-state entities in each country, nation and nationality, singly and in association with others, to go back to the drawing board: to read the new and unfolding environments, to make sense of them, and to figure out how they could position themselves therein, with advantage.

## **THE AFRIKAN FREE CITIZEN THINK TANK IS BORN**

In the fluid global situation which followed the break-up and disintegration of the Soviet Empire Wangoola-Wangoola, as a non-state actor, saw an opportunity. Using his knowledge of and connections with transformative thinkers and praxists across Afrika, in 1992 he constituted and convened an Afrikan Free Citizen Think Tank to figure out how Afrika could use the new and still unfolding global situation to reinvent and assert herself as the Self-Determined Afrikan Black Nation. The said Afrikan Free Citizen Think Tank was anchored by a circle of Nairobi-based transformative praxists; more particularly the following: Godfrey Mwereria; Achoka Awori; Jack Githae; Magdalene Gathoni; David Nyende; Gillian Nyambura; John Kananda; James Githongo; Semaradge Mbiyukira; Mulami Mutombo; and Victor Johnson. By 1995 the Afrikan Free Citizen Think Tank had established the root cause which explains why, in terms of economic development and social progress; education, technology, inventions and manufacturing; humane governance and standards of living; Afrika lags far behind everybody – Why?



Some of the colleagues at AALAE who acted as Wangoola's immediate sounding board for new frontiers awareness and knowledge to build Afrika anew



## **THE MISSING LINK TO ALL AFRIKA'S DEVELOPMENT ENDEAVOURS**

The Afrikan Free Citizen Think Tank established the missing link to all endeavours at Afrikan Development and the Self-Determined, free, independent and prosperous Afrikan Black Nation to be **mothertongue education, from kindergarten to post-doctoral**. To cure this missing link, the Think Tank resolved to set up Mpambo Afrikan Multiversity as the premier centre for mother tongue higher learning, centred around community-based, organic intellectuals, who are considered by their peers and community to be compelling wise men and wise women, philosophers and the genius, who have emerged out of community struggles to be free; and are embedded in the community. Mpambo was conceived as a learning centre to attract Afrika's best and brave transformative praxists to engage in the mutual endeavours of knowledge creation and transfer, at the highest level of quality and sophistication. Mpambo Afrikan Multiversity was imagined as the engine to generate and anchor socially necessary knowledge rooted in the evolution of Man and Woman; the Afrikan Worldview; Afrikan Epistemology; Afrikan History and Heritage; Afrikan Cognitive Mapping – all cast in the Afrikan Dream of the Self-Determined and Prosperous Afrikan Black Nation; **the Nation** that shall be because it once was.



Wangoola-Wangoola with Seydou Sall of Senegal at one of the Think Tanks

The point was to construct a New Knowledge Chain, where knowledge comes from the people; to organic mother tongue scholars for processing; and back to people again for validation. That way we would be building a learning Nation, as opposed to a Nation which is “educated” by the Mafia Establishment of the Ameripean Republic; bearing in mind that a Nation which is not a Learning Nation is a Nation of Slaves.



Gillian Nyambura

As Convenor and Chair of the Free Afrikan Citizen Think Tank Wangoola-Wangoola constituted a Working Committee, out of the Nairobi-based members of the Think Tank, with Gillian Nyambura as Secretary, to work out the details and modalities of operationalizing Mpambo Afrikan Multiversity. By 1995 the Working Committee had completed its work.

The founding fathers and founding mothers of Mpambo Afrikan Multiversity conceptualized it as a generic and internally coherent institution of mothertongue higher learning with multiple campuses across Afrika. For that reason therefore, everywhere this institution appeared it would be known as **Mpambo Afrikan Multiversity**, and qualified with its specific geographical location; for example, Mpambo Afrikan Multiversity, Source of the Nile, Jinja; or Kirinyaga, Nairobi, Kenya; or Kano, Nigeria; or Kingston, Jamaica, etc. etc.

During the course of the Afrikan Free Citizen Think Tanking, there emerged a consensus that as the lead theoretician, ideologue and advocate of the Multiversity, it was appropriate that Wangoola-Wangoola be entrusted with the

task of establishing the first campus of the Multiversity in his mothertongue land and country, Uganda; a challenge and opportunity he readily accepted.



Working Committee at work in Machakos, Kenya

Some twenty years later a report back by Wangoola-Wangoola to the founders on the operationalization of the Multiversity in Uganda was truly overdue! When the opportunity to be in Kenya in April came up, therefore, Wangoola-Wangoola took full advantage of the occasion to report back on progress of the Multiversity.

