

Kampala Geopolitics Conference 2018



DATE

26th & 27th Oct. 2018

VENUE

Makerere University Kampala (Main Hall)

TIME

From 08:30 am

FREE ENTRY



TOPICS:

Politics
Diplomacy
Environment
Society

FREE CONCERT

Friday
26th Oct.

@ The Freedom Square
05:00 PM - 08:00 PM



PROGRAM

KAMPALA GEOPOLITICS CONFERENCE

Inspired by the Geopolitics of Nantes (France), the Kampala Geopolitics Conference is a two-day FREE public event about world geopolitics. The partners involved include: The Embassy of France, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), Makerere University, the French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs (IRIS), Alliance Française Kampala and UN Women. The conference aims at creating an interactive and dynamic platform for dialogue and free exchange of ideas cutting across contemporary local and international geopolitics. Topics relating to global political, social and economic debates will be discussed.

Conference topics will include political, economic, health, demographic, gender, environmental, social issues in Africa and in the world.

21 panel discussions, 1 hour 30 minutes each

About **100 speakers** from various countries including France, Germany, South Africa, Kenya, South Sudan and, of course, Uganda: politicians, diplomats, journalists, researchers, activists, key leaders.

Many **Artists** in a Geopolitics Improvisation, music, comedians, exhibitions.

Conference language: English

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/KampalaGeopolitics>

Twitter hashtag: #KampalaGeopolitics



MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

Embassy of France

The Embassy of France in Kampala is one of the 160 French diplomatic and consular representations worldwide. H.E Stephanie Rivoal, the Ambassador of France to Uganda is the representative of the French government. In the view of cooperating with the Ugandan government and promoting the French foreign policy, the Embassy is involved in various activities. Those include (but are not limited to): promotion of the French culture and language, military, defence, economic and academic cooperation.

Through its development agency, AFD, France is providing financial and technical support in the areas of urban development, energy, water, infrastructure, promotion of gender equality and protection of the environment.

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) is a German political foundation closely associated with the Christian Democratic Union (CDU). With over 200 projects in more than 120 countries the foundation engages in the promotion of the values of democracy, freedom and liberty, peace and justice, and solidarity, through civic education and political dialogue. In Uganda the foundation has been active for several decades and established strong partnerships with government institutions, civil society and media organisations. The key objectives of the KAS Uganda programme include promoting civic engagement and constructive involvement of the youth, strengthening women in politics, enhancing professionalism in the media and advocating for sustainable and inclusive economic policies.

Makerere University Uganda

Makerere University, Kampala is Uganda's largest and third-oldest institution of higher learning, first established as a technical school in 1922. In 1963, it became the University of East Africa, In 1970, the University of East Africa was split into three independent universities: University of Nairobi (Kenya), University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania), and Makerere University. Today, Makerere University is offering programmes for about 36,000 undergraduates and 4,000 postgraduates. Makerere provides innovative teaching, learning, research and services responsive to National and Global needs in order to be the leading institution for academic excellence and innovations in Africa.



Alliance Française in Kampala (AFK)

The Alliance Française in Kampala (AFK) is part of the worldwide network of all Alliance Françaises. In Uganda, AFK was established in 1956 as a non-profit association. In 2009, it became the linguistic operator for the French Embassy in Uganda. It hosts of about 2000 students every year and organizes various cultural events (concerts, expositions...). The vocation is to promote French-speaking and Ugandan cultures and to favour exchanges between Uganda and France. Besides, it is charged by the Embassy of France to operate a part of the cultural action of the French representation.

UN Women

UN Women is the UN organization dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women. A global champion for women and girls, UN Women was established to accelerate progress on meeting their needs worldwide. UN Women supports UN Member States as they set global standards for achieving gender equality and works with governments and civil society to design laws, policies, programmes and services needed to ensure that the standards are effectively implemented and truly benefit women and girls worldwide. It works globally to make the vision of the Sustainable Development Goals a reality for women and girls and stands behind women's equal participation in all aspects of life.

