

Programme

DAY 1. | Wednesday, 15th April 2026

Time	Panel	Venue	Speaker
08.30 – 10.00	Arrival/Introduction	Main Hall, Main Building	MC Canary Mugume
10.00 – 10.45	Opening Remarks	Main Hall, Main Building Broadcasted	Prof Sarah Ssali – First Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Makerere University H.E. Virginie Leroy – Ambassador of France to Uganda Anna Reismann – Country Director, KAS Uganda and S. Sudan Loic BOIVIN – Director, Alliance Française de Kampala
11.00 – 12.30	New Faces of Development Assistance: Towards Solidarity-Based, Sustainable Investments Based on a Logic of Partnerships (Embassy of France)	Main Hall, Main Building Broadcasted	Moderator: Dr John Bosco Oryema – Lecturer, School of Economics, Makerere University 1. Leonard Zulu – United Nations Resident Coordinator in Uganda 2. Marc Trouyet – Country Director of the French Development Agency (AFD) in Uganda 3. Dr Nathalie Ferrière – Associate Professor of Economics, Sciences Po Aix, Member of the Aix-Marseille School of Economics 4. Dr Asumani Guloba – Director of Development Planning, National Planning Authority
12.30 – 13.00	Musical Performance (Alliance Française de Kampala)		Tracy Melon , Ugandan Vocalist, Song Writer and Performer
Lunchbreak			
14.00 – 15.30	Bretton Woods Institutions: Reimagining the Global Financial Architecture for African Growth in a Fractured World (Makerere University)	Main Hall, Main Building Broadcasted	Moderator: Prof Ibrahim Okumu – Dean, School of Economics, Makerere University 1. Dr Francis Mwesigye – Chief Economist, Uganda Development Board 2. Associate Prof Mindra Katoroogo – Deputy Principal Makerere University Business School (MuBS) 3. Dr Marin Ferry – Assistant Professor, Economics, Université Gustave Eiffel 4. Prof Fred Matovu – School of Economics, Makerere University
16.00 – 17.30	Ethiopia's Regional Ambitions and the Balance of Power in the Horn of Africa; Sea Access, Ports and Corridors and State Sovereignty (Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung)	Main Hall, Main Building Broadcasted	Moderator: Oliyada Abera – Project Manager, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Foundation Office Ethiopia / African Union 1. Christine Odera – Governance and Policy Strategist, Co-Chair, Kenya Coalition on Youth, Peace & Security, Council Member, National Youth Service (NYS) 2. Rashid Abdi – Researcher/Analyst, Horn of Africa, Middle East 3. Nahusenay Belay – Lecturer, Political Science, Mekelle University/ Political Researcher 4. Beautah Mwanza Suba – Major (Rtd) Kenya Defence Forces, Associate, Global Centre for Policy and Strategy (GLOCEPS)
17.30 – 16.30	Cultural presentation/reception organised by AFK		

DAY 2. | Thursday, 16th April 2026

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08.30 – 09.30	Arrival/Introduction	Main Hall, Main Building	MC Canary Mugume
09.30 – 11.00	Borrowed Peace, Mortgaged Resources: The DRC's Sovereignty Dilemma and the Prospects for Lasting Peace Between the Doha Framework and the Washington Accord (Makerere University)	Main Hall, Main Building Broadcasted	<p>Moderator: Dr Nansozi Muwanga – Executive Director, Julius Nyerere Leadership Centre (JNLC)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Zahara Namapewo – Deputy Principal, School of Law, Makerere University Asuman Bisika – Retired Journalist, Political Writer, Daily Monitor Prof Edward Kaweesi – Department of Political Science & Public Administration, Makerere University Dr Julius Niringyimana – Political Economist, Department of Political Science, Makerere University
11.15 – 12.45	Africa and External Powers: Shaping the Terms of Engagement (Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung)	Main Hall, Main Building Broadcasted	<p>Moderator: Meron Elias – Senior Analyst, International Crisis Group (ICG), Kenya</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Dr Solveig Richter – Professor, International Relations and Transnational Politics, Leipzig University, Germany Dr Edith Namutebi – Head, Regional Peace and Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Uganda Dr David Ngendo-Tshimba – Head Centre for African Studies, Uganda Martyrs University Okello Moses Chrispus – Senior Analyst Institute for Security Studies
Lunchbreak			
14.00 – 15.30	How Can Youth Shape Public Policies in Africa? (Embassy of France)	Main Hall, Main Building Broadcasted	<p>Moderator: Fiona Kemigisha – Ugandan lawyer, moderator, MC, and digital content creator</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Chemonges. M. Timothy – Executive Director, Centre for Policy Analysis (CEPA) Phoebe Natukunda – Social Development Practitioner, Faraja Africa Foundation Uganda Jessica Annor – Head of the Youth, Gender and Women's Empowerment Unit at the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) Cheptum Toroitich – Lawyer & Project Manager, Oriental Lab, Innovation Foundation for Democracy, Nairobi, Kenya
15.30 – 16.00	Closing Remarks	Main Hall, Main Building Broadcasted	Makerere University
16.00 – 17.00	Musical Performance (Alliance Française de Kampala) and Cocktail		AFRIQUE ARTS TROUPE , traditional Ugandan dance and music
End of Programme			