



3rd Annual Daystar University Conference

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TECHNOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR AFRICA**

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THE ORGANIZERS

ABOUT DAYSTAR UNIVERSITY

Daystar University is a Christ-centered non-denominational institution of higher learning which exists to equip Christian servant leaders for the transformation of church and society. Founded in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, as Daystar Publications in 1964, the institution was moved to Kenya in 1971 and registered as Daystar Communications, a non-profit organization in 1973 offering a five-week International Institute for Christian Communication (IICC) course. In 1976, Daystar Communications started a two-year post-high school diploma programme in Christian Communications, followed by a two-year M.A programme in Christian Communication and Christian Ministries in 1978, in collaboration with Wheaton College in Illinois, USA.

In April 1984, Daystar launched a four-year B.A. degree programmed in collaboration with Messiah College in Grantham, Pennsylvania, USA and changed its name to Daystar University College. On September 29, 1994, Daystar was granted a Charter by the Government of Kenya and became Daystar University. Since then, Daystar has continued to strengthen its academic offerings, research and extension services in response to emerging societal needs.

For more information visit: <https://www.daystar.ac.ke>

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

Vibrant, multicultural, and dynamic, the University of Johannesburg (UJ) shares the pace and energy of cosmopolitan Johannesburg, the city whose name it carries. Proudly South African, the university is alive down to its African roots, and well-prepared for its role in actualising the potential that higher education holds for the continent's development. UJ has transformed into a diverse, inclusive, transformational, and collegial institution, with a student population of over 50 000, of which more than 3000 are international students from 80 countries. This makes UJ one of the largest contact universities in South Africa (SA) from the 26 public universities that make up the higher education system.

The vision of the UJ is to be "an international University of choice, anchored in Africa, dynamically shaping the future". The mission can be described as follows: "inspiring its community to transform and serve humanity through innovation and the collaborative pursuit of knowledge". These are underpinned by four values, namely: imagination, conversation, regeneration and ethical foundation. The six strategic objectives provide a focused means for realising the Vision, Mission and Values of the University as set out above. They further represent a re-working of the original UJ Strategic Thrusts 2020 in the context of a wider positioning of the University as "The Pan-African" Centre for Critical Intellectual Inquiry, with the primary goal of achieving global excellence and stature.

The six strategic objectives are:

- 1) Excellence in Research and Innovation
- 2) Excellence in Teaching and Learning
- 3) An International Profile for Global Excellence and Stature (GES)
- 4) An Enriching Student-Friendly Learning and Living Experience
- 5) National and Global Reputation Management
- 6) Fitness for Global Excellence and Stature (GES)

Recognised as the country's second strongest brand, UJ offers world-class, internationally recognised academic programmes based on curricula informed by cutting-edge developments in both undergraduate and postgraduate education, and that are designed to prepare students for the world of work and for global citizenship. Our curriculum is increasingly reflective of previously marginalised scholarship that talks to a transformation and decolonisation agenda, with Africa at its core.

The University has 7 faculties and a college viz., Education, Law, Humanities, Art, Design and Architecture, Health Sciences, Science, Engineering and the Built Environment as well as the College of Business and Economics, housing the newly established Johannesburg Business School. The University has four campuses, namely the Auckland Park Bunting Road Campus; the Auckland Park Kingsway Campus; the Doornfontein Campus; and the Soweto Campus.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

We are pleased to invite submissions for the 3rd Daystar Annual conference, an international academic conference that will bring together scholars and researchers from around the world to exchange ideas and discuss the issues, policy prescriptions and latest research findings on the Post-UN Climate Change Conference 2022 (COP27). Africa is one of the most vulnerable regions to climate change, with the continent facing the highest risk of food insecurity, water scarcity, and extreme weather events. The conference will focus on the social, economic, and political implications of COP 27 for Africa, and explore ways in which the continent can participate in global efforts to combat climate change.

This conference aims to bring together academics, policymakers, practitioners, and other stakeholders to discuss the contribution of Africa in addressing climate change. Submissions are welcome in the form of individual papers, inter-disciplinary collaboration, panels, or poster submissions. Topics of interest for the conference include, but are not limited to:

CONFERENCE Sub-themes

- i) Eco-Theology and climate justice
- ii) Education for Sustainable Development
- iii) Themes on SDGs and Climate change
- iv) Renewable energy and decarbonization
- v) Geopolitics and Diplomacy
- vi) Nexus between conflict, Gender, and climate change
- vii) Food security and climate change
- viii) Emerging infections and climate change
- ix) ICT, Innovation, and the climate.
- x) Media, communication, and climate change
- xi) Social and behavior change communication.
- xii) Climate change and environmental diplomacy
- xiii) Sustainable transport and urban planning.
- xiv) Economic Development and Transition.
- xv) Environmental justice, climate change and mitigation.
- xvi) Information technology and Fourth Industrial Revolution
- xvii) Public Policy management and technological advancement
- xviii) Funding for SDGs
- xix) Economy, funding for just transition.

