

Ugandan-Austrian University Cooperation. Information and Networking Meeting

Tuesday, 11th of February 2020

Makerere University, Senate Telepresence Centre

Programme

09:00 – 09:30 **Registration / Coffee**

09:30 – 10:30 **Opening**

Prayer

Welcome Remarks

Prof. Kakumba Umar, Deputy Vice Chancellor in charge of Academic Affairs of Makerere University

Austrian Development Cooperation in Uganda

Roswitha Kremser, Head of Austrian Embassy Development Cooperation, Uganda

Perspectives from a former scholarship holder

Eddy Joshua Walakira, Head of Department of Social Work and Social Administration, Makerere University

Higher Education Cooperation between Uganda and Austria

Elke Stinnig, Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD), APPEAR

Group picture

Chair: *Janestic Twikirize, Makerere University*



10:30– 11:30 **APPEAR II Projects – Presentation of Outcomes and Lessons Learned**

Strengthening Regional Capacity in Research and Training in Fisheries and Aquaculture for Improved Food Security and Livelihoods in Eastern Africa | [STRECAFISH](#)

Peter Akoll, Makerere University

Strengthening of Higher Education, Research and Community Outreach in Agro-Ecology in the Rwenzori Region in Western Uganda | [AER](#)

Mary Ekyaligonza and Thaddeo Tibasiima, Mountains of the Moon University

Promotion of Professional Social Work towards Social Development and Poverty Reduction in East Africa | [PROSOWO](#)

Janestic Mwendu Twikirize, Makerere University

Capacity Building on the Water-Energy-Food Security Nexus through Research and Training in Kenya and Uganda | [CapNex](#)

Jeninah Karungi-Tumutegyereize, Makerere University

Chair: *Eddy Walakira, Makerere University*

11:30 - 11:45 **Coffee Break**

11:45 - 13:00 **Ugandan-Austrian higher education cooperation**

IPGL - International Post-Graduate training Course in Limnology

Peter Akoll, Makerere University

Presentation of Austrian scholarship and cooperation programmes

Elke Stinnig, Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD), APPEAR

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13:00 **Lunch**

Speakers

Peter Akoll, PhD, Researcher and Lecturer

Makerere University, Department of Zoology, Entomology and Fisheries Sciences

He holds a PhD in Natural Sciences from University of Vienna, Austria; MSc in Environmental Science specialising in Limnology and Wetland Ecosystems from UNESCO-IHE, The Netherlands. Dr. Akoll has initiated and coordinated several mobility-based multinational graduate training projects including STRECAFISH, COTRA and IUCEA-KFW and conducts basic and applied research in Fisheries and Aquaculture focusing on Aquatic Animal Health.

Deous Mary Ekyaligonza, PhD Candidate

Mountains of the Moon University

She is a PhD student at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU). She holds an APPEAR scholarship as part of the project “Strengthening of Higher Education, Research and Community Outreach in Agro-Ecology in the Rwenzori Region, Western Uganda | AER” that is implemented by Mountains of the Moon University (MMU) in partnership with BOKU. Her PhD focuses on organic matter management and cropping systems for soil fertility improvement in smallholder farms.

Jeninah Karungi-Tumutegereize, PhD, Associate Professor

Makerere University, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

She completed her PhD in Agricultural Science (Entomology) at Mountains of the Moon University (MMU) and the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in 2007. She is also an alumna of the Imperial College of London (former Wye College) and has over the years received training from many distinguished scientific institutions. Her research experience spans 21 years with a focus on applied ecological research in agro-ecosystems.

Roswitha Kremser, PhD, Head of Austrian Embassy Development Cooperation, Uganda

Austrian Development Agency (ADA)

She holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Vienna and has more than fifteen years of experience in the field of diplomacy, post-conflict management and development cooperation for the Republic of Austria and the United Nations. She served amongst others as Deputy Head of Cooperation for the Austrian Development Cooperation in Mozambique (2006-2010) and Senior Expert for Public Administration at the Austrian Development Agency (2010-2012). In mid-2012 she joined the United Nations and started working in Burundi with a focus on good governance and political affairs. In 2014, she assumed the position as acting Deputy Chief JOC for the UN peacekeeping mission in the Central African Republic. Before being appointed as Austrian Head of Mission to Uganda in September 2019, Dr. Kremser had also worked in the front office of SRSGB Chambas in the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS).

Janestic Mwende Twikirize, PhD, Senior Lecturer

Makerere University, Department of Social Work and Social Administration

She holds a PhD in Social Work and Social Development. Dr. Twikirize served as the Vice President of the Association of Schools of Social Work in Africa (ASSWA) and as a board member of the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) from 2012 to 2018. She is a commissioner on the indigenous committee of the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW). Between 2010 and 2018 she has worked as the regional and national coordinator for PROSOWO, a six member institutional academic partnership project to strengthen professional social work in East Africa. Her research areas and published works focus on social work in Africa, indigenization of social work, gender and child protection.

Elke Stinnig, MSc, APPEAR Programme Officer

Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD)

She obtained a master's degree in Agricultural Sciences from the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, and is presently undertaking a master programme on African Studies at the University of Vienna. She started her career as the programme manager for the North-South-Dialogue Scholarship Programme at the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD) in 2005. She was involved in setting up the Austrian Partnership Programme in Higher Education and Research for Development (APPEAR) and since then has been working as its programme officer, with a focus on the scholarship component and gender issues.

Thaddeo Kahigwa Tibasiima, PhD candidate

Mountains of the Moon University

He is pursuing his PhD studies at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU). His PhD focuses on Developing a sustainable soil erosion control model on eroded smallholder mountain coffee farms. His scholarship is linked to the "Strengthening of Higher Education, Research and Community Outreach in Agro-Ecology in the Rwenzori Region, Western Uganda (AER) project" with funding from APPEAR. Thaddeo leads the AER Community Outreach team.

Eddy Joshua Walakira, PhD, Head of the Department of Social Work and Social Administration

Makerere University, School of Social Sciences

He holds a PhD in Social and Cultural Anthropology (University of Vienna) and is a specialist in the field of child protection. Working in the field of vulnerable children and youth, he conducts research, teaching and curriculum development. Dr. Walakira has played an instrumental role in shaping policy and practice in the field of children in Uganda and across the region, by providing technical support to governments and non-government organisations. He currently serves as an Associate Professor of Children and Youth Studies at Makerere University, and the Head of the Department of Social Work and Social Administration since 2014.