



International Conference on Social Work and Social Development
16th–18th June 2025 | Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda

Makerere University's College of Humanities and Social Sciences, in partnership with the East African Social Work Regional Resource Centre (EASWRRC) and the Association of Schools of Social Work in Africa (ASSWA), The National Association of Social Workers of Uganda (NASWU) and AFRICHILD, is hosting an International Conference on Social Work and Social Development from 16th to 18th June 2025 at Makerere University, Kampala. Organized under the NORAD-supported RESILIENT Project, the conference is bringing together scholars, practitioners, and policymakers to critically engage with issues of equity, social justice, and inclusion, especially within the framework of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Resilient project is implemented in collaboration with the Department of Social Work at the University of Rwanda (UR), the Department of Social Work and Social Administration at Makerere University (MAK), Uganda, the Institute of Social Work (ISW) in Dar es Salaam in Tanzania; and the Department of Sociology and Social Work at the University of Agder (UiA) in Norway (lead Agency). It foregrounds locally driven knowledge and innovations in social work and social development practice while fostering global collaboration. Below is the Conference Agenda.

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Day 1: Monday, 16th June 2025

Time	Activity
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Registration
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Entertainment
9:00 AM– 9:20 AM	Opening Ceremony: National, East African Anthems and Makerere University Anthems. Welcome Remarks and Introduction - Prof. Eric Awich Ochen and Prof. Janestic Twikirize
9:20 AM - 9:25 AM	Remarks from The AfriChild Centre – Executive Director, Mr. Timothy Opobo
9:25 AM - 9:30 AM	Remarks from National Association of Social Workers of Uganda (NASWU) - Dr. Moses Senkosi Balyejjusa
9:30 AM - 9:35 AM	Brief remarks from the HOD Social Work & Social Admin – Dr Denis Muhangi
9:35 AM - 9:40 AM	Remarks from the overall Coordinator NORHED II Projects at Makerere University, Prof. Mukadasi Buyinza
9:40 AM - 9:45 AM	Remarks from the Principal, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. Helen Nambalirwa Nkabala.
9:45 AM - 9:55 AM	Remarks from the Vice Chancellor, Makerere University, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe
9:55 AM - 10:15 AM	Remarks from the Minister of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Hon. Betty Amongi
10:15 AM – 10: 55 AM	Keynote Address 1: - From crisis to cohesion: Building resilient communities for an inclusive and sustainable future Prof. Antoinette Lombard
<i>Group Photo in the main auditorium</i>	

11:00 AM – 11: 30 AM	Tea break
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Theme: Child Wellbeing and Child Protection	Theme: Child Wellbeing and Child Protection	Themes: Climate Change; Green Social Work and Environment & The Role of Social Work in Emergencies, Pandemic Crises and Conflict	Themes: Migration, Refugees and Development & Mental health	Themes: Rights Equity and Social justice & Youth Participation and Inclusion	Themes: University and Community Engagement/ Role of Universities in Community Transformation
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Developing and Sustaining Resilience by Selected Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse in Luuka District, Uganda Florence Turyomurugendo	Embracing Poverty Informed Social Work Education at the University of Gondar, Ethiopia Ermias Kebede Goshe	Bridging the Gap: Integrating Human Rights into Disaster Response for Equitable Aid in Zimbabwe Daniel Masungwa, Benjamin Tungwa	Prioritization of General Food and Cash Assistance to Refugees in Nakivale Refugee Settlement, Isingiro District, Uganda Nkurabanka Privatsun	Levrite Marriages and widow emancipation in Awing-Cameroon: Between Human Rights and Customary Practice Ngwemachi Comfort, Roland Ndille	The Relevance of Ubuntu Philosophy in Higher Education An Experience of Ujamaa Policy in Tanzania Meinrad Haule Lembuka
Cultural Norms and Practices That Perpetuate Violence Against Children in The Karamoja Sub-Region Jannette Abalo and Timothy Opobo	Reviving Connection: Bedtime Storytelling Through African Folk Narratives in Social Work Practice Kamugisha Christella	Grand Bassam: Exploring Heritage and Local Identity Afanou Yawa Gloria Eslie, & Konan-Banny Maguy Elmirah, Esi Akyere Mensah	Experiences of Refugee students in Intercultural intimate relationships: A case of Makerere University Kayikayi Julian Zaabu	Identity, citizenship crisis and social justice: The experience of persons born in the Lord's Resistance Army conflict in Acholi sub-region in Northern Uganda Patrick Ochen, Alidri Agatha	The Role of Universities in Community Transformation: A Review of the Literature Onen David Otoo, Harriet Ayiorwoth
Acceptability and Adoption of Child Protection Strategies among Care givers in Tanzania: Where should we focus?	Childhood developmental disorder or mental illness? Explanatory models of intellectual disability among the Karimojong in north-eastern Uganda.	Exploring Policy Options for Enhancing Local Community Livelihood from Natural Gas Extraction Activities in Tanzania Esther Dennis Muchunguzi, Pius Zhebe	Hosts and refugee resource tensions in Refugee settlements in Northern Uganda: The case of Pagirinya Refugee Settlement	Tourism as a Double-Edged Sword: Building Resilience and Inclusion in Grand-Bassam for Sustainable Development	School social work and educational outcomes of in - school children in Uganda Ochen, Eric Awich, Esther Nanfuka, James Ssenfuuma and Bashir Lukungu