In addition, the conference will accept papers discussing the impact of climate change on African economies and the role of policy in addressing the following issues:

- I. The role of digital technologies in supporting climate change adaptation and mitigation in Africa
- II. The effectiveness of climate change policies in African countries and the need for improved implementation strategies
- III. The impact of technological advancements on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in Africa
- IV. Best practices for incorporating digital technologies into climate change policies in Africa
- V. The role of government, private sector, and civil society in promoting sustainable development through climate change policies and digital transformation
- VI. The influence of the global climate change agenda on African policymaking and implementation
- VII. The impact of climate change on agriculture and food security in Africa and the role of digital transformation in addressing these issues
- VIII. The role of international collaboration and partnerships in addressing climate change in Africa through digital transformation initiatives
- IX. The potential barriers to digital transformation in promoting climate change action in Africa and how to overcome them.



CONFERENCE CHAIR



Rev. Dr. Patrick Musembi, PhD, MA, M.Div., BA

Dr. Musembi, is an ordained clergy and the Founder of the Peace and International Studies Department at Daystar University. He currently serves as the Dean of the School of Arts and Social Sciences. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Peace and Conflict Studies from Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, a Master of Divinity from Africa International University, and a Master of Arts in Peace Studies and International Relations from Catholic University of East Africa.

Dr. Musembi's research interests span various areas, including human security, armed violence reduction, peacebuilding, and reconciliation, as well as gender equality and inclusive societies.

CONFERENCE CO-CHAIR



Professor Dominique Emmanuel Uwizeyimana

Dominique Uwizeyimana holds the Full Professor position in the School of Public Management, Governance and Public Policy (SPMGPP) at the University of Johannesburg. He is an **NRF-Rated researcher** specialising in public policy, programme and project implementation and evaluation. He holds a BA (cum laude) (UWC), BA Hons (cum laude) (US), Master of Social Science (UCT) and a *D Litt et Phil* (UJ) - all in the field of Public Management and Governance.

Professor Uwizeyimana aims to grow into a more seasoned and well-rounded public policy analyst based on international standards. His noteworthy contributions to the extension of knowledge in his field over the years can be grouped into the following two broad categories:

- Public policy analysis and management (with a particular focus on Public Policy and Programmes Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) and Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) issues).
- Theories of Public Administration, Management and Governance (including Human Rights, leadership for social justice, democratic governance, and sustainable development issues).

He has supervised several postgraduate students and published articles and book chapters on these issues in highly rated national and international peer-reviewed and DHET-accredited journals. His current Google Citation Index can be visited at: <https://scholar.google.co.za/citations?user=VufavOcAAAAJ&hl=en>

Professor Uwizeyimana is a firm believer in Pan-Africanism and continues to play an active role in the internationalisation of the University of Johannesburg. He has contributed significantly to attaining UJ and CBE goals in advancing the UJ Pan-African and internationalisation agenda. Among the many MoUs, he facilitated are the Uganda Technology and Management University (UTAMU), the Uganda Local Government Association (ULGA); the Civil Service College of Uganda (in Jinja); the Jamhuriya University of Science and Technology (JUST) in Mogadishu, Somalia; the Jimma University (Ethiopia), the University of Mauritius, the University of Zimbabwe, the Chinhoyi University of Technology (Zimbabwe); JAZEERA University (Somalia), the Bindura University of Science Education in Zimbabwe, SIMAD University (SU) as well as the University of Somalia (UNISO). Professor Uwizeyimana established a sustainable partnership between the University of Johannesburg and the Gauteng Provincial Legislature (GPL) that has allowed hundreds of undergraduate and postgraduate students in the SPMGPP at APK and SWC to participate in several GPL processes to gain practical experience.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CO-CHAIRS



Prof Faith Nguru, PhD, MA, BA

Prof. Faith Nguru is the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, Research & Student Affairs at Daystar University.

Prof. Nguru, in her role as DVC-ARSA, provides academic leadership in various areas. These include ensuring quality in student instruction and certification standards, designing and developing new courses and curriculum, fostering collaborative academic activities, managing admissions, registration, and examination processes, coordinating University Library services, offering high-quality professional development courses, promoting a research culture, supervising student welfare activities, facilitating faculty development programs, and providing advice on university-wide policy matters.