## OCCASION TO REPORT BACK

In order to report back on the progress of the Multiversity, the occasion was created in the form of a one-day seminar under the general theme:

### **Dreaming of Afrika Where LEADERS ARE AFRIKAN**

#### **The Background**

Some thirty years ago, the people who subsequently founded Mpambo Afrikan Multiversity were part of a worldwide network of transformative thinkers who believed **Another World Was Possible**. On their part, Afrikans imagined a future where Afrikan leaders were Afrikan. Indeed it was in search of that Afrika that the Multiversity was conceived. Yet, it must be borne in mind that the Multiversity has been only one of the organizations engaged in the pursuit of Afrika whose leaders were Afrikans; leaders who governed in the general and overall interest of the Afrikan Black Nation.

#### **The Purpose of the Seminar**

The purpose of the one-day seminar was therefore two-pronged:

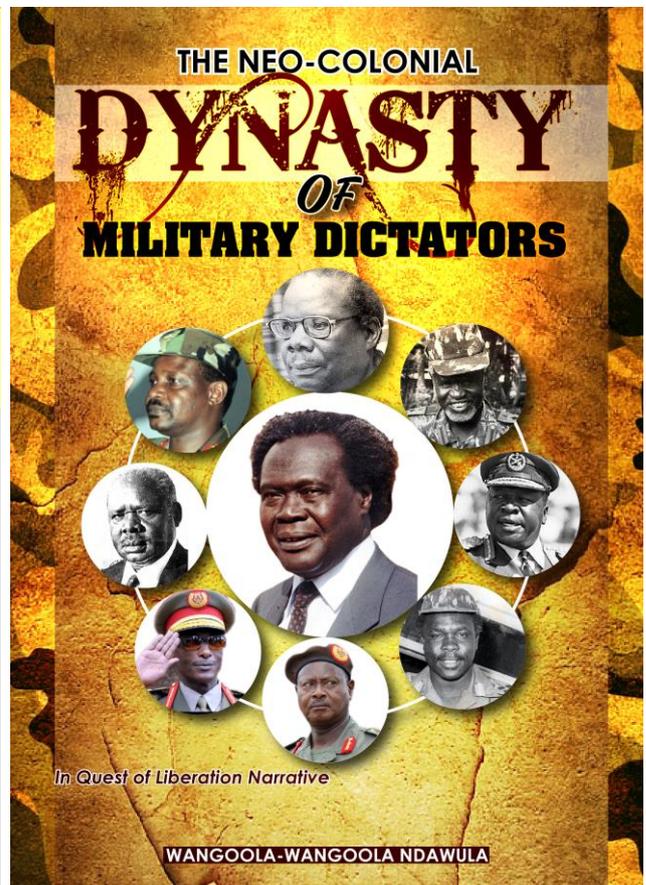
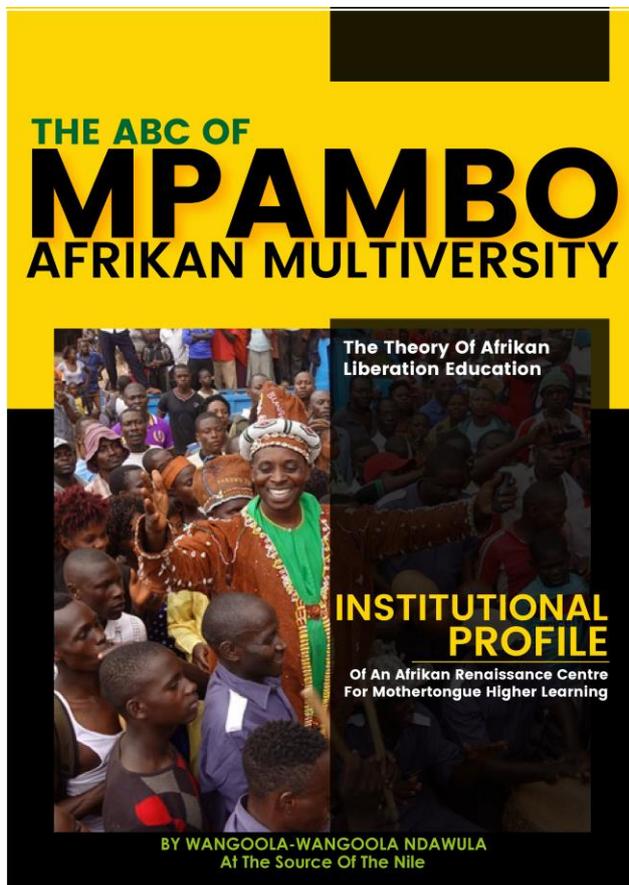
- To provide the opportunity for the re-union and communion of long-standing “**seekers of Another World.**”
- To provide the platform for transformative praxists to share and give an account of their respective work and works in the fulfillment of Afrika’s search for Another World, and the Self-Determined Afrikan Black Nation – some thirty years ago, and more!

