

MAKERERE BERGEN RESEARCH SCHOOL 28TH NOVEMBER – 9TH DECEMBER 2022 AT MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

THEME: Food and Water Security in a Changing World

Organisers: **Makerere University – University of Bergen
collaboration programme**

**EVENT: OPENING CEREMONY; KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Higher Education
partnerships and the Sustainable Development Goals
for Developing countries**

Venue / Time: Yusuf Lule CTF II, Makerere University 09:30 – 12:00

Background

Makerere University (Mak) and the University of Bergen (UiB) will be organizing their first-ever joint doctoral research school under the Makerere-University of Bergen Collaboration. This ten-day event will be held from 28 November – to 9 December 2022 at Makerere University-Main Campus under the theme: Food and Water Security in a Changing World specifically addressing some of the main Global Challenges that are facing our world that also cut across several of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Considering the established SDGs and efforts to monitor progress, it will be beneficial for PhD students to interrogate the successes and challenges of meeting targets under the SDGs related to Water and Food Security. Climate change and current events around the world are severely threatening our ability to provide the food and clean water that future generations will require. This research school will address these challenges and discuss possible solutions and opportunities for Higher Education Institutions to play an active role in.

We use this opportunity to highlight the importance of partnerships between Higher Education Institutions, civil society, and private enterprises in meeting the SDGs, with some focus on the relevance of these partnerships to students and young career academics. This event is organized under a collaboration between two universities that has been running for more than 30 years, further highlighting the importance of **SDG 17 - Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development**. Makerere University and the University of Bergen have had a long-standing collaboration that dates to 1988. The ties between these two institutions involve departments in various disciplines and have come to engage civil society, the public sector and industry. Student and staff exchange is central to this collaboration. Over the years the collaboration has deepened with graduating joint PhDs and capacity-building projects most recently in NORHED I and NORHED II programmes.

Objectives

- Discuss what role institutional (higher education) partnerships play in attaining SDG targets in Developing countries.

- Explore the opportunities for students and young researchers in institutional (Higher education) partnerships between Southern and Northern institutions

Keynote Presenter

Dr Lwando Mdleleni, PhD

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PANELISTS

1. Alicia Donnellan Barraclough University of Bergen, representative of EuroMAB Youth
2. Doreen Kansiiime: 1,000 Women's Gardens for Health and Nutrition
3. Theogen Habumugisha University of Bergen
4. Dr. Akite Perpetra Makerere University

Moderator

Eric Tumwesigye

Department of Gender Mainstreaming, Makerere University.

Programme

TIME	ACTIVITY	Responsible
9:30 - 10:00	Arrival of guests and Participants	MC
10:00 - 10:10	Welcome Address by the Vice Chancellor, Makerere University	MC
10:10 - 10:20	Remarks by Vice Rector, Benedicte Carlsen, University of Bergen	MC
10:20 - 10:30	Remarks by the Ambassador, H.E. Elin Østebø Johansen	MC
10:30 - 11:15	KEYNOTE ADDRESS, Dr. Lwando Mdleleni, Senior Researcher, University of the Western Cape	Moderator
11:15 - 12:30	Discussion	Moderator