Institut des Relations Internationales et Stratégiques (Institute for International and Strategic Affairs)

IRIS is a public-interest association created in 1991 and a French think tank on geopolitical and strategic issues. It is the only international think tank to have been set up as a totally private initiative in an independent approach. IRIS activities cover: research, organisation of events and meetings, publishing and training. The institute was created to contribute to research and public debate on strategic issues, a particularly underdeveloped domain in France; to provide independent expertise on current strategic developments; and to create a framework for dialogue among specialists from various professional and intellectual horizon

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

FRIDAY 26th OCTOBER 2018

	Time	Location	Theme
	9:00 – 9:30	Main Hall	Introductory remarks
	9:30– 10:45	Main Hall	<i>Geopo Improv</i> event
1	11:00 – 12:30	Main Hall	US: Not the “Policeman of the World” anymore? Implications of the Trump Presidency on global power relations
2	11:00 – 12:30	Main building Senior Common Room	Leave No One Behind What is the economic cost of excluding minorities?
3	11:00 – 12:30	Agricultural Building Lower Lecture room	Black Panther Phenomenon Rethinking Africa through Fiction and Arts
	12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break	Vendors and activities on Freedom Square
4	14:00 – 15:30	Main Hall	Social Media, Fake News and Online Manipulation* Are Beliefs Winning Over Reason?
5	14:00 – 15:30	Main building Senior Common Room	Opening Doors or Building Walls? Approaches to Managing Flight and Migration in Europe and Africa
6	14:00 – 15:30	Agricultural Building Lower Lecture room	Make the Planet Great Again Is there still hope for global citizens to fight climate change?
7	15:45 – 17:15	Main Hall	Youth is the Future What are we doing to give hope to the young generation?
8	15:45 – 17:15	Main building Senior Common Room	Long live diplomacy Multilateralism in the 21 st Century
9	15:45 – 17:15	Agricultural Building Lower Lecture room	Are Religions Peacemakers or Troublemakers? The Role of Religion in Volatile Societies
	17:30 – 20:00	Freedom Square	Concert

SATURDAY 27th OCTOBER 2018

	Time	Location	Theme
	8:45 – 9:20	Main Hall	<i>Slam, poetry – Open our Minds and Hearts</i>
10	9:30 – 11:00	Main Hall	Old masters, new players Is the African economy in the hands of foreigners?
11	9:30 – 11:00	Main building Senior Common Room	Democracy in danger? The bases of democracy and the global trends that undermine it
12	9:30 – 11:00	Agricultural Building Lower Lecture room	Sports, not just for fun anymore? Distraction, Industry, Soft Power?
13	11:15 – 12:45	Main Hall	Alpha Males, Newcomers, Populists What leaders are we craving for?
14	11:15 – 12:45	Main building Senior Common Room	Avenues for Peace and Stability Peacebuilding, regional diplomacy and military intervention in Africa
15	11:15 – 12:45	Agricultural Building Lower Lecture room	The Power of Food Shall agriculture fill your stomach or your purse?
	12:45 – 14:00	Lunch Break	Vendors and activities on Freedom Square
16	14:00 – 15:30	Main Hall	Powerful Women Challenging Male Dominance?
17	14:00 – 15:30	Main building Senior Common Room	The Future of East Africa Is the European Union a Model or Deterrent?
18	14:00 – 15:30	Agricultural Building Lower Lecture room	What is going to kill us first? Global threats to human health
19	15:45 – 17:15	Main Hall	Countering the Expansion of Islamist Terrorism From Middle East, Maghreb, Horn of Africa to Western Countries
20	15:45 – 17:15	Main building Senior Common Room	Is Money ruling the World? Side Effects of Unbridled Capitalism
21	15:45 – 17:15	Agricultural Building Lower Lecture room	One Planet, Too Many People? Are we too many for the resources of our planet?
	17:30	Main Hall	Closing Remarks

FRIDAY 26th OCTOBER 2018

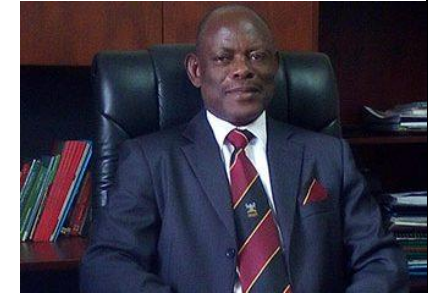
9:00 MAIN HALL

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS



WHAT IS THE KAMPALA GEOPOLITICS CONFERENCE?

Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, Vice Chancellor of Makerere University
H.E Stephanie Rivoal, Ambassador of France to Uganda



9:30 MAIN HALL

UNIQUE OPENING EVENT

***GEOPO IMPROV* - Improvising contest**

Daniel Omara

Sarah Kagingo

Pablo

Aisha Ali

to improvise a blitz lecture on Geopolitical themes



11:00 MAIN HALL BUILDING SENIOR COMMON ROOM

USA: NOT THE “POLICEMAN OF THE WORLD” ANYMORE?

Implications of the Trump Presidency on global power relations

For decades, America has seen itself - and acted - as the leading architect, promoter and guardian of international relations. With the end of the Cold War, that role became even more central. The USA were what some call the “policeman of the world”. But can and should the USA continue to lead the world? President Trump has made it no secret that he questions the net benefit of multilateralism and interventionism. Will Trump’s “America First” doctrine lead to an irreversible alteration of the global order? What are the implications for the transatlantic relationship? How do other super powers, such as Europe, Russia, China feel about the new state of play? How will it affect the African continent?

Speakers

- Pascal Boniface, Founding Director, IRIS, France
- Samuel Carcanague, Researcher, IRIS, France
- Robert Kirunda, Lecturer, Makerere University School of Law
- Angelo Izama, Journalist, Political Analyst and Regional Security Consultant
- Irene Ikomu, Program Development Consultant, Heinrich Boell Foundation

Moderated by Charles Mwanguhya, Journalist/Analyst, Nation Media Group

11:00 MAIN BUILDING SENIOR COMMON ROOM

LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

What is the economic cost of excluding minorities?

At the center of the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 agenda, developed by the United Nations, is the concept of “Leaving No one Behind”. It requires reaching out to everyone, especially those in situations of risk and vulnerability: women and children, people with disabilities, or affected by conflict and disaster, diseases, minorities. These groups are more likely to suffer from socio-economic exclusion, impacting on their education, health and economic livelihoods. But what is the actual cost of malnutrition or gender discrimination for the society? How do we overcome such tendencies of exclusion? Can we afford to leave anybody behind?

Speakers

- Michel Maietta, Director of Research, IRIS, France
- Maggie Kigozi, President, Business and Professional Women
- Peter Kyambadde, Executive Director, MARPI
- Hon. Nalule Safia Jjuuko, National female PWD Member of Parliament, Uganda

Moderated by Ramathan Ggoobi, Lecturer, Makerere University Business School

11:00 AGRICULTURAL BUILDING LOWER LECTURE ROOM

BLACK PANTHER PHENOMENON

Rethinking Africa through Fiction and Arts

The year 2018 has seen Marvel’s “Black Panther” movie sparking excitement all over the world. With an all-star ensemble of black talent both in front and behind the scenes, the movie has had an immense cultural impact beyond its storyline and commercial success. It is seen as a true celebration of African culture. Set in the near-futuristic fictional African nation of Wakanda, the film is reimagining history with a secretive African country that was never colonized. Is the hype around the “Black Panther effect” justified? How are fiction and art contributing to changing narratives about Africa? And can they contribute to developing visions for the future of the continent?

Speakers

- Nana Kagga, Actress and Filmmaker
- Moses Serugo, Arts Journalist and Curator of African Movie Nights Kampala
- Dominica Dipio, Associate Professor, Specialist in Film and Popular Culture, Makerere
- Hon. Kato Lubwama, MP for Rubaga South

Moderated by Kwezi Tabaro, Deputy Director, Leo Africa Institute

14:00 MAIN HALL

SOCIAL MEDIA, FAKE NEWS AND ONLINE MANIPULATION

Are beliefs winning over reason?

