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TOPIC: ARE REFUGEES ECONOMIC ACTORS OR A BURDEN TO HOST COUNTRIES?

Date: 21st November 2017

Venue: Makerere University Main Hall

Programme

Moderator: Yusuf Kiranda, Executive Director, Centre for Development Alternatives (CDA)

03:00pm Arrivals and registration

03:20pm Welcome Remarks, Donnas Ojok, Programme Manager, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

03:10pm Keynote address: Are Refugees Economic Actors or a Burden? Deborah Mulumba, PhD. Senior Lecturer, Kyambogo University

03:40pm Input presentation: Refugees as Economic Actors: a Europe Perspective. Gernot Wolfram, PhD. European Cultural and Migration expert

04:00pm Panel discussion

Panellists

- Lyandro Komakech, Member of Parliament, Uganda (TBC)
- Grace Kiiria Okia, Director of Programmes, Xavier Project
- Gemma Ahaiba, Research Associate, Economic Policy Research Centre, (EPRC)
- Tito Anthony, Executive Director, Centre for Peace and Justice, South Sudan

04:40pm Plenary – Panel Discussions

05:00pm Concluding notes from the French and German Ambassadors

05:10pm Slight refreshment and break for 30 minutes

05:40pm TEDx Style Ubuntu Talks commences
About the Speakers

1. Gemma Ahaibwe
Gemma Ahaibwe has been a Research Analyst at the Economic Policy Research Centre (EPRC) since 2011. She received her undergraduate degree in Quantitative Economics at Makerere University, and completed her postgraduate studies in Development and Natural Resource Economics at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB) in Norway. At EPRC, she works under the microeconomics department. Gemma’s research focuses on health, migration, poverty, governance and labour markets with a strong bias towards the youth.

2. Yusuf Kiranda
Yusuf Kiranda is a the Executive Director of the Centre for Development Alternatives (CDA) which is a mission-driven East African development think tank and consultancy firm that fosters home-grown ideas for long-term economic, political and social transformation in the region. He previously worked for the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD) as a Programme Manager. He is an alumnus of the London School of Economics and a fellow of the PfAL programme at the same university. He is a former guild president of Makerere University, Kampala.

3. Robert Hakiza
Robert is a refugee from Congo living in Uganda since 2008. He holds a degree in Agriculture from the Catholic University of Bukavu (DRC). He interned with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (UNFAO) in Goma and Kisangani (DRC) as assistant field officer. In 2013 he worked as an assistant researcher with Oxford’s humanitarian innovation project. He is also one of the co-founders of YARID.

4. Lyandro Komakech
Lyandro is currently a Member of Parliament representing Gulu Municipality. He was formally a lead researcher on traditional Justice Mechanisms with the Refugee Law Project. His writings include Transitional Justice Working paper No.1 titled; Tradition in Transition; Drawing on The Old to Develop a New Jurisprudence for Dealing with Uganda’s Legacy of Violence and a Book Chapter titled Exploring the Place of Traditional Justice in Uganda. He holds an MA Development Studies from Uganda Martyrs University Nkozi, MA International Relations and Diplomatic Studies from Makerere University Kampala, a BA in Social Sciences with a major in International Relations- Makerere University. His research interest includes peace and conflict analysis, transitional justice, forced migration and international human rights law.

5. Deborah Mulumba, PhD.
Mulumba is an Associate Professor of Forced Migration at Kyambogo University, Kampala. She previously worked at Makerere University where she was a senior lecturer. She read forced migration at the Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford where she completed a PhD thesis about Sudanese women refugees in Uganda. She teaches course units on gender and development issues in Forced Migration; Conflict and Forced Migration; Reproductive health and Displaced Persons among others.

6. Tito Anthony
Tito is the Executive Director of Centre for Peace and Justice, a South Sudanese civil society organization working to promote peace, justice and development in the country. Since 2016, CPJ has been working closely with South Sudanese in Uganda to continue advocating for the return of peace in South Sudan. He is a trained journalist and passionate another human rights activism.

7. Gernot Wolfram, PhD
Gernot is a cultural scientist, writer, and publicist. He is an expert member of the Team Europe of the European Commission in Germany, with Intercultural Relations and Cultural Projects as core themes. He works as an expert for Media Studies, Migration Studies and Cultural Studies for the Federal Agency for Civic Education in Berlin. His other interests include: International Arts Management, Intercultural Hermeneutics, Strategies of Empowerment and Participation within Communities.