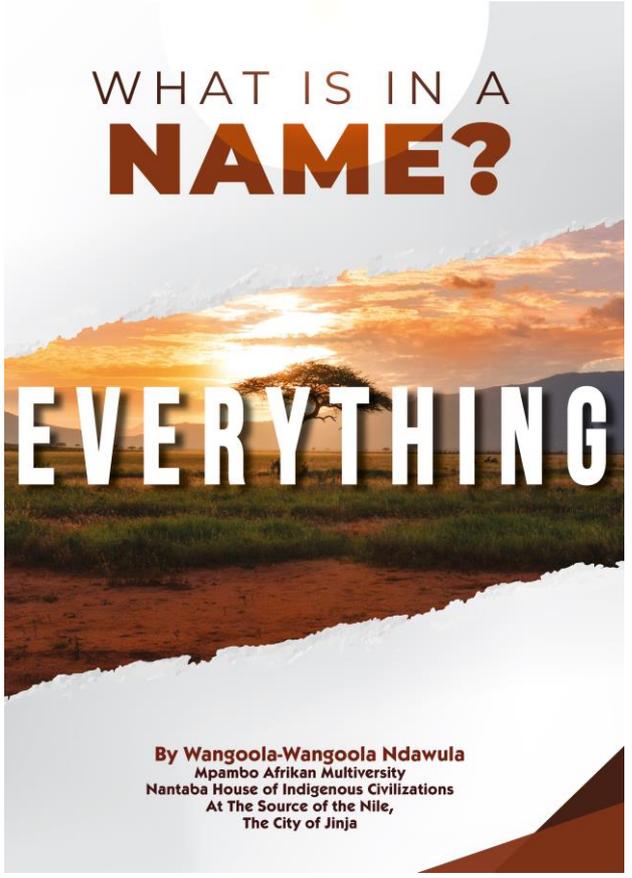
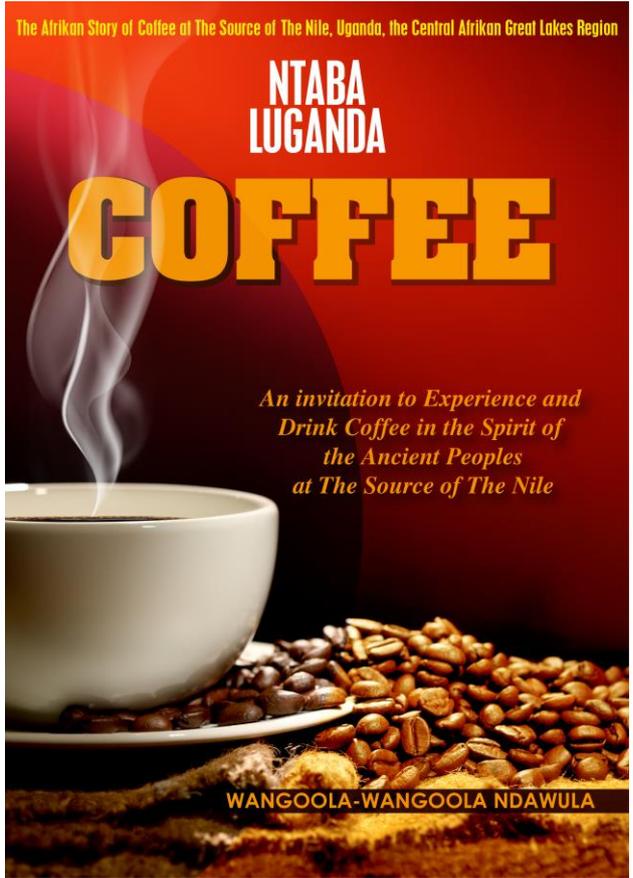
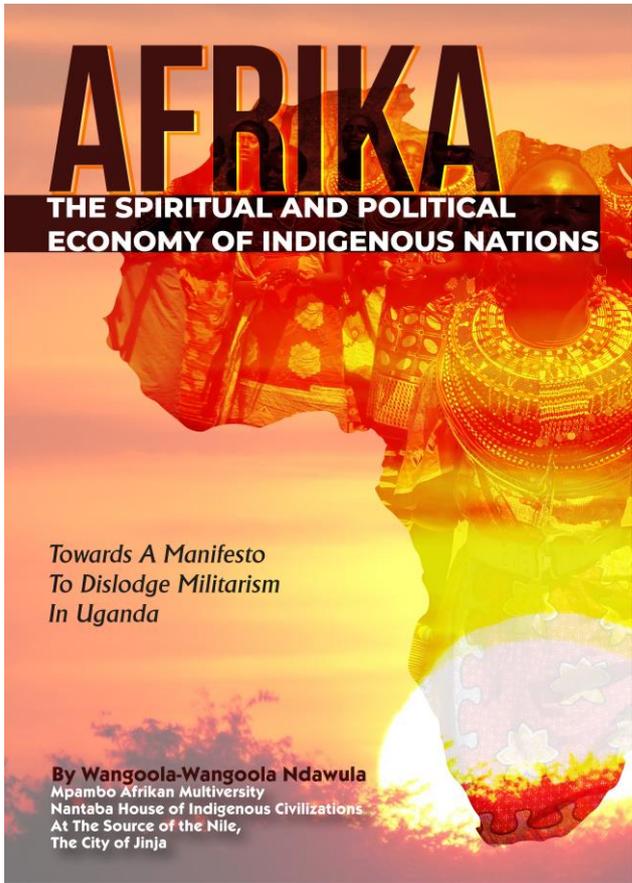
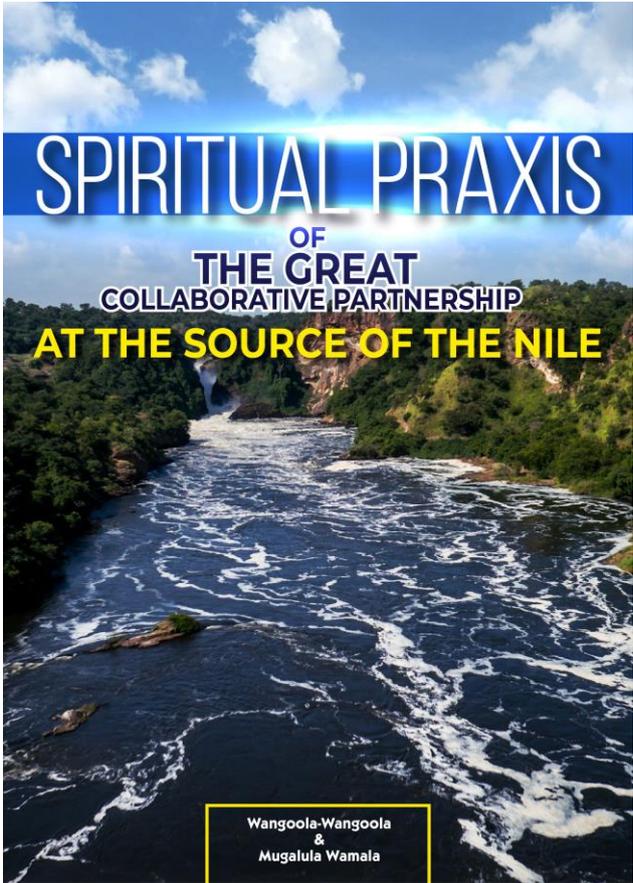
### Preparing for Nairobi

