

# NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMMUNICATIONS 2026

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026 | Yusuf Lule Central Teaching Facility, Makerere University Kampala, Uganda

### DAY 1 PROGRAMME: 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026

| TIME                           | SESSION                                                                                                      | SPEAKER(S)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>PRE-OPENING</b>             |                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>07:30 – 08:45</b>           | Arrival, Registration and Breakfast                                                                          | <i>All participants</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>WELCOME REMARKS</b>         |                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>08:45 – 09:00</b>           | Welcome Remarks                                                                                              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Prof. Moses Musinguzi, Principal, CEDAT (5 min)</i></li> <li>2. <i>Eng. Christine Mugimba, Director ICT &amp; Research, UCC (5 min)</i></li> </ol>                                                                                                                 |
| <b>FORMAL OPENING CEREMONY</b> |                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>09:00 – 09:30</b>           | Formal Opening Ceremony                                                                                      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, VC, Makerere University (10 min)</i></li> <li>2. <i>Hon. Nyombi Thembo, ED, UCC (10 min)</i></li> <li>3. <i>Rt. Hon. Justine Kasule Lumumba, Minister, MoICT&amp;NG (10 min)</i></li> </ol>                                               |
| <b>09:35 – 09:45</b>           | VIP Group Photographs                                                                                        | <i>All VIPs and dignitaries</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>KEYNOTE ADDRESSES</b>       |                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>09:45 – 10:00</b>           | <b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS 1: Connecting Uganda for Market-Driven Innovation: Building the Innovation Ecosystem"</b> | <i>Paul Isaac Musasizi CEO, Kiira Motors Corporation</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>10:00 – 10:15</b>           | <b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2: Research Commercialisation and Industry: Closing Uganda's Innovation Value Chain</b>   | <i>Dr. James Kisaale, Executive Secretary, Uganda National Council of Science and Technology</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>PANEL SESSION 1</b>         |                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>10:20 – 11:30</b>           | <b>"Enabling Policy and Regulatory Frameworks to Accelerate Market-Driven Innovation in Uganda"</b>          | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Prof. Pamela Mbabazi, Chair, NPA</i></li> <li>2. <i>Hon. Nyombi Thembo ED, UCC</i></li> <li>3. <i>Dr. Barirega Akankwasah, ED, NEMA</i></li> <li>4. <i>Ms. Sharifah Buzeki, ED, KCCA</i></li> <li>5. <i>ED, Uganda Electricity Regulatory Authority</i></li> </ol> |

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| <b>PANEL SESSION 2</b>               |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>11:35 – 12:45</b>                 | <b>"From Connectivity to Commerce:<br/>Turning Uganda's Digital Development<br/>Vision into Market Reality"</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms. Dorothy Kabagambe Ssemanda, CEO, ATC Uganda</li> <li>2. Ms. Sylvia Mulinge, CEO, MTN Uganda</li> <li>3. Mr. Soumendra Sahu, MD &amp; CEO, Airtel Uganda</li> <li>4. Mr. Godfrey Sserwamukoko, Chair, ISPAU</li> <li>5. Mr. Alex Nkuyahaga, CEO, Kilimanjaro Telecom</li> </ol> <p><i>Moderator: ATC Uganda</i></p> |
| <b>CLOSE OF MORNING SESSION</b>      |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>12:45 – 13:00</b>                 | <b>Open Floor: Audience Questions and<br/>Session Wrap-up</b>                                                   | <i>Moderator: ATC Uganda</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>13:00 – 14:00</b>                 | <b>Lunch, Networking and Exhibitions</b>                                                                        | <i>All participants</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>AFTERNOON: ACADEMIC PROGRAMME</b> |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>14:00 – 16:00</b>                 | <b>Technical Paper Sessions (4 parallel<br/>rooms, 36 papers)</b>                                               | <i>Session Chairs: TBC 4 rooms running concurrently</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>16:00 – 17:00</b>                 | <b>Poster Presentation and Exhibitions<br/>(15 papers)</b>                                                      | <i>Presenters: Selected NCC 2026 authors</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>EVENING</b>                       |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>17:30 – 19:30</b>                 | <b>Networking Reception (Invitation<br/>Only)</b>                                                               | <i>All invited delegates and speakers</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