Richard Mtokambali Haule	James Wasike Mangeni. B, PhD	Yanda, Victoria Moshi, Ian Bryceson	Laloyo Stella Apecu (PhD), Kitambo Enos and Agatha Alidri	Kadiyatou Soumahoro And Berete N’vafere	
Assessing Challenges faced by Social Welfare Officers in Handling Child Sexual Abuse Cases in Tanzania Court Systems. A Case of Ilala District Dar Es Salaam Dr. Raphael Ernest Asantemungu (PhD) & Masaga, Sapiensia Hyera	Enhancing the Psychological Well-being of Juvenile Delinquents in Uganda’s Remand Homes: Addressing the Impact of Violence through Social Intervention Dr. Masitula Namugenyi	Impact of human capital intervention in promoting sustainable agriculture practices in Vaijapu village Karnataka, India Dr. Shivanand Pawar	Nurturing the Roots of Literacy: Refugee Parental Engagement in Children's Reading Development Mr Ibrahim	Unequal Cities: Exploring Spatial Inequality and Access to Services in Grand-Bassam, Côte d’Ivoire Miencloé Jatniel Anaïs Kouakou, Aminata Salama Kante and Esi Akyere Mensah	Personal Reflection on the Social Labs Methodology: Recruitment of students, training and supervision: A case study of Social Labs Methodology in Luuka District Doreen Ainembabazi
Barriers and Facilitators for Recovery Among Adolescent Survivors of Rape in Paicho Sub County, Gulu District Joseph Odana	The Right to a Decent Childhood (CRC #5) Through the Lens of Today’s Family in Crisis Dr. Luwerekera Bernard	Pangabuhian Sa Binit Baybay: The Motivations of Makers in the Traditional Salt-Making Industry in Iloilo, Philippines Arvin John Lauresta	How Self-Efficacy contributes to graduation outcomes for extremely poor refugee and host community households in Kyaka and Kyangwali refugee settlement – Uganda Nagadya Lukia, Irumba Joseph, Dorothy Amony and Rita Larok	Addressing Socio-Economic Disparities through Innovative Community Development Practices Mathew Okitel Elungat	Assessing institutional support for student mothers at Makerere University Atim Ntono Miriam and Janestic Mwende Twikirize
Child Labor in Uganda’s Sugarcane Industry: Lived Experiences of School Boys in Luuka District Martha Kantono, Prof. Eric Awich Ochen and Dr. Peter Nareeba	Investigating Rehabilitation Outcomes for Realization of Street Children Wellbeing in Kakamega County. Erick Ater, PhD, Mary Mwali	Theory and Practice of Green Social work field education in Rural Malawi Emmanuel Chilanga	Influence of Self-Esteem on the Psychological Well-Being of Adolescents in Selected Slum Areas of Kampala Dr. Masitula Namugenyi, Grace Kibanja & Dr. David Onen	Experiences of Teenage Mothers Involvement in Marijuana Substance Abuse in Uganda: Study of Kamwokya Ward ii, Kampala Capital City Authority Sabiiti Barbara	Succession Planning and Academic Staff Retention at Makerere University Alandi Marion
Building Resilient Communities to Promote Equity and Social Inclusion for the Attainment of	Factors motivating sexually abused children to remain in school in Irongo Sub-County, Luuka District	Green Social Work and Environment: Social Workers as Guardians of a Wounded Earth for Fairness and Inclusion	Improving Psychosocial and Mental Health Outcomes Within a Graduation Program for Refugees and Host communities in Kyaka	Gendered experiences of Youth Transitions from Out-of-Home Care in Africa	Synergies University-Communities in Eastern Africa: Connecting Social Work Theory and Practice Through Social Labs Methodology