With the rise of social media, the way we receive, process and share information has changed dramatically. There has never been a larger diversity of information channels, but it becomes increasingly difficult to rely on the trustworthiness of information. “Fake news” has become an omnipresent catchphrase. Misinformation as such is not a new phenomenon, but its acceleration in the digital age of digital seems to play into the hands of populists and manipulative commercial forces. Are we moving from an age of information into an age of disinformation and “post-truth”? Do the negative effects of social media outweigh their positive potential? Are emotions and beliefs winning over facts and reason in the age of social media?

Speakers

- Sylvie Matelly, Deputy Director, IRIS, France
- Christoph Plate, Director, KAS Media Africa
- William Tayebwa, Head, Department of Journalism & Communication, Makerere
- Vincent N’gethe, Deputy Kenya Editor, Africacheck
- Dickens Okello, Secretary General Uganda Parliamentary Press Association (UPPA)

Moderated by Raymond Mujuni, Investigative Journalist, NBS TV

14:00 SENIOR COMMON ROOM

OPENING DOORS OR BUILDING WALLS?

Managing migration in US, Europe, Africa

Never before has the world registered more refugees than today. Statistics by the UNHCR show an unprecedented number of 68.6 million forcibly displaced people worldwide. In Europe, a growing stream of refugees to the continent has recently caused significant political turmoil. In the meantime, the USA is building a wall at the Mexican border. While Uganda’s “open door” approach raises questions about sustainability, Europe is accused of building a “fortress”. How do the different approaches to refugee management compare? What are the political, economic and humanitarian implications? How can countries best cope with an influx of refugees? Can successful integration turn the crisis into an opportunity? While the European Union is promoting human values worldwide, does it uphold them at home?

Speakers

- Michel Maietta, Director of Research, IRIS, France
- Andie Lambe, Executive Director, IIRI
- Innocent Ndashiriwe, Office of the Prime Minister
- Asmita Parshotam, Researcher, Economic Diplomacy, South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)
- Thomas Volk, Country Director, KAS Senegal

Moderated by Oscar Semweya-Musoke, Educator, Talkshow Host and Founder of Kigo Thinkers

14:00 AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

MAKE THE PLANET GREAT AGAIN

Is there still hope to fight climate change?

The world faces an unprecedented environmental challenge that requires urgent global action. The effects of climate change have tangible impacts on human lives and will potentially reach devastating dimensions in the not-so-distant future: rising sea levels, extreme weather phenomena, heat waves and droughts, floods and storms, food and water scarcity, climate-related diseases, and ultimately conflicts and migration. International efforts to fight climate change have come a long way, culminating in the 2015 Paris Agreement. But are the commitments enough? Are we meeting our targets? Can we rely on national governments to undertake the necessary steps with a long-term view? What can we do as citizens in a globalized world? What do we expect from the private sector? Is humanity at risk of disappearing or can we have hope?

Speakers

- Bastien Alex, Research Fellow, IRIS, France
- Hon. Beatrice Anywar, Member of Parliament, Uganda
- Susan Nanduddu, Executive Director, ACTADE
- David Mbae, Country Director, KAS Zimbabwe
- Sauka Siyasanga, Climate Change Researcher (SAIIA)

Moderated by Teddy Ruge, Founder, Raintree Farms

15:45 MAIN HALL

YOUTH IS THE FUTURE

What are we doing to give hope to the young generation?

Investing in the youth means investing in the future. But it does not seem to be consistently reflected in political decision-making and policy design. This is particularly true for Africa where youth unemployment exceeds 50% in many parts of the continent. In Uganda, half of the population are under 16 years old. A key factor for ensuring economic prosperity and political stability is whether or not young people are given perspectives – both political and economic. What needs to be done – and what is being done – to provide opportunities to the youth? How can young people be enabled to fully exploit their potential? How can we to engage the youth in the political arena? How can decision-making be made more inclusive and policies more reflective of the needs and aspirations of the younger generation?