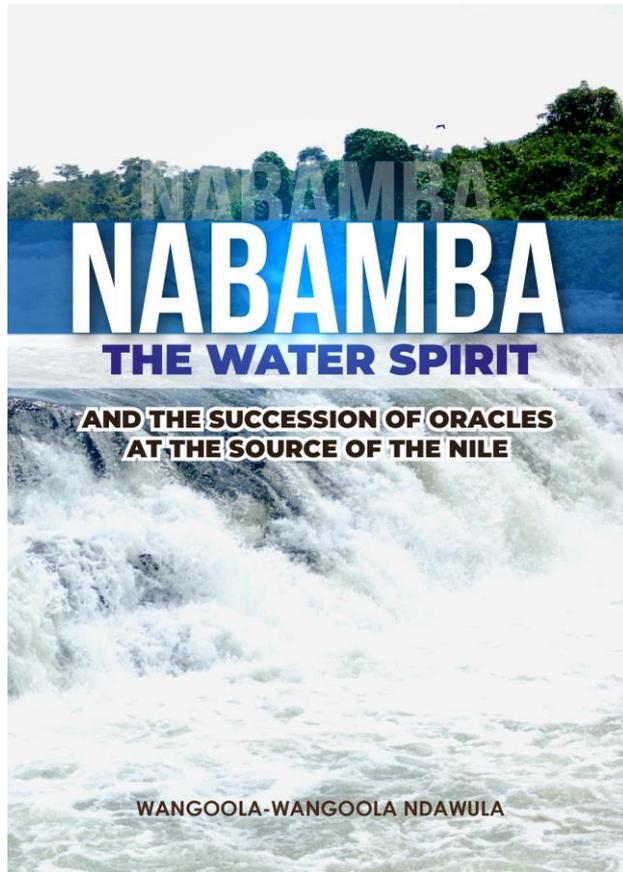
Part of my preparations for Nairobi was to assemble an array of the tangible and portable products by Mpambo Afrikan Multiversity in the recent years. These consisted of **publications; Nsibuko Coffee; and the Incredible Nantaba Porridge;** as presents and for display.

