



# 2025 SASA CONFERENCE PROGRAMME - FRI 25<sup>TH</sup>-SAT 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025

#### FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025

### 2025 SASA CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

#### DAY 1

Time	Activity	Responsible Person	
MAIN PLENARY S	MAIN PLENARY SESSION		
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1.00 pm-1:10 pm	Prayer	Ms. Patricia Kyomugisha, SASA LOC	
		member	
1:10 pm – 1:30 pm	Welcome – call to order	Moderator: Mr. Godfrey Sempungu,	
		Head of Kabale University	
		Communication, Branding & Marketing	
		Department	
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Opening Remarks	Prof. Joy C Kwesiga, Vice Chancellor,	
		Kabale University	
2:00 pm- 2:20 pm	The Role of SASA	Prof. Emilio Ovuga, SASA President	
2:20 pm-2:40 pm	Overview of the SASA Conference	Prof. Joachim Kapalanga, SASA	
	2025	Executive Director	
2:40 pm- 3:10 pm	Key note Address 1	Mr. Jason Jabbour, Chief Scientist,	
		United Nations Environmental	
	<b>Title of Presentation:</b> Institutional	Programme (UNEP).	
	Intelligence: Embedding Strategic		
	Foresight to Enhance UNEP's		
	Scientific Edge		
3:10 pm- 3:30 pm	BREAK (Moving	g to Parallel Sessions)	

PARALLEL SESSION 1: SUB-THEME—PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE UTILIZATION AND CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY IN AFRICA ROOM 1, NEW SCIENCE TEACHING FACILITY

SESSION CHAIR: PROFESSOR DENIS SEKIWU TECHNICAL PERSON: Mr. SIMON PETER MAKOBI

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Time	Titles	Presenters
3:30 pm- 3:40 pm	Preamble by session chair	
3:40 pm- 3:55 pm	Application of Invitro propagation	Kenneth Happy
	techniques and Smart farming systems	Roggers Gang
	for germplasm conservation of	Denis Okello
	vulnerable, threatened and endangered	Richard Komakech
		Youngmin Kang

	medicinal plant species; A case of	
	Africa and South Korea	
3:55 pm- 4:05 pm	Q	&A
4:05 pm -4:20 pm	Constraints in implementing	Julius Arinaitwe
	Ecosystem Restoration to Address	
	Sustainable Development Challenges	
	in Uganda	
4:20 pm-4: 30 pm	Q	2&A
4:30 pm-4:45pm	Is Africa adopting Biotechnology to	Hallan Opong
	preserve its rapidly disappearing	Denis Okello
	medicinal plant resources?	
4:45 pm-4:55 pm	Q	2&A
4:55 pm – 5:15 pm	Assessment of Rushebeya-Kanyabaha	Loy Natukunda
	Wetland for key Biodiversity area	
	designation based on Papyrus	
	Endemic Birds-SEBU Project lessons	
5:15 pm – 5:25 pm	Q	2&A
5:25 pm- 6:05 pm	GUEST SPEAKER 2	
5:25 pm – 5:35 pm	Introduction of Guest speaker	Dr. Isabella Epiu, Head of
		Department of Anesthesia & Critical
		Care Medicine, Kabale University
5:35 pm- 6:05 pm	Guest Speaker	Dr. Barirega Akankwasa, Executive
		Director-National Environment
		Management Authority (NEMA)
6:10 pm	CLOSURE	

# PARALLEL SESSION 2: SUB-THEME—MITIGATING CLIMATE CHANGE: CLIMATE SOLUTIONS TOWARDS HOLISTIC WELL BEING IN AFRICA ROOM 2, NEW SCIENCE TEACHING FACILITY

SESSION CHAIR: DR. DANIEL BUYINZA TECHNICAL PERSON: Mr. CEPHAS NZAANA

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Time	Titles	Presenters
3:30 pm- 3:40 pm	Preamble by session chair	
3:40 pm- 3:55 pm	Determinants of climate change	Yusuf Jednah
	adaptation strategies among Cassava	
	farmers in Owerre-West, Lga, Imo	
	State, Nigeria	
3:55 pm- 4:05 pm	Q&A	
4:05 pm –4:20 pm	Adaptation approaches to climate	Henry Mbowa
	change mitigation for sustainable	
	livelihoods in Africa: A case of	
	Lwakhakha Sub Catchment in Elgon	
	Region, Uganda	
4:20 pm-4: 30 pm	Q&A	
4:30 pm-4:45pm	Effects of Newspaper frames on the	Caroline Nabuzale
	Consumption of Disaster	

	Communication: Case of Displaced	
	women in resettlement camps in	
	Eastern Uganda	
4:45 pm-4:55 pm	Qd	&A
4:55 pm – 5:15 pm	Perspectives on Provincial Climate	Wasswa Nsubuga
	Change Mitigation in South Africa	
5:15 pm – 5:25 pm	Qd	&A
5:25 pm- 6:05 pm	GUEST SI	PEAKER 2
5:25 pm – 5:35 pm	Introduction of Guest speaker	Dr. Isabella Epiu, Head of
		Department of Anesthesia & Critical
		Care Medicine, Kabale University
5:35 pm- 6:05 pm	Keynote address from Guest Speaker	Dr. Barirega Akankwasa, Executive
		Director National Environment
		Management Authority (NEMA)
6:10 pm	CLO	SURE