Speakers

- Pascal Boniface, Founding Director, IRIS, France
- Victor Ochen, Executive Director, AYINET
- Hon. Anna Adeke, National Youth Member of Parliament, Uganda
- Lilian Aber, Chairperson, National Youth Council, Uganda
- Scheaffer Okore, Vice-Chairperson of Ukweli Party and Head of Programs at Siasa Place, Kenya

Moderated by Awel Uwihanganye, Founder, Leo Africa Institute

15:45 SENIOR COMMON ROOM

LONG LIVE DIPLOMACY

Multilateralism in the 21st Century

Following World War II, nations came together to opt for a new global order based on multilateralism with the United Nations at its core. But multilateral institutions and the international order have increasingly become the subject of strong criticism. So how do diplomats navigate through the increasingly challenging global dynamics? How has diplomacy changed over the last decades? Are multilateral organisations such as NATO still efficient? Is multilateralism heading into a crisis? How can tendencies of nationalist withdrawal be countered? Are private companies, national armies, individual leaders become more relevant than diplomats?

Speakers

- Hon. Oryem Henry Okello, Minister of State for International Affairs, Uganda
- Betty Bigombe, Senior Director for Fragility, Conflict, and Violence, World Bank
- H. E. Albrecht Conze, Ambassador of Germany to Uganda
- H.E. Stephanie Rivoal, Ambassador of France to Uganda
- Olivier de France, Senior Research Fellow, IRIS, France

Moderated by Suzie Muwanga, Head of Department, Political Science and Public Administration, Makerere University

15:45 AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

ARE RELIGIONS PEACEMAKERS OR TROUBLEMAKERS?

The Role of Religion in Volatile Societies

In history, religion has sometimes been a direct source of conflicts such as the 16th century European wars of religion or more recently with the rise of Islamist terrorism. Religion can also play an important role in conflict prevention, resolution and peace building, like the mediation of the Church in DRC at the end of 2016. Is religion at the core of the Israelo-palestinian conflict or the Rohingas crisis in Burma? How can we critically assess the complex role of religion in societies in light of this ambiguous picture? Can religion be both a cause of and a solution to conflict? How can religious divisions and tensions be addressed? How can we counter religious radicalisation and fundamentalism? And how can we leverage on the potential of religion as a tool to promote peace?

Speakers

- Ahmed Hadji, Team Leader, Uganda Muslim Youth Development Forum
- Mwambutsya Ndebesa, Lecturer, Political History, Makerere University
- Maximiano Ngabirano, Dean, School of Arts and Social Sciences, Uganda Martyrs University
- Thomas Volk, Country Director, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Senegal
- Lindsey Kukunda, Freelance media practitioner, and human rights activist

Moderated by Muhammad Kiggundu Musoke, Lecturer, Religious Education, Makerere University

FREEDOM SQUARE EVENTS

During the day

Food stands, Videos, MC, Comedians and Music during lunch break, Art performances

Market place of arts and ideas: exhibitions by artists, innovators and start-ups, students and youth-led initiatives, live studio by Media Challenge Initiative, Democracy Expo by KAS, Alliance Française de Kampala, Campus France and many more...

Friday 26th October, 5:30 pm

FREE CONCERT for all the conference attendees

Live band A KA Dope, DJ Slick Stuart & Roja and Jose **CHAMELEONE**



SATURDAY 27th OCTOBER 2018

9:00 MAIN HALL

ARTISTIC PERFORMANCES

TO OPEN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

Dance, Poetry



09:30 MAIN HALL

OLD MASTERS, NEW PLAYERS

Is the African Economy in the Hands of Foreigners?

In July and August 2018, Emmanuel Macron, Theresa May and Angela Merkel all visited countries in Africa. Very shortly after that, African Heads of States attended the Forum on China-Africa cooperation. China has become Africa's biggest trading partner. Meanwhile, the "traditional" Western development partners intensify their commitment to the continent. Other "new" players such as India, Brazil, Turkey and Russia become more and more active in Africa as well. So what is their rationale and motivation? Is it a race of foreign powers for Africa's business potential? What are the benefits and downsides for African countries? What makes China's declared unconditional support so attractive? Are African countries free to drive their own economic development agenda – or are their economies basically in the hands of foreigners?

Speakers

- Sylvie Matelly, Deputy Director, IRIS, France
- Thomas Schiller, Director Regional Programme, KAS
- Andrew Elias State, Dean, Makerere University
- Madina Guloba, Research Fellow, EPRC
- Hashim Wasswa Mulangwa, Director-, Adam Smith International, Uganda

Moderated by Christoph Plate, Director, KAS Media Africa

09:30 SENIOR COMMON ROOM

DEMOCRACY IN DANGER?

