



# African Feminist Initiative Biannual Conference

## African Women, Gender and Migration Femmes Africaines, genre et migration

Wednesday, April 17–Friday, April 19  
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Location: American Legion Museum, Tangier



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# Schedule

**Wednesday, April 17**

**6:30 pm**

Pre-Conference Reception Dinner and Introductions

**JEUDI 18 AVRIL**

**9h-12h30**

**9am-10am**

Open Session-Welcome and Opening Remarks  
(Maha Marouan, Zakia Yemlahi, Chems Boraki)

**10:00am**

Session 1 –Francophone Working Group  
(conference room 1)

Session 2 –Anglophone Working Group (conference  
room 2)

**12:30pm**

Sessions Adjourned

Lunch

**3:00pm-6:00pm**

**3:00pm**

Sessions 1 & 2 –continued

**6:pm**

Sessions 1 & 2 Adjourned

**6:30pm**

Interactive Post-Sessions Reception –General  
Discussion of Findings

**7:30**

Dinner

**Friday, April 19**

**9:00am-12:30pm**

**9:00am**

Session 3 – Collective Session with Reports &  
Recommendations from WG1 & WG2

**11:00am**

Consensus Development for Overall  
Recommendations

**12:30pm**

Session Adjourned

Lunch

**15h00-18h00**

**3:00pm**

Open Session—General Assembly of Participants, Partners & Civil Society

“The State of Migration: Where Do We Go from Here”

**6:00pm**

Session Adjourned

**6:30pm**

Interactive Post-Session Reception—Summary, Concluding Remarks, and next steps

**7:30pm**

Dinner & Music

## **Participants**

### **Working Group 1**

(convened by Maha Marouan, Chems Boraki & Ilham Siba )

Chadia Arab, “Genre, migration et intersectionnalité. Les ‘dames de fraises’ marocaines en Espagne”

Chems Boraki, “Les Migrantes africaines soufflent elles un renouveau au Maroc: le cas dans Tanger?”

Fatima Ait ben Lmadani, “La colonialité et le colonialisme : quelles articulations et points d’achoppements

Iman El Fakkaoui, “Trajectoire des migrantes subsahariennes à la frontière maroco-espagnole”

Oumoul Khaïry Coulibaly-Tandian: “Repats[1]” au Sénégal: les femmes ne sont pas en reste!

Zakia Elyamlahi, “Les femmes marocaines en Europe: genre, culture, religion et différence raciale”

## **Working Group 2**

( convened by Alicia Decker, Gabeba Baderoon & Susanne Klausen)

Ana I. Planet Contreras and Rafael Camarero Montesinos, "Being Young and Muslim in Spain beyond migration paradigm"

Ilham Siba, "Impact of Transparent Institutional Communication on the Status of Migrant women in Morocco

Ahlam Chemlali, "A Hidden Hell: Gendered Border Violence in the Tunisian-Libyan Borderlands, - dans le cas des migrants Subsahariens au Maroc"

Hanane Darhour, "An Intersectional Approach to the Study of the Integration of Sub-Saharan Migrant Women"

Hanan Al-Alawi, "Between East Africa and the Arab Gulf: The Sensorial Imaginary of Black Female Bodies in Mahmūd Traourī's Maymūna (Maymuna)

Olajumoke Yacob-Haliso, "Decolonization as Critical Enlightenment in African Refugee Women's Studies"

# **Informations**

## **Conference Venue**

The American Legation of Tangier, 8 Rue d'Amerique, Tanger

## **Lodging**

Twin Hotel, Tanger

From 04/17/2024 to 04/20/2024

12 Rue Al Farabi (15 minutes walk to the American Legion )

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## **African Feminist Initiative (AFI)**

The AFI is a global and transnational platform where feminist scholars and activists engage in interdisciplinary collaborative knowledge production about Africa and its diaspora.

<https://afi.la.psu.edu/>

## **The Moroccan Initiative for Solidarity in Tangier**

Created in 2014 and located in Tangier, IMS is an association, working in particular in sustainable development, advocacy and solidarity in Morocco.

## **American Legation in Tangier**

Located in old Medina, the American Legation is the only US Historic Monument located outside American soil. It is home to the Tangier American Legation Institute for Moroccan Studies (TALIM) AND houses a museum, a research library and a cultural community center.

<https://legation.org/>

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## **The Africanist Feminist Collective on Migration**

This collective is convening for its 2nd biannual reunion on “African Women, Gender and Migration,” following the inaugural meeting that was successfully held in June 2022.

The motivation behind these gatherings, which comprise a small collective of Africanist feminist scholars and activists, emerges from a shared recognition that the population of African migrants—both within the continent and globally—is becoming increasingly feminized. As a result, new approaches and methodologies are necessary to capture and address this shift.

Through interactive writing workshops along with group discussions that include academics, activists and civil society, this upcoming meeting aims to build upon the conversations that took place in 2022.

The goal behind this initiative is to advance research in the field and advocate for changes in migration policies that impact the human rights of African migrant women.