At the time of my travel to Nairobi most of our publications had been given and sold out. I was able to carry with me only a few of the published copies; and some seven titles of manuscripts in advanced stages of publication; each with its own front cover page.

## TITLES AND MANUSCRIPTS OF FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS OF MPAMBO AFRIKAN MULTIVERSITY



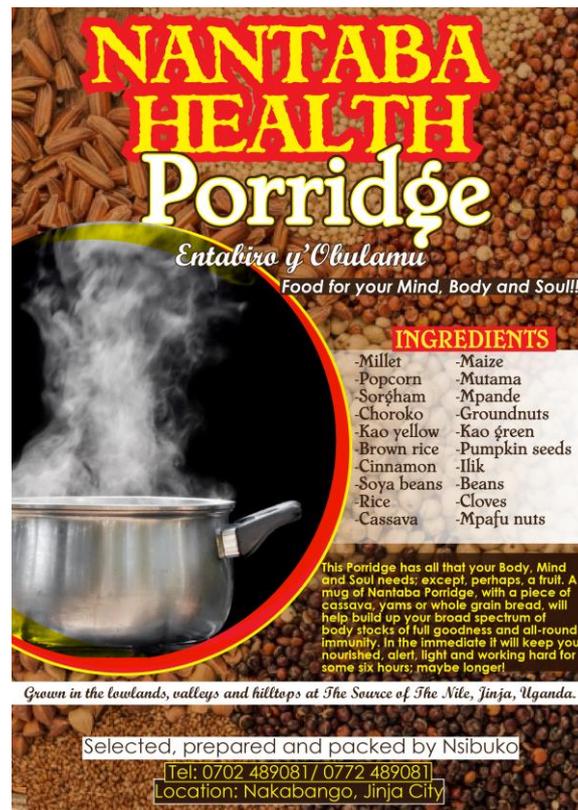




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-Cinnamon	-Ilik
-Soya beans	-Beans
-Rice	-Cloves
-Cassava	-Mpafu nuts

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## THE SEMINAR



Two co-celebrants of the Re-Union and Report Back Seminar

**Jack Githae** presented under the theme: “Dreams of Another World Through the Practice of Afrikan Herbal Medicine Thirty Years Ago: Achievements, Challenges and Prospects for the Future”

**Wangoola-Wangoola** presented under the theme: “Learning-UnLearning-ReLearning and Cross Learning for the Afrikan Renaissance: The Story of Mpambo Afrikan Multiversity in Uganda”

## THE SEMINAR IN PICTURES













## VISIT TO DR. GITHAE'S CLINIC IN NAIROBI







## THE TALE OF THREE PRESENTERS AT THE REUNION AND SEMINAR

- **Dr. Jack Githae of the School of Alternative Medicine and Technology, SAMTEC.** Dr. Githae is a Mau Mau veteran who was trained to be a herbalist by his grandmother, was born with special spiritual powers; much like his grandmother. He is additionally an Australian-trained agriculturalist at Masters standing. Today Dr. Githae is the greatest Afrikan scientist and Afrikan Medicine practitioner of all time. He is as well a passionate educationist who does not understand why Afrikans do not take education seriously. He says Afrikans are the only people who turn their young ones for education to people who for centuries, by thought, word and deed, without provocation, have consistently demonstrated to be the sworn enemies, and are variously hostile to their strategic interest. Everyone else educates and trains their children and young people, moreover, in their mothertongue and culture; even dogs, wolves, monkeys, etc!! Indeed Dr. Githae took the challenge personally when he walked his talk by withdrawing all his children from school. He educated, trained and raised

his children at home, and prepared them for integration in the family enterprise, the School of Alternative Medicine and Technology.