The pillars of democracy and its challenges

From the 1970s to the early 2000s, the number of democratic countries has been steadily rising. But over the last decade, this trend appears to have changed and an overall decline in individual freedoms has been observed. In a number of countries, strong-man leaders are increasing their grip on power, manipulating uneducated masses and using bent media for their own benefit. Is democracy under threat? Does it fail to deliver to the people? Are press and education now failing to educate voting citizens? What can explain the traction that populist forces are gaining? Are "illiberal" democracies or authoritarian systems becoming more attractive and why? How can democratic values effectively be promoted and defended across the globe? Should we invent a new breed of democracy, in the digital era?

Speakers

- Julius Kiiza, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Makerere University
- Mugisha Muntu, former Party President, FDC
- Nicholas Opiyo, Human Rights Lawyer and Executive Director, Chapter Four Uganda
- Simon Osborn, Country Director, NDI Uganda
- Perry Aritua, Executive Director, Women's Democracy Network

Moderated by Yusuf Kiranda, Director, Centre for Development Alternatives (CDA)

09:30 AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

SPORT, NOT JUST FOR FUN ANYMORE?

Is it a Distraction, an Industry, Soft Power?

Sports is more than just a game, more than entertainment, more than competition among athletes. It has become a big business that generates big revenues and influence. In addition, mainstream professional sports are increasingly becoming politicized. But history shows that sports and politics have always been closely linked. In the history of the Olympic Games, we have seen politicians, but also athletes, used this event as a political platform, such as in Berlin in 1938 and in Mexico in 1968. What is at the heart of international sports? Has it become a pure industry? How do countries benefit from promoting their sports competitiveness? What is the role of sports in international relations and diplomacy? Has sport become only about money and power?

Speakers

- William Blick, President, Uganda Olympic Committee
- Pascal Boniface, Founding Director, IRIS, France
- Carole Gomez, Research Fellow, IRIS, France
- Joseph Owino, CEO, Owino Solutions
- Penninah Kabenge, Head, Department of Sports and Recreation, Makerere University
- Elly Mwesigye, Coordinator, Uganda Parliamentary Forum on Media (UPFM)

Moderated by Patrick Kanyomozi, Sports Journalist, Capital FM

11:15 MAIN HALL

ALPHA MALES, NEWCOMERS, POPULISTS

What leaders are we craving for?

In democratic systems, we elect the individual leaders who define the direction of our politics and societies are taking. The leaders at the top should symbolize and personify the ambitions and aspirations of our countries. From Erdogan in Turkey, Orban in Hungary to Putin in Russia or Duterte in the Philippines, there seems to be a rise of strong, Alpha Male rulers. In Africa, it is not so new. What makes such leaders an attractive choice for the people? In some countries, it may be the result of frustration with the status quo that plays into the hand of populist, anti-establishment forces. Where does a leader like Donald Trump fall in this context? And what do we make of the liberal charismatic alternatives such as Macron in France or Trudeau in Canada?

Speakers

- Pascal Boniface, Founding Director, IRIS, France
- Samuel Carcanague, Researcher, IRIS, France
- Milton Mutto, Executive Director, Pincer Training and Research Institute
- Mareike Le Pelley, Resident Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Uganda
- Sarah Kasande Kihika, Head of Office Uganda, International Centre for Transitional Justice

Moderated by Henry Kasacca, Executive Director, Dialogue and Democracy Trainings Centre

11:15 SENIOR COMMON ROOM

AVENUES FOR PEACE AND STABILITY

Peacebuilding, Regional Diplomacy and Military Intervention in Africa

Africa has had a long history of violent conflicts. Often, these conflicts have a regional or cross border aspect - such as mass migration flows, exporting instability to neighbouring or distant countries away. Varied approaches to resolving these conflicts have been applied with mixed results – it ranges from direct military intervention, peacekeeping missions, high table or back doors diplomacy and actions of civil society. Starting in the 1960s, the United Nations have intervened in a number of conflicts. Regional bodies such as ECOWAS, SADC and IGAD have played a key role in resolution of conflicts and peacebuilding efforts on the continent. What are the avenues for a sustainable peace in Africa? Has military intervention had its day, and do other approaches to peace building offer more promising results? Can local/regional approaches be preferable to international efforts?

