

JNLC-KAS ALUMNI CAPSTONE EVENT

FROM TRAINING TO ACTION:



**YOUTH LEADERSHIP FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN UGANDA
AND THE GREAT LAKES REGION FOR TRANSFORMATIVE AND
INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT**



DATE: MARCH 16TH – 18TH, 2026 | **VENUE:** SCHOOL OF FOOD SCIENCE CONFERENCE HALL MAKERERE

DAY ONE

CONTEXTUALIZING YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN UGANDA AND THE GREAT LAKES REGION

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SUB-THEME: UNDERSTANDING THE POLITICAL, SECURITY, AND GOVERNANCE LANDSCAPE

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TIME	SESSION	FOCUS	EXPECTED OUTPUTS	PERSON / PERSONS
8:00AM – 9:00AM	Registration & the Documenting of Alumni testimonies	Arrival and informal engagement	Participants oriented and connected	JNLC Secretariat
	Alignment Dialogue and Capstone Direction Setting	Through a moderated dialogue, facilitators and alumni collectively clarify expectations and agree on sets principles for ethical, inclusive, and non-partisan youth engagement in peace and security.	Align Agreed Capstone focus areas and guiding principles (whose peace and security counts)	Dr. Gardner Rwakiseta Prof. Julius Kiiza
9:00AM – 9:15AM	Opening Ceremony	Welcome remarks, objectives, expectations	Shared understanding of goals and programme flow	JNLC / KAS
9:15AM – 10:15AM	Keynote Address	“Peace and Security in East Africa and the Great Lakes: From Historical Fault Lines to Shared Futures”		Guest Speaker (KAS)
10:15AM – 10:30AM	Discussant		Key Questions raised and their importance to Peace and Security today	Prof. Philip Kasaija
10:30AM – 11:00AM	TEA BREAK			
11:00AM – 12:30PM	Alumni Panel Discussion	“Interrogating Peace: Governance, Power, and the Political Economy of Insecurity in the Great Lakes”		Prof. Julius Kiiza Prof. Philip Kasaija
12:30PM – 1:30PM	LUNCH			
1:30PM – 3:00PM	Breakout Groups	Thematic discussions: 1) Civic Engagement & Electoral Integrity 2) Community Peacebuilding 3) Conflict Prevention. 4) Economic justice or its absence 5) Digital Peacebuilding 6)Rule of law 7) Gendered Peace and Security in the Great Lakes region	Thematic issue briefs highlighting key challenges and opportunities	JNLC Facilitators Ms. Allen Baguma Mr. Henry Kasacca Mr. David Emolot Ms. Gloria Namata Mr. Ivan Ssegawa Dr. Gardner Rwakiseta Ms. Teddy Namutebi
3:00PM – 4:00PM	Guided Reflection Session	Alumni reflections: Regional experiences in peacebuilding across countries in the region	Collective mapping of peacebuilding initiatives	Mr. Ivan Ssegawa
4:15PM – 4:30PM	Day 1 Wrap-Up	Reflection & synthesis	Consolidated insights to inform Day 2 discussions	Prof. Julius Kiiza
4:30PM	TEA, (DOCUMENTARY) AND CLOSURE			

SUB-THEME: FROM ANALYSIS TO STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT

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8:00AM – 9:00AM	Registration /Recap of Day 1	Key insights and reflections	Shared understanding of previous day's outcomes	KAS / JNLC Facilitators Mr. Henry Kasacca
9:00AM – 10:45AM	Presentation	Regional Peace and Security Frameworks (ICGLR, EAC, AU) & Youth Participation	Identifying and understanding institutional entry points for Peace and Security in Africa	Dr. Butime Herman to present Mr. Ivan Ssegawa Mr. Jacob Eyeru Dr. Andrew Musiime (TBD) to lead the discussion
10:45AM – 11:15AM	TEA BREAK			
11:15AM – 12:45PM	Interactive Dialogue	Structural Barriers to Youth Engagement in Peace and Governance Political Barriers Social Barriers Economic Barriers Security Barriers	Identified policy and institutional barriers to Peace and security in the region. Make practical recommendations for strengthening youth-state collaboration and engagement in Peace-building measures in the region.	Alumni in Working Groups with Facilitators Mr. David Emolot Mr. Ivan Ssegawa Ms. Gloria Namata Mr. Henry Kasacca
12:45PM – 1:30PM	LUNCH			
1:30PM – 2:30PM		Peace Walk	Discuss and agree on strategies to address the identified barriers	Alumni in established Groups / Facilitators
2:30PM – 3:30PM	Group Presentations	Designing Youth-Led Peace Initiatives (including key areas of cross-border collaboration)	Present strategies and potential youth-led Peace and Security initiatives	Alumni / JNLC Facilitators Dr. Gardner Rwakiseta Ms. Teddy Namutebi
3:30PM – 6:00PM	Fireside Conversation	<i>Leading for Peace in Fragile and Politically Complex Contexts: Lessons from the Great Lakes Region</i>	Inspirational leadership lessons and practical strategies for navigating complex political environments	Prof. Hellen Nambalirwa Mr. Tsimba David Prof. Julius Kiiza
6:00PM – 6:30PM	Reflection & Close	Key Takeaways	Refined action priorities	Dr. Gardner Rwakiseta
6:30PM	DINNER			

SUB-THEME: INSTITUTIONALIZING YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND BUILDING SUSTAINABLE NETWORKS

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8:00AM – 9:00AM		REGISTRATION		JNLC Secretariat
9:00AM – 9:15AM	Recap of Day 2	Synthesis of leadership insights		JNLC/ KAS Mr. David Emolot / Ms. Allen Baguma
9:15AM – 10:15AM	Breakout Strategy Groups	Developing Regional Collaboration Mechanisms among Alumni	Alignment for collaborative planning	Alumni / Facilitators
10:15AM – 11:00AM	Presentation of Group Action Plans	Groups present initiatives and collaboration proposals	Practical early warning integration model	Alumni /Facilitators
11:00AM – 11:30AM	TEA BREAK			
11:30AM– 12:30PM	Presentation / Plenary Session	Ways to strengthen Early Warning & Preventive Action in Uganda and Border Communities	Consolidated Regional Youth Action Framework	Mr. David Tsimba Alumni
12:30PM – 1:15 PM	Q & A			Dr. Gardner Rwakiseta
1:15PM – 2:30PM	LUNCH			
2:30PM – 3:30PM		Peace Song	Development of regional Peace and Security song by the groups	Alumni / Facilitators
3:30PM – 4:00 PM			Presentation of the key elements of regional Peace and Security crafted in a song by the groups	Alumni / Facilitators
4:00PM – 4:30PM	Facilitators and Alumni Forum	Facilitators and Alumni leads to engage in a structured reflection on tools / topics that draw on alumni experiences from past trainings and field engagement.	Facilitators and Alumni groups reflect on and document what has worked, what has not, and how to bridge the gap in order to translate future trainings into action.	All Facilitators / Alumni Group Leaders
4:30PM – 5:00PM	Closing Ceremony	Commitment & Next Steps		KAS / JNLC
5:00PM – 6:00PM	TEA AND DEPARTURE			