# PARALLEL SESSION 3: SUB-THEME—CONTROLLING COMMUNICABLE AND NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

### **ROOM 3, NEW SCIENCE TEACHING FACILITY**

SESSION CHAIR: PROFESSOR JOACHIM KAPALANGA

TECHNICAL PERSON: Mr. IVAN WASSWA

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Time	Titles	Presenters
3:30 pm- 3:40 pm	Preamble by session chair	
3:40 pm- 3:55 pm	Anticancer Potential of Durmillone	Daniel Buyinza
	against Human Lung Adenocarcinoma	
	Cell Line	
3:55 pm- 4:05 pm	Q	&A
4:05 pm -4:20 pm	The adoption of contracts records	Akakikunda
	management, research and	
	development to increase value for	
	money in Public Health facilities in	
	Uganda. A Case Study Kabale District	
4:20 pm-4: 30 pm	Q	&A
4:30 pm-4:45pm	Simulation Training in Anaesthesia:	Isabella Epiu
	Trainee Perspectives and Challenges	
	in a Low-Resource Ugandan Setting	
4:45 pm-4:55 pm	Q&A	
4:55 pm – 5:15 pm	Challenges in the Proliferation of	Godfrey Barigye
	African Indigenous Medicine for	
	Community Development in Uganda:	
	A case study of Greater Mbarara	
	District	
5:15 pm – 5:25 pm	Q&A	
5:25 pm- 6:05 pm	GUEST S	PEAKER 2

5:25 pm – 5:35 pm	Introduction of Guest speaker	Dr. Isabella Epiu, Head of
		Department of Anesthesia & Critical
		Care Medicine, Kabale University
5:35 pm- 6:05 pm	Guest Speaker	Dr. Barirega Akankwasa, Executive
		Director National Environment
		Management Authority (NEMA)
6:10 pm	CLOSURE	

# PARALLEL SESSION 4: SUB-THEME— PROMOTING POLICY DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION AND/OR ADAPTATIONS ROOM 4, NEW SCIENCE TEACHING FACILITY

SESSION CHAIR: DR. MICHEAL TUAPE, LUT UNIVERSITY TECHNICAL PERSON: Ms. DOREEN TUSHABOMWE

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Time	Titles	Presenters	
3:30 pm- 3:40 pm	Preamble by session chair		
3:40 pm- 3:55 pm	University-Community collaboration	Kiiza & Hildbrade	
	and enterprise for Sustainable		
	Community Development in the Pearl		
	of Africa		
3:55 pm- 4:05 pm	Q	&A	
4:05 pm -4:20 pm	Promoting Policy Development,	Mwayafu	
	Implementation, and Adaptation for	Sanyu	
	Mt. Elgon, Uganda	Mboya	
4:20 pm-4: 30 pm	Q	&A	
4:30 pm-4:45pm	Locking the Potential of Science	Cornel Wekhoye	
	across Africa to Mitigate the Impact of		
	Climate Change and Create		
	Regenerative Solutions for Holistic		
	Well-Being: Promoting Policy		
	Development and Implementation		
4:45 pm-4:55 pm	Q	&A	
4:55 pm – 5:15 pm	Reverse Technology: The Sure Way to	Daniel Buyinza	
	Product Development-the Case of		
	KABRITIS		
5:15 pm – 5:25 pm		&A	
5:25 pm- 6:05 pm	GUEST S	PEAKER 2	
5:25 pm – 5:35 pm	Introduction of Guest speaker	Dr. Isabella Epiu, Head of	
		Department of Anesthesia & Critical	
		Care Medicine, Kabale University	
5:35 pm- 6:05 pm	Guest Speaker	Dr. Barirega Akankwasa, Executive	
		Director National Environment	
		Management Authority (NEMA)	
6:10 pm	CLO	CLOSURE	