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Masiye Banda	Rogers Niwamanya	Owere Samuel	and Kyangwali Refugee settlements in Uganda. Nagadya Lukia, Irumba Joseph, Dorothy Amony and Rita Larok	Prof. Paul Bukuluki, Dr. Ronald Luwangula, Berni Kelly, Adrian Van Breda, Joana Bekoe, Admire Chereni, Kwabena Frimpong-Manso, John Ringson, Olinda Santin & John Pinkerton	Dr Kalinganire Charles
	Exploring the Implementation of Sexuality Education among deaf girls in Mbale District. Gimono E. Munira Ali	A Human Rights Based Approach Examination of Peace Programmes in Post-Conflict Reconstruction: The Case Of NUSAF-III Annet Sumba	Tailored Mental Health Interventions for Vulnerable Refugee Groups: Addressing the Needs of Women, Children, and the Elderly in African Humanitarian Crises Dr. Masitula Namugenyi		Rebuilding Resilient Communities in Northern Uganda: A Critical Examination of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Development in Post-Conflict Gulu Lamwaka Alice Veronica, Prof Openjuru George Ladaah, David Monk, Dr. David Akena Geria, Aber Gloria Veronica
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Lunch				
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Keynote Address 2: Integrating Gender in Social Work for Resilient Communities and Transformative Change. Prof. Jeannette Bayisenge				
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Decolonizing Social Work in Africa Prof. Janestic Twikirize and Ann Christin Nilsen (Workshop)	A Multigenerational Perspective on Childcare: Insights and Innovations from LMIC Research Dr.Obed Kambasu, PhD	Mental Health: A silent Priority Kelvin Konga		Fostering Resilient Communities through Land Rights and Economic Empowerment: A Pathway to Sustainable Development Ndoraaho amooti Yovan Ruhukya, Kakooza John, Juliet Vanessa	Enhancing Leadership and Research Productivity for University-Community Transformation in Higher Education Institutions Vincent Abigaba
	Are Social Work graduates ready to work with teen mothers? A case of Nairobi County, Kenya Victory Nafula Nyalwali, Augustine Richard Kakeeto	Self-Reliance and Resilience Building: The Graduation Approach for Refugees and Host Communities Rita Larok, Magdalene Ndagire		Accommodation Facilities for Female and International Students in Higher Education Institutions of Learning in East Africa. A Study of Makerere University (Uganda), University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania), and University of Nairobi (Kenya) Mary Amony	Environmental Governance and Political Ecology: Strengthening Youth Engagement, Institutions, And
	When I look at my children, I get strong”: Resilience building and childcare among single fathers in Jinja Town, Uganda	Social work students' experiences in working with the youth for sustainable development in Rwanda Cyiza Edmond		Influence Of Gender Related Factors on Household Poverty and Domestic Violence Among Women in	

	Nansamba Phionah, Laban Musinguzi Kashaija (PhD)		Power in Participation: Child-Led Approaches to Research, Child Protection, and Resilience (The AfriChild Centre) (Workshop)	Kapeeka Parish, Nakaseke District, Uganda Katamba Enock	Policies for Inclusive Development in Nigeria Samuel Seyilola, Olawale
	The contribution of teachers in promoting inclusive education in Bungatira Sub County, Gulu District Higenyi Abdul Fatah	Engaged Scholarship Through Community Social Labs: Advancing Indigenisation in Social Work Education in Uganda Timothy Opobo		Cycle of Disadvantage: Recentring IKS into Period Poverty Narratives Devotion Tatenda Mahamba	Gender Relations in Urban Road Infrastructure Development: An Analysis of The Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area Urban Development Program (GKMA-UDP) Projects in Mukono Municipal Council Andama Alfred
	Using the ecological theory to investigate factors contributing to men's impunity to comply with child maintenance orders; a case study at Blantyre child justice court Phillip Kapulula and Alinafe Banda	Resilience and Empowerment: The Impact of the Girls Empowering Girls (GEG) Program on Adolescent Girls in Kampala Jacqueline Nassaka		Returning to School After Pregnancy and Childbirth: A Barrier Analysis of Retention Determinants for Adolescent Mothers in Uganda Dr. Firminus Mugumya, Prof. Janestic Twikirize, Ainembabazi Doreen, Brian Kyomuhendo, and Prof. Eric Awich Ochen	Building Resilient Communities and Women Empowerment Mary Amony
	Exploring agency and resilience among survivors of childhood sexual violence. A study of the 3RT model of the Remnant Generation in Kampala and Lyantonde Districts 2024. Timothy Opobo, Clare Bangirana et al	Lesotho ECCD Centers Locus in Building Resilient and Sustainable Communities: The Case of Network of Early Childhood Development, Lesotho Katiso Sehlabane		Role of Social Work in Addressing the Linkage between HIV and Disability in Rwanda NSHIMYIMANA Léonidas	

