

**WELCOME AT THE OPENING CEREMONY  
OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> CONGRESS OF THE  
AFRICAN SOCIOLOGY CONFERENCE**

**15 July 2007**

The President of the African Sociology Association Prof. Erinosho, the AfSA General Secretary, Prof. Adesina, the President of the National Research Foundation, Prof. Mangaliso, the Executive Secretary of CODESRIA, Prof. Olukoshi, this evening's keynote speaker, Prof. Sow, conference speakers, participants and organisers, distinguished guests, colleagues, comrades and friends, molweni, good evening

A warm welcome to Rhodes University, to iRhini/Grahamstown, to the Makana District and the Eastern Cape. And to our international guests from other parts of Africa and the world, a very warm welcome to South Africa.

It is a great honour for Rhodes University to be entrusted with hosting this historic 1<sup>st</sup> congress of the African Sociology Association Conference. I trust that you will find our facilities in accordance with your needs, and us convivial hosts.

We have a number of speakers for this Opening Ceremony and so I will confine myself to just these words of welcome and say a little more at the dinner later this evening.

It is my pleasure to now call on the General Secretary of AfSA, Prof. Jimi Adesina, to welcome you on behalf of AfSA.

We are extremely pleased to also have with us this evening Prof. Adebayo Olukoshi, the Executive Secretary of CODESRIA. CODESRIA is one of the supporters of this Congress and I call on Prof. Olukoshi to express his own welcome to you.

The South African National Research Foundation has also supported this 1<sup>st</sup> Congress, and we are privileged to have with us the new President of the NRF Prof. Mzamo Mangaliso. I call on Prof. Mangaliso to deliver the Opening Address of the Congress.

It is now time for the Presidential Address. Please welcome the President of the African Sociology Association Prof. Lai Erinosh, who will address us on 'Sociology, Hypocrisy and Social Order'. Prof. Erinosh...

We end this Opening Ceremony of the Congress with the Opening Keynote Lecture. It is my pleasure to call on Prof. Fatou Sow of the Cheikh Anta Diop University in Senegal to deliver the lecture. Prof. Sow...