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TOPIC:

Post Colonial Zimbabwean Experience



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LECTURE SERIES OBJECTIVE :

IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT BHARAT WAS THE RICHEST ECONOMY IN 1 AD. WITH EXTERNAL AGGRESSION AND THEIR SUCCESSES, SOME INDIVIDUALS ADOPTED THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE RULER AND STARTED TO FEEL INFERIOR AND, OVER TIME, STARTED BELIEVING THAT THEIR KNOWLEDGE BASE – WHICH WAS SUPERIOR, TO BEGIN WITH – WAS ALSO INFERIOR. THIS LECTURE SERIES AIMS TO LEARN ABOUT ANCIENT SYSTEMS IN THE CURRENT CONTEXT.

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Brief Bio - Dr Rungano Priscilla Karimanzira Dr Rungano Priscilla Karimanzira is a retired civil servant with more than

forty (40) years of service to Government of Zimbabwe. Rungano Karimanzira holds a BSc degree in Computing and Applied Mathematics, and an MSC in Fluid Mechanics both from East Anglia University, Norwich, UK; a post graduate diploma in Meteorology from the Bureau of Meteorology, Australia; MBA from the University of Zimbabwe; and a Doctorate in Business Administration from Binary University, Malaysia and Chinhoyi University of

Technology, Zimbabwe. Rungano joined Government service in 1980 and rose through the ranks to become the Director of the Department of Meteorology and Zimbabwe's Permanent Representative to the World Meteorological Organization in 2000. While under the Meteorology Department, she served as the principal negotiator and spokesperson for Zimbabwe and Africa in the United Nations Framework

Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

She served on the Bureaux of both the IPCC and UNUNFCCC. In 1998, Rungano was appointed by the then UN Secretary General, Kofi Annan, to serve on the Scientific and Technical Committee (STC) whose mandate was to review the ten-year International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR)- a process that paved the way for the establishment of the ISDR which is operation today. In 2001, Rungano was appointed Senior Programme officer in UNEP Regional Office for Africa in Nairobi Kenya, in charge of the African Ministerial Conference on

the Environment (AMCEN) - a position she held until 2003. In 2004, Rungano re-joined government service as a Director for Projects and Programmes in the Department of Science and Technology development within the Office of the President and Cabinet, a position she held until her retirement in May 2021. As an STI Director, Rungano played an active role in the development of the Zimbabwe 2d Science, Technology and Innovation Policy and Implementation Plan which were launched in 2012. In addition, she was instrumental in the development of a broad range of SADC initiatives to promote the uptake of science and technology including, Women in Science, Engineering and Technology; Engineering Needs and Numbers,

Science and technology responses to climate change, among many. Rungano also served as a) bureau member of the Interim Africa Future Earth Committee coordinated by the then ICSU Regional Office in Africa; b) lead author of the Southern Africa Chapter of the 2020 UNESCO Report; c) UNESCO /SIDA Project on Strengthening of STI in the implementation of SDGs

which is under development; d) STI coordinator for the UNECA African Regional STI Forum 2020 and 2021; e) national focal point for the Non Aligned Movement Science and Technology Centre (NAM

S&T Centre). Dr Rungano Karimanzira brings to the dialogue vast and unique African experiences in STI policy

development and management towards the realisation of sustainable socio-economic development.