Day 2: Tuesday, 17th June 2025

Time	Activity
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Arrival and Registration
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Keynote Address 3: The Implementation of Social protection programmes in Uganda: lessons, opportunities and challenges, Permanent Secretary, MOGLSD – Mr. Aggrey Kibenge
9:30 AM– 10:00 AM	Keynote Address 4 - Universities as partners for sustainable development - Prof. Ann Christin Nilsen
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Plenary discussions
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	The Role of CSOs in Promoting Equity and Attainment of SDGS	Social Protection Utilised by Older Widows in Kamuli, Uganda: An African Feminist Perspective	Fostering Child Agency for Child Protection: Lessons from Uganda’s Engaged Scholarship	Lifting the Veil: Uncovering Indigenous Wisdom in Social Work for Mental Health and Social Inclusion in Uganda	Preparing Students for Social Development in the AI-Driven Digitalized World Tashfeen Ahmad

Decolonising Social Work and Social Development: Reclaiming Local Knowledge and Practice for Communities The AfriChild Centre (Workshop)	Dr. Yusto Paradius Muchuruza, Mr. Issa Hamis Mrimi	Dr. Deborah Atwine, Prof. Mziwandile Sobantu	Timothy Opobo	Aliowaku Isaac	
	The Role of NGOS in Providing Mental Health Services in Kenya Kimaiyo et al.	Business Innovativeness and Financial Sustainability of Green Charcoal Business in Uganda Dr. Odyomo Felix	Community Engagement and Sustainability of Social Development in Nigeria Dr. Uchechukwu Charles	Online Learning and Mental Wellbeing of Academic Staff in Kenyan Universities: Exploring Stress, Workload, Work-life Balance and Demographic Variations Boniface Kimwere	Assessing the Use of ICT to Address Teenage Pregnancy and Improve School Retention in Luuka District, Uganda Eriya Turyamureba
	Twenty-five Years of Social Work Research in Rwanda Serge Nyirinkwaya et al	Equitable Identification for Empowerment: Modelling Gender Disparities in Access to National ID Cards in Uganda Musisi John Kaduwanema, Dr. Badiru Bukenya, and Dr. Ronald Luwangula	An Approach to Empower Social Work Students with Entrepreneurial Skills: Reflections on the Social Work Curriculum in South Africa Dr. Rapholo Selelo Frank	Social Work in A Mental Health Facility. A Case of Butabika National Referral Mental Hospital Justine Nyegenye	The Impact of Digital Communication on Linguistic Identity in A Globalized Era Adamu Umar
	Economic Participation among Older People: Key Influencing Factors and Social Work Practice Implications Catherine Aquiline Manda, Prof. Narathius Asingwire, Dr. David Mafigiri, Randi Kroken and Joyce Nyoni	The intersection of housing and the old age pension grant on the wellbeing of older persons in South Africa Prof. Mziwandile Sobantu	Labor Migration and Socio-Economic Development: A Case of Gulu City, Northern Uganda Niwakora Judith	HIV care providers' awareness on provision of psychosocial services among people living with HIV and AIDS in Moshi Municipality, Tanzania Tumsifu Tarimo	The role of Mobile phones in enhancing communication, financial and social inclusion for extremely poor refugee and host communities in the Sustainable Market Inclusive Pathways to Self-reliance (SMILES) project in Kyaka II and Kyangwali Settlements Ruth Ninsiima, Rita Larok, Joseph Irumba, Magdalene Ndagire and Alfred Agaba
	Empowering Elders through Active Engagement: Strategy for Successful Ageing	Are pension benefits a dream come true or nightmare: Experiences of pension benefits utilisation	From Aid to Self-Sufficiency in Refugee Settlements: A Case of Nakivale	Ebikokyo n'Engero: Re-thinking Indigenous Knowledge and Practices in	Risk of connectivity outpacing children's digital safety and literacy in Eastern and Southern Africa Rogers Twesigye