- As an Afrikan scientist and practitioner of Afrikan medicine he has developed remedies for malaria, sickle cells, HIV Aids, Ebola and lately, Covid-19. However, the Afrikan neo-colonial state has continually and habitually refused to meaningfully engage with Afrikan scientists and practitioners of Afrikan medicine; but instead internationally submits to the Ameripean model of science and medicine, and locally gives monopoly and exclusive rights to the practice of Ameripean medicine and training under Ameripean franchise. This way the Afrikan neo-colonial state continues to be compliant with the Ameripean Programme of stunting the growth and development of Afrikan science and Afrikan medicine; as well as denying the general Afrikan population the right to enjoy the benefits of remedies, techniques and procedures developed by homegrown scientists and doctors, innovators and inventors.



- **Wangoola-Wangoola is the Nabyama of Mpambo Afrikan Multiversity, Source of the Nile, Uganda.** He has developed the idea of the Multiversity into the **Theory of Liberation Education of the Oppressed.** Under his leadership Mpambo has as well walked with the Priests of Afrikan Spirituality at the Source of the Nile to develop **Tondism as the Liberation Spirituality of the Afrikan;** by which the modern Afrikan who chooses to lead the life guided by the light of their ancestors and, at long last, live a fulfilling life of freedom, without the need of the Bible or Quran; to effectively do so. Further, the Multiversity, as of now, is walking with community elders of the land and social leaders to develop the **Theory of Liberation Governance, centred around Obwanannyini, and based on the indigenous nations of Afrika.** It is therefore governance rooted in Afrikan history, culture, mothertongue, worldview and epistemology, value system and philosophy of life. Finally, Wangoola-Wangoola is walking with a broad category of transformative praxists at the Source to build an Afrikan Calendar of time and events; and to start popularizing the celebration of landmark events, starting with the **Afrikan New Year** (24 May) and the **Day of Afrikan Indigenous Nations** (08/October). Currently we are in the process of negotiating **the Day of Twins**, which is as well **The Day of Afrikan Dialects** (Olunaku Iwa Bunansasaana), the glue which holds everything together, in the complementary unity of opposites.

## Presenters at the Re-Union and Report Back Seminar were:



**Magdalene Gathoni.** Magdalene was born into a family of nine; three boys and six sisters. As was the practice at the time her father sent the boys to school, while he kept the girls at home, and prepared them for marriage, together with the community and village. As an illiterate teenager, Gathoni entered the city of Nairobi in the mid-60s in search of work. In 1967 she landed a job in a government hospital where she started work as a cleaner, and stayed on until 1994. Having conquered illiteracy, and having completed the primary and secondary education level, she took early retirement in 1994, in order to concentrate on her role as founding director of KALA, Kenya Adult Learners Association; Coordinator of the Pan-Afrikan Adult Learners Association; and promoter of the International Adult Learners Association.



Magdalene with Budd in Toronto

I first met Magdalene Gathoni in 1989. The occasion was the visit to Nairobi of Dr. Budd Hall, the Secretary General of the Toronto-based International Council for Adult Education, ICAE. He was on a visit to assess the readiness for adult literacy leaders to participate in the World Bank inspired Education for All international conference in Bangkok, Thailand in 1990. So I accompanied Dr. Hall to an adult literacy class at the Medical Training School in Nairobi.

While there, one learner, who we later came to know was Magdalene Gathoni, caught our attention. She was confident, eager to engage with the guests, and was the one who answered all the questions. It was not clear to us whether it was by arrangement that she was the most active in the group, or whether this was so because she simply was head and shoulder ahead of her class.