Prof. Faith is a Full Professor of Communication with expertise in Communication, Media, Culture, Development, and Christian Ministries. She is not only an academic administrator, researcher, teacher, and mentor but also serves as a consultant in her field. Additionally, she contributes to the academic community as an author, editor, external examiner, curriculum developer, and program reviewer.

In her community engagements, Prof. Faith holds various positions, such as Director of Betty Education and Training Institute (BETI), Chairperson of Women Enterprise International (WEI), Chief Commissioner for the Kenya Girl Guide Association (KCCA), Chairman of Transformational Leadership Africa (TL Africa), and Lay Preacher at Lavington United Church (LUC).

Professor Hossana Twinomurinzi



Hossana Twinomurinzi BSc Hons (Mathematics), Masters (IT), PhD (IT) is a C2 South Africa NRF Rated Researcher and 4IR Professor with the Department of Applied Information Systems, University of Johannesburg. He is currently Vice Dean for Research, Innovation & Internationalisation at the College of Business and Economics. He is also supporting the efforts in the College on infusing data science into research, teaching/learning, and community efforts. He is also an Associate Editor for the African Journal of Information and Communication, past Associate Editor at the African Journal of Information Systems, the Immediate Past Chairperson for the ICT4D Flagship at the University of South Africa, and the immediate Past Secretary for SAICSIT. His primary research interests are in Applied Data Science, Digital Skills, Digital Government, Digital Innovation, and

ICT for development. He has supervised 15+ Masters and Doctoral students in the areas of data analytics, digital government and ICT for development. He serves on the editorial boards of several academic publications and has served as a convener and technical chair at several international and national conferences. He has led national research projects of ICT and done contract research in various sectors ranging from the military, government, non-profit organisations and banking. He has management and executive experience, having served in chief executive and senior management positions in South Africa, England, Swaziland, and Uganda. He is a professional facilitator and is occasionally involved in social enterprise activities.

Prof. Laban P. Ayiro, PhD, MA, MSc, Med, Bed



Prof. Laban P. Ayiro has held various positions throughout his career. He started as a Chemistry teacher and later became the Principal of several High Schools. He has also served as the Provincial Director of Education, Deputy Director of Staff Training at the Kenya Education Management Institute, Senior Deputy Director for Policy and Planning at the Ministry of Education Headquarters, and Senior Deputy Director for Research and Curriculum Development at the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development. At Moi University, he held the positions of Director of Quality Assurance and Standards, Ag. Deputy Vice Chancellor Administration, Planning and Development, and Ag. Vice Chancellor.

Prof. Ayiro is a Senior Fulbright Scholar, having studied in the USA in 2011-2012, where he taught and conducted research at the University of Texas A&M. He is highly regarded as a consultant in the fields of Research, Organizational Leadership, and Performance. Additionally, he is a professor specializing in Research Methods and Statistics.

With over twenty publications to his name, Prof. Ayiro has an extensive research and publication track record.



Dr Eric Blanco Niyitunga, PhD, MA, BA

Dr Eric Blanco Niyitunga is a senior lecturer at the University of Johannesburg, in the College of Business and Economics, school of Public Governance, Management and Public Policy. Dr Niyitunga holds a DLitt et Phil in Political Studies from the University of Johannesburg, and an MA in International Peace and Security from the Department of War Studies at King's College London, UK.

Dr Niyitunga holds BA in Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies (Magna Cum Laude) from Daystar University, Kenya. Dr Niyitunga is a member of the African Leadership Centre. Dr Niyitunga is a reader in critical issues international relations, African politics and studies, Africa's international relations, digital diplomacy, international mediation, peacebuilding and state building, service delivery in devolved governments and Artificial Intelligence technologies.

Dr Niyitunga has published extensively in the areas of political science, international relations, e-governance, peacebuilding and peace education, mediation, blockchain and Artificial intelligence. He has also published articles concerning health diplomacy and supervises MA and PhD students in health diplomacy, e-government, e-governance, politics of service delivery, Artificial Intelligence technologies, and Sustainable Development Goals.



Dr. Dina Keino, PhD, MPM, BCom, Dip

Dr. Dina Keino currently serves as the Acting Director of Research and Postgraduate Studies at Daystar University, where she is also a faculty member in the School of Business & Economics. Her educational background includes a Doctor of Philosophy in Human Resources Management from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), a Master's in Personnel Management (MPM) from the University of Pune in India (equivalent to HRM), a Bachelor of Commerce from Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University in India, and a Diploma in Office Automation Computers.