Speakers

- Angelo Izama, Journalist
- Maxime Houinato, Director, UN Women Uganda
- Paul Omach, Lecturer, Political Science and Public Administration, Makerere University
- Betty Bigombe, World Bank
- Melha Rout Biel, Political Scientist and Vice Chancellor, John Garang University, South Sudan

Moderated by Linda Bore, Humanitarian Affairs and Governance Consultant

11:15 AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

THE POWER OF FOOD

Shall Agriculture fill your stomach or your purse?

Since the Green Revolution in India of mid- and late-20th century, dramatic changes have happened in the field of agriculture. The so-called modernization of agriculture has increased productivity and food security in many parts of the world. But we have also seen negative side effects with a global degradation of the environment and the human health because of factors such as chemical fertilizers, pesticides, price pressures and food price speculation. More and more farmers are indebted and many commit suicide, over 200 000 Indian farmers since 1997. How will the future of sustainable agriculture look like? Is agro-ecology the solution? What influence do local farmers and global corporations have? Will there still be a space for smallholder farmers in the future? What role can agriculture play for the economic transformation in developing countries?

Speakers

- Michel Maietta, Director of Research, IRIS, France
- Agnes Kirabo, Director, Food Rights Alliance
- Humphrey Mutasa, Director Strategic Partnerships, Uganda National Farmers Federation

Moderated by David Mbae, Country Director, KAS Zimbabwe

14:00 MAIN HALL

POWERFUL WOMEN

Are they a threat to males or their best partners?

While patriarchy remains the most common social model, women around the world have made tremendous progress in taking up leadership roles and occupying positions of power. More and more women are using emerging opportunities and make it to the top: from female engineers, entrepreneurs and CEOs to female Presidents and heads of international bodies. Where do we stand in the continuous struggle for women empowerment and gender equality? And what are the implications for society? How are male counterparts reacting to women in position of power? How do women make it to the top? What challenges do female leaders encounter? What are our perceptions of female leadership?

Speakers

- H.E. Deborah Malac, US Ambassador to Uganda
- Sarah Ssali, Dean, School of Women and Gender Studies, Makerere University
- Hon. Winnie Kiiza, former Leader of Opposition, Uganda
- Maggie Kigozi, President, Business and Professional Women

Moderated by H.E. Stephanie Rivoal, Ambassador of France to Uganda

14:00 SENIOR COMMON ROOM

THE FUTURE OF EAST AFRICA

Is the European Union a Model or Deterrent?

Regional integration is supposed to enhance trade and integrate economies for growth and development. It can also address security challenges and contain conflict. In East Africa, the history of regional cooperation shows both failures and successes. East Africa used to have a signal currency, a regional airline and railway but it is all gone now. Can the European Union be a source of inspiration? Far from the initial European dream, the EU is now been operating in crisis mode. From struggling to maintain the integrity of the Eurozone in times of economic crisis to the shock of the Brexit decision or the current failure to harmonise refugee and migration policies, is the European dream still alive? What lessons does the European integration process provide for East Africa? Is it more of a model or a deterrent? What does the future hold for the EAC?

Speakers

- H.E. Attilio Pacifici, EU Ambassador to Uganda
- Andrew Mwenda, The Independent
- Rt. Hon. Dan Kidega, Speaker, East African Legislative Assembly
- Philip Kasaija, Lecturer, Political Science and Public Administration, Makerere University
- Beatrice Kiraso, former Deputy Secretary General of the East African Community

Moderated by Charles Mwanguhya, Journalist/Analyst, Nation Media Group

14:00 AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

WHAT IS GOING TO KILL US FIRST?

