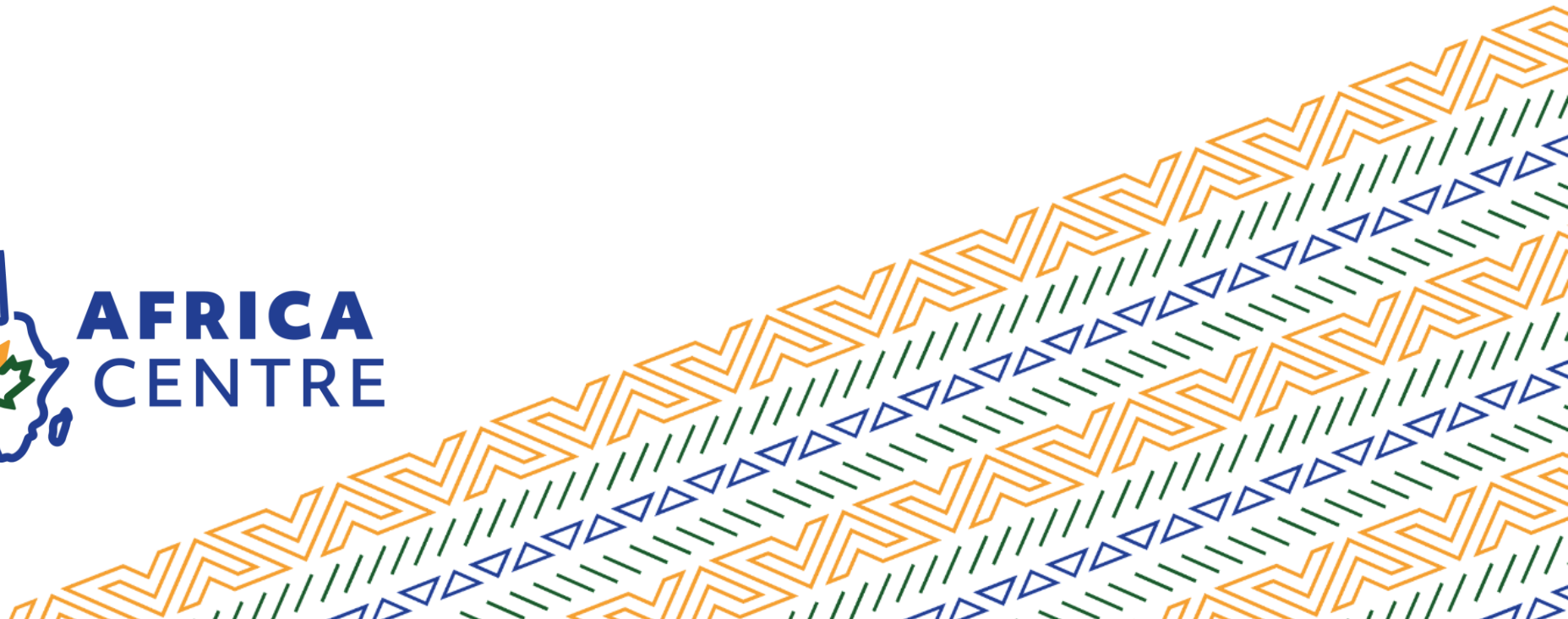


Enhancing Gender Equity Program

# Community Engagement and Conversation



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# Land Acknowledgment

The City of Edmonton acknowledges the traditional land on which we reside, is in Treaty Six Territory. We would like to thank the diverse Indigenous Peoples whose ancestors' footsteps have marked this territory for centuries, such as nêhiyaw (Nay-hee-yow) / Cree, Dene (Deh-neyh), Anishinaabe (Ah-nish-in-ah-bay) / Sauteaux (So-toe), Nakota Isga (Na-koh-tah ee-ska) / Nakota Sioux (Na-koh-tah sue), and Niitsitapi (Nit-si-tahp-ee) / Blackfoot peoples. We also acknowledge this as the Métis' (May-tee) homeland and the home of one of the largest communities of Inuit south of the 60th parallel. It is a welcoming place for all peoples who come from around the world to share Edmonton as a home. Together we call upon all of our collective, honoured traditions and spirits to work in building a great city for today and future generations.



# Introductions & Housekeeping

- Enhancing Gender Equity Program
  - Africa Centre views advancing gender equity and the empowerment of women and girls as a priority. As a result, gender equity plays a key role in creating lasting solutions to our communities. We intend to build coalitions of support to advance the lives of our community by addressing gender-based disadvantages while tapping the existing resources within our communities and partners.
  - Our goal is to implement a framework that creates systemic change in the lives of African descent individuals and families experiencing Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), family and marital breakdown, unemployment/underemployment, and mental health concerns by March 2024.
- Etiquette
  - Participation
  - Openness
  - Respect



# Program Itinerary

- Drummer performance
- Introduction of the project - Dr. Philomena Okeke-Ihejirika
- Intimate Partner Violence in African Community- Kazir Coulibaly
- Intimate Partner Violence Mental Health/Religious Lens - Zainab Giwa
- Dialogue and engagement
- Networking and wrap up/Drummer Performance



# Kazir Coulibaly



Kazir is a Community Economic Development and Culture lover. His thirst to supporting communities and immigrants by building intercultural relationships, entrepreneurship and promoting African arts and culture in Alberta led him to hold 3 awards: employee of the year in 2016 from ATS Healthcare, a National Canadian Company; African Community Leader 2019 from Diversity Magazine and Newcomers Champion from the Government of Alberta. Kazir is the CEO of Kazir Consulting Inc. and, the Founder and Executive Director of Alberta African Arts and Cultural Centre (AAACCENT).

Education



# Zainab Giwa



Zainab Giwa is a Certified Canadian Psychotherapist with over seven years of experience in the human services field. Zainab has a Masters degree in Psychology & a Bachelor's degree with Honors in Social Work. Zainab is also involved with a program called “Exodus Initiative” which is a part of Cornerstone Christian Church of God. It is a program created to cater to survivors of intimate partner violence and their children. This is done by creating safety and providing continuing wrap around care to endorse stability. The Exodus program was built and works on Christian principles.



## Dialogue Period

- **What are the qualities that a community leader must possess in order to effectively address IPV and related problems in the community?**





## Dialogue Period

- **What must change in the approach of service providers in order to have more culturally appropriate interventions into IPV?**





## Dialogue Period

- In what ways can the community come together to aid and support individuals affected by IPV?



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**Questions?**

