



AFRICA FACILITATION CONFERENCE REPORT



**MOMBASA, KENYA,
OCTOBER 17th – 20th 2018**

Overview

This year's Africa Facilitation Conference took place in Mombasa, Kenya from October 17th-20th at Mombasa Continental Hotel. It was the third consecutive annual conference in recent years and, as ever, was vibrant, energizing and provided a multitude of inspirational moments. The Conference was jointly organized by Pwani Association of Facilitators (P.A.F.) and International Association of Facilitators (I.A.F.)

The Conference had a total of 38 participants (23 females and 15 males) from 12 different countries in 3 continents, with the largest numbers coming from Tanzania, Kenya and Togo. There were 12 concurrent sessions and a range of plenary sessions including ones focusing on IAF initiatives, the Facilitation Impact awards, and the Future of Facilitation & IAF in Africa.

Highlights included presentation of the Platinum Facilitation Impact Award to Kofi Kumodzi, newly elected and incoming Africa Regional Director, and a book launch for "Mbinu za Uwezeshaji" (Facilitation Techniques) by Churchill Shakim from Tanzania.

The Conference also experienced the announcement of two newly elected Global Board Members for 2019-20, namely Kofi Kumodzi as Regional Director, and Materne Bossou as Membership & Chapters Director. Finally, it was agreed that the next Africa Conference will be in Lomé, Togo, West Africa in October 2019... For 2020 and subsequent conferences, a bidding process will be introduced.



Rania Abuelhassan, IAF member from Egypt, before one of the Plenary Sessions

"The happiness and togetherness that I felt and saw was unbelievable. In particular, I enjoyed the different methodologies shared, the diversity of themes, concurrent sessions and freedom of speech and expression throughout."

Irene Maweu, Kenya

Conference Overview

Day One – October 17 th	Day Two – October 18 th
REGISTRATION & NETWORKING	CONCURRENT SESSIONS Team Building in Action Preparing for Participation
OPENING SESSION – Welcome and Introductory Activities	FACILITATION IMPACT AWARDS SESSION Experience-sharing and plenary discussion Presentation of Platinum Award (Kofi Kumodzi)
CONCURRENT SESSIONS Reporting for Sustainable Development Qualities of a Good Team	CONCURRENT SESSIONS The Power of Story-Telling No More Blurred Lines Peace-Building, Conflict Mediation or Negotiation
PLENARY & REFLECTIONS	PLENARY & REFLECTIONS
BOOK LAUNCH – <i>Mbinu wa Uwezeshaji (Facilitation Techniques)</i> by Churchill Shakim	IAF MEMBERS MEETING
Day Three – October 19 th	Day Four – October 20 th
CONCURRENT SESSIONS Ecological Healing Facilitation for Knowledge & Enjoyment Art of Facilitation with Adult Learners	THE FUTURE OF FACILITATION & IAF IN AFRICA
UNDERSTANDING IAF – IAF Initiatives / Chapters development / Core Competencies	CLOSING SESSION Collective Agreements Conference Evaluation
CONCURRENT SESSIONS IAF Core Facilitation Competences Online Facilitation Techniques	
PLENARY & REFLECTIONS	
GALA DINNER @ Boko Boko (Seychellois Restaurant)	

Comments and Photos



"This conference created my personal awareness of the quality of people we have in this community of facilitators in Africa. After my election, I've started to wonder how I'm going to serve such a crazy family."

Kofi Kumodzi, Togo,
incoming Africa Regional Director

"It was my first time to participate in the IAF regional conference. I find it a powerful and enriching experience and an excellent opportunity to network with fellow facilitators in Africa. Looking forward to the next conference in Togo."

Tilahun Tesfaye, Ethiopia



"Celebrating wins of our Togolese candidates live in such a conference was so special to me and made me feel I can submit a project."

Otieno Ombok, Kenya

"I loved the inter-action, the energy exhibited by all participants and how readily people were willing to share skills – I just marveled, especially, being as it was my first time to attend such a conference. It was really an experience."

Jane Mambua, Kenya



“I enjoyed the diversity of experience, the culture of learning and exchange, the inclusive environment, the freedom to try something new, the encouragement to step outside your comfort zone. The great networking opportunity, the laughter, the dancing, the friendships made. And the creation of a space that brings together people who think outside the box, activists, creators and leaders. Also, Churchill’s book launch was quite a special moment to be part of.”

Lee Piarroux, U.K.



Book Launch

Churchill Shakim from Tanzania with his book “Mbinu wa Uwezeshaji” (Facilitation Techniques), which was launched on the first day of the Conference.

“The IAF conference provided a wonderful opportunity to showcase our skills, talents and achievements. The book launch for Churchill was also a big motivation for me; many writers would die to have that opportunity. Bravo IAF for thinking big.”

Sellah Lusweti, Kenya

Facilitation Impact Awards Winners

Facilitator Kofi Kumodzi (left) and Client Kossi Akidjetan (right) representing the ONAT (Ordre National des Architectes Togo) with their Facilitation Impact Awards (F.I.A.), which were presented during the Conference

For the first time Africa has won a Platinum F.I.A. Award

More information about F.I.A. is available [here](#)



“This was my first time to attend an IAF conference and I got value for all the time I spent with the participants. The facilitation was very thrilling, very engaging and enjoyable.”

Aida Lubwama, Uganda

“I appreciated the unique skills shared from different countries to the point of having a book launch to share knowledge with global facilitator platforms.”

Esther Owido, Conference Co-ordinator

“I enjoyed the open-minded discussions, participatory sessions and interlude during sessions.”

Njeri Mburu, Kenya

“Unfortunately, I missed too many sessions, but I loved what I attended, great new ideas for facilitation, Lee’s geography lesson and my fellow Cubans, the love and laughter, not forgetting the great solidarity everyone showed. Chill’s book launch (Viva Tamasha, Viva Viva Chill).” **Richard Mabala, Tanzania**

Warm thanks to everyone for making the Conference a wonderful event for all – the organizing team, the session facilitators, F.I.A. award winners, members and non-members.

See you in Togo 2019