	Genereuse Mukayisenga, Immaculee Nyiransengiyumva	among retired primary teachers in Tanzania Rukiah Mwinyi	Nabaloga Sauda	management of mental health in central Uganda Dr. Laban Musinguzi Kashaija (PhD), Francis Kato (PhD Student) James Thomas Ssenfuuma	
	Older Persons, Social Protection and Socio-Economic Participation Bunia Dinnah Bali	Financial Empowerment and Household Welfare A Case of Uganda Women Entrepreneurship Programme in Acholi Sub-Region Layet Josephine Brenda	Community Led Protection and the Right to Stay: Insights from the I4Safe Migration Hub in Nigeria Oluwaseyi Adewale Olawuyi	Harnessing Ubuntu to Promote Child Well-Being and Mental Health for Advancing the SDGs in South African Communities Prof. Nontembeko Bila	Promoting Social Development Through Educational Technologies for Higher Education Policy on Education for Sustainable Development Wilberforce Okongo and Wilson Okaka
	Challenges and Opportunities for Digitisation of Social Protection Systems- Lessons from the Karamoja Social Registry in Uganda: Implications for targeting for social work services Prof. Paul Bukuluki, Paul Onapa, Irene Among-Lutz, Ruhr & ISS, Erasmus	Commercial Farming and Women's Livelihood in Northern Uganda Aciro Lucy Ejura	Social Work Practice During Natural Disasters in a Selected District of South Africa Dr. Dillo Justin Ramoshaba	The Role of the Coach in Contributing to Social Outcomes Dorothy Amony, Joseph Irumba, Lukia Nagadya, Rita Larok	Climate Justice and Gender Justice Communication Campaign for Social Determinants of Community Health in Uganda Dr. Joseph Rwothumio and Wilson Okaka
	HIV Disclosure Experiences Among Older Persons Living with HIV In Korogwe District, Tanzania Abigail Kiwelu	Older Persons in the Context of Ecological Disasters: A Provocation of Ugandan Social Work	Psychosocial support and care to displaced women and children affected by emerging wars in Eastern DRC Joseph Kayinga, Lucio Kikuni, Stella Mngodo,	Prevalence and correlates of depression among adult female offenders at a correctional facility in South Africa	Understanding the role of Social Workers in interdisciplinary teams for sustainable climate change: Lessons of Green Social Work in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park.

		Venesio Bwambale Bhangyi	Shindano Ramadhan and Papy Bulabula Sulutani	Hloniphile A. Khuzwayo, Johannes John-Langba	Caroline Twahebwa, Dr. Peter Nareba
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Mapping systems for resilient street youth in 3 African cities (Accra, Bukavu and Harare) James Thomas Ssenfuuma, Badru Bukenya, Janine Hunter, Professor Linda Theron, Dr Nombuso Gama, Lucy Jamieson, Fulufhelo Ramabulana, Professor Lorraine van Blerk	Paternal neglect and a glance of hope for its alleviation. Findings from a mixed-methods study on fathers' perceptions about risk and protective factors for child neglect Wakiso District, Uganda Maria Ndibalekera, Esther Nanfuka	Sustainability of youth Alternative labour market programmes (YALP), who is to blame? Enos Kitambo	Gender-based Security Strategies Under Climate Stress Conditions: A Case Study on the Munda Community in the Sundarbans, Bangladesh Dr. Razia Sultana	Social Work Education in Ethiopia: A Critical Analysis of the Historical Context, Partnership with the Global North, and Potentials for Collaboration along the New Silk Road Yetebarek Hizekeal Zekareas, Hok Bun Ku	Navigating Complexities: The Evolution of European Union-Eritrea developmental Cooperation and its Challenges Biyan Ghebreyesus
Survival Strategies of Street Children in Rwanda: Discovering their	Child Wellbeing and Child Protection to Children of Staff Working	Lived experiences of teenage mothers that have enrolled back in school in Gulu City	Climate Change Adaptation for Farmers Through	Community Inclusiveness as a Panacea to Achieving Socio-economic	The Juridical Limits of State Obligations to Marginalized Communities

Resilience in Coping with the Rough Realities of Street Life Charles Rutikanga Jovin Mwombeki Rumanyika	in Health Setting: The Case Study of Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute Dar Es Salaam Stellah Starford Kihombo	Lokolimoe Susan Hilda	Environmental Education in Uganda Dr. Joseph Rwothumio and Wilson Okaka	Development: Implication of the World Bank Environmental and Social Standard Adewole, Abiodun. A, Ayangunna, J. A	Theshaya Naidoo
Proposed process guidelines for parental rights and responsibilities investigations in determining the best interests of the child in family law matters Prof.Sarie Nell	Hope Alive Gatherings: A Community-Led Model for Preventing and Responding to childhood sexual violence and Teenage Pregnancy in Uganda Annabelle Nakabiri Ssebakijje	Enhancing Youth employability in refugee contexts through apprenticeship training Ruth Ninsiima, John Baptist Kahuma, Rita Larok and Innocent Cwinyai	Understanding the Nexus between Social Work Professionals, Climate Change, and Digitalization in Tanzania Dr. Esther Gabagambi	Migration, Varieties of Indigenous Resilience and Social Justice Dickson Kanakulya Resilience and Survival in a Refugee Settlement. The Profile of Home-Brewed Alcohol Production in Bidibidi Godfrey Makoha	The state of child well-being and child protection in Rwanda Eric Iradukunda
Pregnant and teenage mothers’ internal challenges to resume secondary school education in Tanzania. A case study of Kinondoni municipality Gilbert Mkisi	Child Maltreatment, Social Support and Psychological Well-being among Adolescents in Naguru Remand Home Nantume Shanna Agnes, Ouma Samuel (PhD)	Fostering Inclusivity and empowerment of PWDs through the Midlands State University: Disability and Inclusivity Festival of Music and Dance Dr Claudio Chipendo and Mr Absolom Mutavati	Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Practices for Peace in Refugee Hosting Districts of Northern Uganda Rev. Prof. Omona Andrew David, Prof. Kiza-Nkambwe Sarah, Rev. Dr. Wonyaka Alfred, Dr. Mbabazi Faith, Rev. Cherotwo Anne, & Mr. Mbokureeba Hamilton	Migration, Displacement and Social Exclusion of The Batwa Indigenous People in Southwestern Uganda, 1930-2021 Muluba Moses	Trauma informed resilience strategies for schools: A case study of a community-based participatory research (CBPR) project in Malawi Phoebe Kufeyani A. Allucia Lulu Shokane, Mogomme A. Masoga c & Lisa V. Blitz
Child Protection Services and Wellbeing in India: A Comparative Analysis Syed Hussain	The University’s Role in Community Transformation: Lupane State University and	Educational Experiences of Adolescents Living with HIV (ALHIV) in Gulu City, Uganda	Historicising Climate Change’s Impact on Bunyoro’s Cultural Heritage	“‘They steal our food’”: Food insecurity as a barrier to social cohesion between refugee and host communities in Uganda	Exploring Factors Influencing Youth Perception Towards Covid 19 Vaccine in Tanzania. A Study of Kinondoni Municipality