Dr. Keino is a prolific researcher and has an impressive track record of publications in various areas. Her research focuses on topics such as Electronic Human Resource Management Practices and Organizational Performance,

Employee Engagement and Organizational Performance, Effects of Delegation of Authority on Organizational Performance, and the Effect of Recruitment on Employer Branding in the Mobile Telecommunication industry in Kenya, among others.

Through her extensive research and publications, Dr. Keino has made significant contributions to the field of Human Resources Management. Her expertise and knowledge in these areas enhance her role as a faculty member and leader in the research and postgraduate studies department at Daystar University.



Dr Victor H Mlambo, PhD, MAdmin, BA (Hons), BAdmin

Victor H Mlambo is a Lecturer at the University of Johannesburg's School of Public Management, Governance, and Public Policy, where he teaches Public Management and Governance at the undergraduate level. He is a University of Zululand and Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) Southern Africa alumni. Victor has taught courses such as Comparative Politics (Africa), and African Politics & Development, Themes in Contemporary Middle East Politics, and Politics & Public Policy in Southern Africa. He holds a Ph.D, MAdmin in Public Administration, BA Honors in International Relations, and a degree in BAdmin in Industrial Psychology. Victor's research interests include Conflict and Migration Studies; Political Geography; Regionalism and Security Studies where he has published several articles in accredited journals as well as book chapters.

CONFERENCE FORMAT

- Round table discussions
- Academic conference sessions
- Paper presentations
- Practitioners' sessions
- Students' sessions
- General plenary sessions

GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

Submissions must be original, unpublished work and should not exceed [6000-8000 Word/Character Limit] (excluding references). All submissions will be peer-reviewed by an international panel of experts in the field.

Accepted papers will be presented at the conference as either oral presentations or poster presentations. The conference proceedings will be published in the Daystar perspectives journal, subject to final approval by the editorial board.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

- All submissions must be made through the conference submission system.
- Papers must be in English and should follow the [APA] citation style.
- All submissions must include an abstract of no more than 250-300 Word Limit.
- Panel proposals must include a summary of the panel theme and the abstracts of all panelists.
- Poster submissions must include a brief description of the research and findings.

IMPORTANT SUBMISSION DATES:

Submission of abstracts	31 July 2023
Notification of acceptance	15 August 2023
Submission for full papers	01 September 2023
Early bird registration deadline	01 September 2023
Final paper submission	15 September 2023
Issue of final conference programme	20 September 2023
Presentation submission deadline (slides)	25 September 2023
Conference dates	27-29th September 2023

REGISTRATION FEES:

- Early bird registration fee: USD 30 available until 01 September 2023
- Regular registration fee: USD 45
- Student registration fee: USD 10

SUBMISSIONS

We encourage scholars and researchers from all stages of their careers to submit their work and participate in the conference. We look forward to welcoming you to Nairobi, Kenya and to a stimulating and engaging conference.

New authors should follow the following steps to create accounts:

1. Browse to: <https://easychair.org/>
2. Click the sign-up button.
3. Check the "not a robot" checkbox and follow their instructions and then click continue.
4. Fill out the required fields with your information and click continue.
5. You shall then receive a confirmation email.
6. Check your email and click the sent link.
7. Finally, enter your personal data and password.
8. Click "Create my account."

Existing authors with existing EasyChair accounts can log in using their existing information.

For more information email: conferences@daystar.ac.ke, visit the conference website <https://www.daystar.ac.ke/> or contact the **conference organizers at** Rev. Dr. Patrick Musembi: pmusembi@daystar.ac.ke and Dr. Dina Keino: dkeino@daystar.ac.ke

PEER REVIEW

All papers received will be subjected to a strict peer review process. Initially the Conference Chair will screen out papers that do not meet the objectives of the conference which will be rejected without going through the blind peer review process. Only papers that meet the conference stated guidelines will be externally reviewed and a decision to accept or reject them will be taken, based on the peer reviewers recommendations. The conference will adhere to a strict double peer review process.

PLAGIARISM CHECK

All papers submitted to the conference will be subjected to plagiarism check without prior approval of the authors. Any form of plagiarism may result in automatic rejection of the submission and other penalties deemed necessary by the Research Ethics Committee will apply.

TITLES AND AUTHORSHIP INFORMATION

When submitting a manuscript, the authors should make sure that it has the following information included:

- Title, Author(s), Author(s) Institution including emails
- Abstract of no more than 250-300, Keywords (A maximum of five)
- Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion (for empirical papers)
- Figures and Tables with relevant captions and or numbering
- References (APA Style of referencing)
- Supplementary material (Acknowledgment, appendix, data set) only if appropriate