Global threats to human health

While life expectancy has increased worldwide with improved methods for cure and prevention of fatal diseases, the 21st century human health is facing serious threats. Malaria, hepatitis, malnutrition continue to kill hundreds of millions of people, especially in the poorer parts of the world. New challenges like environmental hazards, especially air pollution, and the effects of climate change bring about new health threats. Overuse of antibiotics and unbalanced diets has dramatically increased drug-resistant strains of bacteria and cardio-vascular diseases. Are we killing ourselves slowly? How do we respond to those threats to ensure a sustainable future for our children? Will medical innovations provide answers to the emerging risks or do we have to change our lifestyle? Are we aware of what is killing us?

Speakers

- Agnes Kirabo, Executive Director, Food Rights Alliance
- Michel Maietta, Director of Research, IRIS, France
- Charles Ibingira, Principal, College of Health Sciences, Makerere University
- Dr Yonas Tegegn Woldemariam, World Health Organization (WHO) representative
- Dr. Ian Clarke, Chairman of International Medical Group, and Clarke Group Ltd

Moderated by Esther Nakkazi, President, Health Journalists Association of Uganda

15:45 MAIN HALL

COUNTERING THE EXPANSION OF ISLAMIST TERRORISM

From Middle East, Maghreb and Horn of Africa to Western countries

Since the 9-11 attacks in 2001, Islamist terrorism has been recognized as a major threat to global peace and stability. But intensified efforts to fight it did not eradicate the threat. Islamist terrorist networks are still very much alive, and the fight against terrorism becomes a more and more complex undertaking. What are the ideological and social roots of expanding radical, violent ideologies? What are the factors that enable terrorist forces to survive expand and recruit? Who are the key actors in the fight against terrorism and what are their strategies? What are the most urgent protective and preventive measures to fight terrorism effectively? Are we going to win the fight?

Speakers

- Pascal Boniface, Founding Director, IRIS, France
- Abasi Kiyimba, Deputy Principal, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Makerere University
- Ashad Sentongo, Director of Africa Programs, Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation
- Omar Mahmood, Researcher, Institute for Security Studies, Addis Ababa

Moderated by Thomas Schiller, Director Regional Programme for Sahel, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

15:45 SENIOR COMMON ROOM

IS MONEY RULING THE WORLD?

Side effects of unbridled capitalism

For centuries, capitalism has been the foundation for prosperity in Western economies while other powerful nations were experimenting communist or hybrid systems. A free market is supposed to promote innovation, growth and productivity. But “turbo capitalism” can mean barely regulated markets, rich amassing immense wealth and poor people left behind. Global inequalities, labour exploitation, corruption, tax evasion, super rich individuals, ecological and health hazards, over-consumerism are looming. The GDP of Uganda is around 25 billion USD, while Apple’s profits were over 60 billion USD in 2017. Is money indeed ruling our lives? Are we failing to curtail the negative effects of capitalism in a globalised world or is the system going to drastically change with more inclusive welfare?

Speakers

- Carole Gomez, Research Fellow, IRIS, France
- Ezra Suruma, Chancellor, Makerere University
- Paul Lakuma, Research Analyst, Economic Policy Research Centre (EPRC)
- Ronald Mukasa, Business Development Manager, Enterprise Uganda
- Ramathan Ggoobi, Lecturer, Makerere University

Moderated by Irene Ikumu, Program Development Consultant, Heinrich Boell Foundation

15:45 AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

ONE PLANET, TOO MANY PEOPLE?

Are we too many for the resources of our planet?

Is our planet becoming too crowded? Did you know that the 2018 overshoot day was the 1st August, the earliest date ever recorded? By the year 2050, we are likely to be 10 billion people on earth. But the resources of the planet are not unlimited. And every additional person needs land, food, water and energy, and produces more waste and pollution – contributing to an ever increasing negative impact on the planet. Experts argue that at the current rate of consumption we are using 1.5 Earth per year. How do we address these challenges? How can we make sure the planet will be inhabitable for future generations to come? Can technological advancements help us cope with the population pressure? Is population control a taboo or shall we need address it heads on

Speakers

- Bastien Alex, Research Fellow, IRIS, France
- Michael Mugisha, Assistant Lecturer, Statistics, Makerere, Director, CDA
- Onesmus Mugenyi, Deputy Executive Director, ACODE
- Charles Musana, National Population Council, Uganda
- Frank Muramuzi, Executive Director, National Association of Professional Environmentalists

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