	Midlands State University, Zimbabwe Jessy Chidula Dlamini, Perseverance Sicelo Ncube, Dr Pamhidzayi Berejena Mhongira	Nampenja Clare	and Ideological Shifts from 1830 to Present Kabwijamu Patrick	Eddy Joshua Walakira Esther Kalule Nanfuka, Ronald Luwangula, James Thomas Ssenfuuma, Samuel Baker Tibengana,	Peace Nnauye
Domestic violence and academic performance in government aided primary schools in Nakawa division Peter Aturinda	Exploring Undergraduate Students' Awareness of Legal Provisions on Sexual Harassment in Tanzania Higher Education: A Case Study of the University of Dar es salaam and The Open University of Tanzania Fundi Salma	Navigating Social Life, Education and Employment: Experiences of Youth with Disabilities in Central Uganda Ronald Kamusiime, Jonathan Omara, Wycliffe Sakwa, Aisha Nalikka, Betty Akwii, Naume Adong Tukasingula, Slivesteri Sande, Lilian Namukasa, Herbert Muyinda, Femke Bannink Mbazzi	Responding to Climate Change: Gendered Young Peoples' Agency and Local Perception in Coastal Tanzania Sophia Derrick	Intersections between Ubuntu and Social Work in Humanitarian Settings in Uganda: A Decoloniality Perspective Prof. Bukuluki, P., Buzaare, L., Ssenfuuma, J., and Nababi, M.	The Role of The Social Worker in The Outbreak of Pandemics Dr. Adeoti Abdul-Lateef Bisi
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Resilience of Refugees Affected by Prioritization by World Food Programme in Kyaka II Settlement, Kyegegwa District, Uganda SSenfuuma James Thomas	Innovative Approaches to Adoption of Climate-Smart Practices and Increasing Incomes in Refugee Contexts: Case of the Farmer Field and Business School (FFBS) Methodology in Kyangwali and Kyaka II refugee settlement and host communities John Baptist Kahuma, Stephen Anecho and Ruth Ninsiima	The Journey to Sustainable Refugee Solution: A Qualitative Perspectives of Adolescent Girls, Young Women and Boys’ Integration in Kakuma Refugee Camp Dr. Eliud Okumu Ongowo (PhD)	The role elderly people in bringing social cohesion and social solidarity Dires Addis	The Resilience of Social Workers Rendering Services to Distressed Communities: Coping Strategies Tumelo Sekgobela	The role of family in preventing sexual abuse among children in Tanzania. A Case of Mwananyamala ward, Kinondoni district. Jovin Mwombeki Rumanyika
Enhancing social cohesion between refugee communities and host communities in Uganda: Lessons for social work practice Eddy Joshua Walakira Esther Kalule Nanfuka Ronald Luwangula, James Thomas Ssenfuuma, Samuel Baker Tibengana, Laban Musinguzi, Magdalene Ndagire, Alfred Agaba, Jordan Canocakacon, Rita Larok, Joseph Irumba,	Prioritizing Decolonizing Frameworks: Ubuntu and Social Work with Refugee Communities Prof. Neil Bilotta, PhD	Migration, Refugees and Development Namasopo Scovia	Promoting Human Rights: Assessing the needs, challenges and the strategies to achieve socio-economic and mental wellbeing of elderly in Rwanda Alexandre Hakizamungu	NGOS and Their Survival in Uganda Thomson Odoki Mangeni	
Consumption Support as an enabler of Socio-Economic Empowerment for Refugee and Host Community Self-Reliance in Uganda	Practicing social work with stateless persons in a hospital setting in Uganda Joventine Mulumba	The Great Academic Exodus: Unveiling the Impact of Working Conditions Crisis On Brain Drain in Nigerian Universities	Peace and Security as the Referents: The myth of a “Levitating House” and the desired North-South and South-South Partnership and	The influence of Ujamaa policy in the realization of developmental Meinrad Haule Lembuka	The challenges of youth associations and community economic development of Opobo community in Opobo/Nkoro local government area, Rivers State, Nigeria