In the immediate it was easy to settle for Magdalene as the one to represent adult literacy learners at the United Nations Conference on Education for All in Bangkok in 1990; which turned out to be the turning point of her life; for example:

- There was an NGO plenary in Bangkok, at which Magdalene was a panelist. The Chair was Dame Nita Barrow, Governor General of Barbados and the Chair of the International Council for Adult Education, who organized and hosted the International NGO Forum. As expected at such international fora, each panelist was given a short time to make their presentation; in this particular case I think it was something like ten minutes.
- I had known Dame Nita Barrow as the Chair of ICAE for several years. She was an extraordinary woman who when she came into a room or when she was in one, everyone felt her presence. She was skillful and talented at chairing meetings. When she was in the Chair, there was no doubt as to who was in charge; Dame Nita Barrow. You spoke because she gave you the floor, and you stopped when she asked or indicated you stop... Well, so it seemed, until Nita met her match in Magdalene. Magdalene was not the first panelist, so we might say she had examples of presentations by panelists before her to learn from. But then, I doubt if anyone in the room had any idea what Bangkok meant to Magdalene. It was the first time she had travelled by air; and it was the first time to address an international conference of people, the majority of whom did not look like her. It is an occasion she took seriously, and for which she had prepared hard, and had a message to deliver. Needless to say, she was not aware of the powers and authority of the Chair. When Dame Nita Barrow told Magdalene that her time was up; by the wave of her hand, and in matter of fact fashion, she emphatically, and with her own authority, replied: "No; just wait, I have not finished" – and she continued, until she finished.
- To the credit of Nita, in a split moment she realized Magdalene was no ordinary person she was dealing with, she gracefully let go, and allowed Magdalene all the time she needed to complete her presentation, without any further interruption or reminder.
- Then a couple of years after Bangkok while in Nairobi, and in the course of planning the concretization of her organization, Kenya Adult Learners Association, KALA, Magdalene confided in me; and this is what she said: "I am one of those people who have learned how to read, write and rhythmetic the hard way; through adult literacy classes. Society needs

to recognize and honour us; and I believe this was one reason why we have the International Literacy Day marked and celebrated worldwide every year. However, at every International Literacy Day, we instead honour and celebrate the big bureaucrats from the Department of Adult Education, who themselves are literate and with university degrees. They are the ones who organize the International Literacy Day: they sit at the high table in the pavilion, while the day's real guests of honour and heroes stand in the sun, and are required to sing and dance for the big men in suits and a few women in the pavilion! Why? This is one of the reasons which motivate me to do what it takes to form an Adult Learners' Organization which will honour the learners, and organize important events, including the International Literacy Day, where the learners will be at the centre; will sit at the high table in the pavilion, and, may be, have some of the big men and big women of the Department of Adult Education sing and dance for and with the Learners”.

## THE KALA CENTRE

- And so it was that when I visited Nairobi some thirty years later, the Kenya Adult Learners Association still stood, with Magdalene Gathoni at the helm; indeed the most eligible outfit, spiritually and materially, to host the fraternity of AALAE for the Re-Union and Report Back Seminar, was the KALA Centre in Zambezi, Nairobi, Kenya.



The KALA Centre

- On arrival at the KALA Centre, I was both humbled and elevated, at the sight of the one-storey building complex. Gathoni's KALA Centre was Afrika's answer to Rajesh Tandon's PRIA Towers of New Delhi, Asia. Both the KALA Centre and the PRIA Towers grew under the international stimulus and nourishment of the International Council for Adult Education, ICAE; and the respective Regional Organizations: the Afrikan Association for Literacy and Adult Education, AALAE; and ASPBAE, the Asia South Pacific Bureau for Adult Education. The reason for the difference in the grandeur of the PRIA Towers and the KALA Centre is to be found in the denial to KALA of international nourishment which followed the lynching of AALAE in the late 1990s, together with the withering away of ICAE. Otherwise, by affirmative action, KALA Centre and PRIA Towers are equivalent to one another, at the spiritual level and hopes and aspirations for Another World.



- And so it was that when the fraternity of AALAE converged at the KALA Centre for a Re-Union and Report Back Seminar, we helped fulfill the dream of Magdalene Gathoni; as organized learners, mothertongue speakers, the poor and oppressed, to be able to convene and invite the high-heeled ladies and well-suited gentlemen to a gathering, at which the lowly, as well, invite the men and women of substance to the High Table for All.

### **THE VISIT TO MAGDALENE GATHONI'S HOME**

- Then it was time to visit Magdalene's home. Well, the KALA Centre did not prepare me for this particular visit.

- When she received her gratuity on retirement from government service in 1994, Magdalene decided to build a home for her family. She chose to build in Nairobi City's peri-urban suburb of Juja. She chose the location which was still jungle, where she was the pioneer settler. Because land was cheap at the time, she took one-third of what later became a street, and constructed her home. It is a complex itself, which consists of the main house, which is a double-storey; with three self-contained units for her adult children; and a commercial unit. At one point I was curious as to who had drawn the architectural plans for her; she quickly said she was her own architect!