## DAY 2 PROGRAMME: 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026

| TIME                                            | SESSION                                                                                                    | SPEAKER(S)                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>MORNING</b>                                  |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 08:00 – 08:30                                   | Arrival, Registration and Breakfast                                                                        | All participants                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2</b>                        |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 08:30 – 09:00                                   | KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2: Accelerating Market-Driven Innovation for Uganda's Development                          | Dr. Amina Zawedde Permanent Secretary, MoICT&NG                                                                                                                            |
| <b>INVITED TALKS AND MODERATED CONVERSATION</b> |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 09:00 – 09:10                                   | INVITED TALK 1: Beyond Ideas: Building Markets and Ecosystems for Innovation                               | CK Japheth Co-Founder, The Innovation Village                                                                                                                              |
| 09:10 – 09:20                                   | INVITED TALK 2: Standards for Competitive, Market-Driven Innovation                                        | Ms. Patricia Bageine Ejalu, Executive Director Standards, UNBS                                                                                                             |
| 09:20 – 09:30                                   | INVITED TALK 3: Government as a Platform: How E-Services are Creating Digital Markets in Uganda            | Julian Rweju, Director E-Government Services, NITA-U                                                                                                                       |
| 09:30 – 09:40                                   | INVITED TALK 4: Connecting the Unconnected: Telecom Investment as the Backbone of Market-Driven Innovation | Rogers Sekaziga CEO, Roke Telecom                                                                                                                                          |
| 09:40 – 10:10                                   | Moderated Conversation: Building Innovation Markets in Uganda                                              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CK Japheth</li> <li>2. Ms. Patricia Bageine Ejalu</li> <li>3. Julian Rweju</li> <li>4. Rogers Sekaziga</li> </ol> Moderator: TBC |
| <b>INVITED TALK: AI FOR SOCIAL GOOD</b>         |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 10:10 – 10:40                                   | INVITED TALK "AI for Social Good"                                                                          | Dr. Ernest Mwebaze Sunbird AI                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>SCHOOL ICT CLUBS INNOVATION PITCH</b>        |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 10:40 – 13:00                                   | School ICT Clubs Innovations Pitch (8 schools competing)                                                   | Moderator: General Chair, NCC 2026 Judges' panel: TBC                                                                                                                      |
| <b>LUNCH</b>                                    |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 13:00 – 14:00                                   | Lunch, Networking and Exhibitions (Judges deliberate)                                                      | All participants                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>AFTERNOON: INVITED TALKS AND AWARDS</b>      |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 14:00 – 14:20                                   | INVITED TALK 5 "Responsible ICT Innovation in the Digital Era"                                             | Eng. Irene Kaggwa Sewankambo                                                                                                                                               |

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| 14:20 – 14:40  | Award Ceremony: School ICT Clubs Competition                                           | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dorothy Okello, Dean, School of Engineering, Makerere University</li> <li>2. Hon. Nyombi Thembo, ED, UCC</li> </ol> <p>Moderator: General Chair, NCC 2026</p>                                              |
| 14:40 – 15:00  | FIRESIDE CHAT: The Founder's Perspective: What Uganda's Startup Ecosystem Really Needs | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gerald Otim, Founder &amp; CEO, Ensibuuko</li> </ol> <p>Moderator: Prof. Michael Lubwama, Makerere University</p>                                                                                          |
| <b>CLOSING</b> |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 15:00 – 15:20  | NCC 2026: Key Takeaways and Action Agenda                                              | Conference Rapporteur                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 15:20 – 15:40  | Award Ceremony: Best Papers                                                            | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dorothy Okello, Dean, School of Engineering, Makerere University</li> <li>2. Dr. Charity Basaza Mulenga, Chair of the Board, UCC</li> </ol> <p>Moderator: General Chair, NCC 2026</p>                      |
| 15:40 – 16:10  | Closing Session                                                                        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. Abubaker Matovu Waswa, General Chair, NCC 2026</li> <li>2. Dorothy Okello, Dean, School of Engineering, Makerere University</li> <li>3. Dr. Charity Basaza Mulenga, Chair of the Board, UCC</li> </ol> |
| 16:10 – 16:40  | Evening Tea and Departure at Leisure                                                   | All participants                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

**ENDS**