Joseph Irumba, Ruth Ninsiima, Magdalene Ndagire Alfred Agaba, Kenneth E Isabirye and Rita Larok		Odey Clarence Odey, PhD, Michael Obi Odey, PhD, Celestine Ochu Udeh, PhD	Collaborations in Social Development Irumba Tingira Omero		Uranta Daniel
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Day 3: Wednesday, 18th June 2025

Time	Activity				
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Registration				
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Keynote Address 5: Partnership with Communities: Community Social Labs - The Role of Home-Grown Solutions - Dr. Zena Mnasi Mabeyo				
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Parallel sessions and Workshops (<i>RIF Social Lab National dissemination and other sessions in the breakout rooms</i>)				
	Theme: Rights Equity and Social justice	Theme: Child Wellbeing and Child Protection & Green Social Work and Environment		Theme: University and Community Engagement/ Role of Universities in Community Transformation	Theme: Mental health
Venue: CTF 2 Auditorium	Venue: School of Economics, Lecture Room 1.2	Venue: CTF 2 Study Room 3.2	Venue: CTF 2 Lecture room 4.2	Venue: CTF 2 Lecture room 5.2	Venue: CTF 2 Lecture room 5.1
Chair: Dr. Denis Muhangi	Chair: Ariya Turyamureba	Chair: Dr Ann Ninsiima	Chair: Dr Resty Naiga	Chair: Dr Stephen Agutoh Odongoh	Chair: Prof. Julius Omona
	Indicators for the ROI of Employee Wellness Programmes in Water Utility Organisations Dr R Mokwele, Ms M Mathapuna, Prof W Roestenburg	Implications of Ujamaa Intersection Models in Advocating for Children's Rights – A Case of a Parasocial Work Model in Tanzania Meinrad Haule Lembuka		Factors Influencing Public University's Role in Community Transformation Dr. Adebua Asaf	Achieving Gender Equality through Language Use in Tanzanian English Prose Fiction Dickson Mdugala

Enhancing school retention through community social labs and problem-based fieldwork (Research Innovation Fund, RIF) - (Workshop)	Fostering Sustainable Development Through Equitable Education Access in Rural Lesotho: A Case of The Boy Child Mulwayini Mundau	Bridging Social and Environmental Justice in Uganda: The Social Work Perspective Tadria Liberty Vivian	Beyond Aid: Building True Resilience for Refugees and Hosts AVSI Foundation (Workshop)	Exploration of the personal resilience processes and strategies that enabled African woman academics to ascend into leadership positions Ms Sally Ledwaba; Prof Adrian Van Breda & Prof Thobeko Nkomo	What Universities for Social Development in Africa? Anthony Kouakou
10:30 AM – 11: 00 AM	Tea break				
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Parallel sessions				

Theme: Civil Society, NGOs, Social Work and Development Practice	Theme: Mental health	Theme: Mental health	Themes: The Role of Social Work in Emergencies, Pandemic Crises and Conflict & Climate Change	Themes: Youth Participation and Inclusion & North-South and South-South Partnership and Collaborations in Social Development	Theme: University and Community Engagement/ Role of Universities in Community Transformation
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Chair: Dr Ronald Luwangula	Chair: Genereuse Mukayisenga	Chair: Dr Firminus Mugumya	Chair: Dr Charles Kalinganire	Chair: Derrick Kamanzi	Chair: Pierre Celestin Bimenyimana
Perspectives Of Social Work Students on Indigenization of Social Work Education in Uganda: Towards A Culturally Relevant Curriculum Tadria Liberty Vivian and Janestic Mwende Twikirize	Disparities in Youth Participation and Inclusion in Uganda’s Refugee Settlements and Host Communities Akello Proscovia	Mental Health: A silent Priority Kelvin Konga	The Contribution of Coaching Towards Enhancement of Livelihood Interventions in Refugee Contexts in Uganda Dorothy Amony	Moral Dispositions of Street-Level Youth Volunteers: An Insight for Innovative Community Interventions Bimenyimana Pierre Celestin, Ronald Mayora Syness, Rutembesa Eugene, Bukuluki Paul	Sustainable Strategies towards addressing barriers faced by PWDs in accessing higher education Namutebi Cathy