### Visit to Magdalene Gathoni's Home



- On entering the home of Magdalene, I found myself spontaneously reciting a prayer of thanksgiving and for more blessings; I chanted: **“I call upon God Ngai of Kirinyaga (that is Mt. Kenya) and I call upon all the Gods and ancestors! May this building stand for generations! May this House, the House of Gathoni, in blessings, live forever!! Let everything she does, together with her household, be a success”**.
- Soon after my prayer, Magdalene told me that she was amazed; the prayer I said was the exact prayer her father had said on entering her home for the first time. She went on to tell me that on that day her father apologized to her for not having taken her to school. His regret was the more because Magdalene, who had not gone to school at all, had done what the boys he had sent to school could not. He loudly wondered how much more Magdalene and her sisters could have done if he had sent the girls to school!!

### **FACING MOUNT KENYA**



## **BILATERAL MEETINGS, NEGOTIATIONS AND MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING**

During my stay in Nairobi for a week I conducted several bilateral meetings and negotiations; and in the process entered some key Memoranda of Understanding, as follows:

### **With the Nairobi Organizing Committee**

In our meetings with the Nairobi Organizing Committee it was agreed as follows:

- The Re-Union and Report Back Seminar was a resounding success; beyond the expectations, even imagination, of the Organizers and participants. Given the power of the message in the presentations by the Co-Celebrants of the Re-Union and Report Back Seminar, Jack Githae and Wangoola-Wangoola; the Organizing Committee concurred with the request by the participants for a repeat gathering in Nairobi before the end of the year, 2022. The repeat gathering would give the opportunity for a broader organizing committee; as well as the participation of more people.
- Nairobi and Jinja agreed to reciprocally participate in each other's strategic and key events and activities, starting this year with the repeat Re-Union and Report Back Seminar; and the Marking and Celebration of **The Day of Indigenous Nations of Afrika**, the Uganda Chapter, **8<sup>th</sup> October 2022**.
- Mpambo Afrikan Multiversity was desirous of the participation by Nairobi in writing for **The Afrikan Liberation Narrative Publication Series** to empower Afrikan transformative praxis. The Nairobi Organizing Committee accepted the invitation; and it was agreed further that the starting point would be for Magdalene to work on her biography.

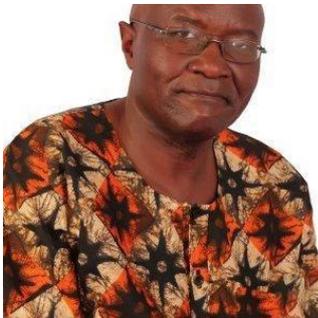
### **With Dr. Githae and The School of Alternative Medicine and Technology, SAMTEC**

- Dr. Githae readily accepted the invitation to participate in the writing for the Afrikan Liberation Narrative Publication Series. He agreed further to prepare two pieces for publications: a) **The Biography of Dr. Githae**; and b) **A piece of his choice he considers strategic and key to his praxis (theory and practice) of Afrikan Medicine of more than fifty**

**years; including remedies developed; as well as what he considers strategic and key to the modernization of Afrikan Scientific Thought and Afrikan Medicine.**

- Dr. Githae agreed further to be the special guest of Mpambo Afrikan Multiversity for a couple of days, to share with peers and those who want to learn with and under him in the area of Afrikan Scientific Thought and Afrikan Medicine; and the Ideology and Politics of Afrikan Liberation.
- Dr. Githae accepted as well to resume being my personal doctor, after a break of some twenty five years.

### **With Awori Achoka of KENGO**



Thirty years ago Achoka was a leading and much sought after NGO leader and theoretician of alternative sustainable development models in the area of environment. Indeed at the time we came out with **Mpambo Afrikan Multiversity**, he came up with **Uhai**; a land use management model based on sustainable livelihoods.

Mr. Achoka was saddened he could not attend the Re-Union, due to earlier commitments. However, he would very much like to attend the Repeat Re-Union and Report Back Conference in Nairobi. For his he offered himself to be on the Nairobi Organizing Committee for future activities and events.

## **Back at The Source**

On return to The Source in Jinja, Uganda, my report on what happened at the Re-Union in Nairobi occasioned considerable energy and enthusiasm. Thus while my visit to Nairobi energized the people there; the same visit breathed some new energy into Mpambo Afrikan Multiversity at the Source of the Nile. In particular, the people here are eager to receive and host guests from Kenya; and, in addition, many look forward to paying their way for a visit to Kenya.