NGOs and Social Work in the Development Space in Uganda Mugyisha Joseph Byamugisha	Economic Masculinity Support and Well-Being of Women in Luwero District, Uganda Elinami Godlove Nassari	Reducing Juvenile Delinquency through Vocational Rehabilitation in Remand Homes; A Case of Fort Portal Remand Home, Fort Portal City Kwikiriza Wilson	Adapting Graduation Approach to Urban Contexts: Lessons from Kampala's Slums Alberto Repossi, Joseph Irumba, Magdalene Ndagire, Rita Larok	PACES End of Project Evaluation Abstract Arthur Arinaitwe	Strengthening Social Work Education Through Community Engagement: A Critical, Student-Centered Pedagogical Approach Francis Sunguya
Caring for the carers: the perspectives of social work Supervisors Dr Gladys Bathabile Bhuda	Identifying The Psychosocial Support Challenges Experienced by Families Caring for Children with Disabilities in Tanzania: A Case of Uhuru Mchanganyiko Primary School Faudhia Kitenge	Youth Access to Agricultural Land in Central Uganda Robert Kabumbuli and Christine Kulabako	Role of Older Persons Cash Transfer Program on the Social Well-Being of the Aged in Kenya Samwel Auva	Self Determination and Sustainable Growth of Women-Owned Enterprises: Assessing the Mediating Roles of Financial and Market Access Ocaya Patrick	Examining the role of universities to communities -a case of Gulu University in Uganda Musika Rigorous
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch and Traditional Acholi Entertainment (The Watmon Group)				
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Parallel sessions				
Themes: Youth Participation and Inclusion	Themes: Child Wellbeing and Child Protection	Theme: University and Community Engagement/ Role of Universities in Community Transformation	Theme: Technology and Social Development	Themes: Rights Equity and Social justice & North-South and South-South Partnership and Collaborations in Social Development	Themes: Civil Society, NGOs, Social Work and Development Practice and Mental Health
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Chair: James Thomas Ssenfuuma	Chair: Claire Nampenja	Chair: Prof. Ruth Nsibirano	Chair: Martha Kantono	Chair: Dr Badru Bukenya	Chair: Prof. Julius Omona
Youth Empowerment and Inclusive employment Pathways: examining the Role of Vocational Training and Social Inclusion in Enhancing Resilience among	An Ethnographic Study on the Socio-Cultural Factors that Influence Adherence to Mass Drug Administration among Schoolchildren in Schistosomiasis Hotspots	The role of Universities in Promoting Community Transformation in Uganda: A Case study of University of Kisubi, Entebbe, Uganda	Developing an Ubuntu-inspired virtual learning and teaching platform Janestic Mwendé Twikirize, Sharlotte	Analysing the Complexity of Cooperation in Community-Driven Development: A Case Study of NUSAF III in Uganda Robert Okeny	Framing the Policies and Strategies of Relief Service NGOs for Accountability to Beneficiaries in Uganda: A cross-case study of the Uganda Red Cross

Marginalized Youth in Uganda Rogers Kasirye, Barbara Nakijoba, Mutaawe Rogers	along Lake Albert, Hoima District, Uganda Paskari Odoi, Dr. Stella Neema, Fred Bateganya, Birgitte J. Vennerval, and Shona Wilson	Nkurabanka Privatsun	Tusasiirwe, Vincent Mabvurira, et el		Society (URCS) and the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Uganda Joseph Akol
The lived experiences of single teen mothers during the Transition from Adolescence to Motherhood in Gicumbi District, Rwanda Genereuse Mukayisenga, Ann Christin E. Nilsen Eddy J. Walakirab, and Vincent Sezibera	Social Work Interventions in Protecting Children with Disabilities in Rwanda Nshimiyimana Léonidas	Building Resilient Communities Through Social Work Interventions: Case Study of Social Labs in Gulu District Apio Gloria Hellen NASWU - DRC	Safe Bangle: Culturally Appropriate Technology for Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Response in Uganda. Saul Kabali, Messach Luminsa Samuel, Janet Nabaloga, Katende Richard.	From Vulnerability to Sustainability: Mayange Women’s Socio-Economic Development Journey beyond MVP Celina Mukamurenzi	Does Integration of Mental Health and Psychosocial Intervention Improve Socio Economic Resilience? Nagadya Lukia
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Closing Remark: UNICEF Country Representative				
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Closing ceremony - Conference Communique: <i>Presentation of Conference Resolutions and Next Steps – Ms Anne Wasike</i>				
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Entertainment				