PARALLEL SESSION 5: SUB-THEME—PROMOTING COMMUNAL AND CORPORATE

AGRICULTURE FOR FOOD SECURITY

ROOM 1, AGRICULTURE

## SESSION CHAIR: DR JOSEPH SSEKANDI TECHNICAL PERSON: Mr. MICHAEL MUTEBI

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Time	Titles	Presenters
		T resenters
3:30 pm- 3:40 pm	Preamble by session chair	XX
3:40 pm- 3:55 pm	Analysis of crop farmers' perception	Yusuf Jednah
	on effect of climate change on crop	
	production in Chanchaga and Bida	
	Local Government areas, Niger State,	
	Nigeria	
3:55 pm- 4:05 pm	Q	&A
4:05 pm –4:20 pm	Perceptions and coping strategies of	Apollo Omara
	fish farming communities to climate	Sarah Kizza-Nkambwe
	change. A case from Lira District in	Junior Senyonga Kasima Remigio
	Uganda	Turyahabwe
4:20 pm-4: 30 pm	Q	&A
4:30 pm-4:45pm	Integrating Smart Agriculture and	Peter Gutwa Oino
	Community-Based Cooperatives for	
	Sustainable Food Security in East	
	Africa: A model for Rural	
	Development	
4:45 pm-4:55 pm		&A
5:25 pm- 6:05 pm	GUEST S	PEAKER 2
5:25 pm – 5:35 pm	Introduction of Guest speaker	Dr. Isabella Epiu, Head of
		Department of Anesthesia & Critical
		Care Medicine, Kabale University
5:35 pm- 6:05 pm	Guest Speaker	Dr. Barirega Akankwasa, Executive
	-	Director National Environment
		Management Authority (NEMA)
6:10 pm	CLO	OSURE

# PARALLEL SESSION 6: SUB-THEME—BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TO RESPOND TO CHALLENGES IN AFRICAN SOCIETY ROOM 2, AGRICULTURE

SESSION CHAIR: DR. DANIEL ABIRIGA TECHNICAL PERSON: Ms. Patricia Kyomugisha

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Time	Titles	Presenters
3:30 pm- 3:40 pm	Preamble by session chair	
3:40 pm- 3:55 pm	Building Community Resilience to the	Usman Rogo Kabiru
	impact of Climate Change through	
	improved WASH services in Africa: A	
	Case from Zamfara state in North	
	Western Nigeria	
3:55 pm- 4:05 pm	Q&A	
4:05 pm –4:20 pm	Climate Change and Community	George Mugavu
	Resilience in Uganda	

4:20 pm-4: 30 pm	Q	Q&A	
4:30 pm-4:45pm	Climate Change, Refugee Self-	Jenipher Tino	
	Reliance, and Science-based solutions		
	in Nakivale Refugee Settlement,		
	Uganda		
4:45 pm-4:55 pm	Q	&A	
4:55 pm – 5:15 pm	Building community resilience to	Uwimana Annah Besigye	
	respond to challenges in African		
	society		
5:15 pm – 5:25 pm	Q	<u>&amp;</u> A	
5:25 pm- 6:05 pm	GUEST	SPEAKER	
5:25 pm – 5:35 pm	Introduction of Guest speaker	Dr. Isabella Epiu, Head of	
		Department of Anesthesia & Critical	
		Care Medicine, Kabale University	
5:35 pm- 6:05 pm	Guest Speaker	Dr. Barirega Akankwasa, Executive	
		Director National Environment	
		Management Authority (NEMA)	
6:05 pm	CLOSURE		

# SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025 2025 SASA CONFERENCE PROGRAMME DAY 2

## OPENING CEREMONY (Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025) MAIN PLENARY SESSION

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Time	Activity	Responsible Person
1:00 pm – 1:10 pm	Welcome – call to order	Moderator: Mr. Godfrey Sempungu,
		Head of Kabale University
		Communication, Branding & Marketing
		Department
1:10 pm -1:20 pm	Prayer	Ms. Patricia Kyomugisha, SASA LOC
		member
1:20 pm- 1:50 pm	Key note Address 2	Dr. Monica Musenero, Minister of
		Minister of Science, Technology &
		Innovation
1:50 pm- 2: 00 pm	BREAK (Moving	to Parallel Sessions)

PARALLEL SESSION 2: SUB-THEME— MITIGATING CLIMATE CHANGE: CLIMATE SOLUTIONS TOWARDS HOLISTIC WELL BEING IN AFRICA ROOM 1, NEW SCIENCE TEACHING FACILITY

SESSION CHAIR: PROFESSOR FRANCIS AKENA ADYANGA TECHNICAL PERSON: Mr. CEPHAS NZAANA

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Time	Titles	Presenters
2:00 pm- 2:10 pm	Preamble by session chair	
2:10 pm- 2:25 pm	Non-destructive assessment of	Kabiru Usman Rogo
	climate-impacted building: A case	Musaddik Haruna
	study of a government house in	Shamsuddeen Usman
	Nigeria	Abbas Usman
		Muhammad Sani Abdulkadir
2:25 pm- 2:35 pm	Q&A	
2:35 pm -2:50 pm	Climate variability and the	Gastone
	vulnerability of smallholder farmers in	
	the Mountain Agroecological zone of	
	Rubanda District, South Western	
	Uganda	
2:50 pm-3:00 pm	Q	&A

## PARALLEL SESSION 3: SUB-THEME— CONTROLLING COMMUNICABLE AND NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

## **ROOM 2, NEW SCIENCE TEACHING FACILITY**

SESSION CHAIR: PROFESSOR JOACHIM KAPALANGA

TECHNICAL PERSON: Mr. IVAN WASSWA

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Time	Titles	Presenters
2:00 pm- 2:10 pm	Preamble by session chair	
2:10 pm- 2:25 pm	A SMOTE-based deep learning	Kisakye Martha Jenipher
	Approach for Sickle Cell Detection in	Abubakhari Sserwadda
	Low-Resolution, class-imbalanced	Florence Tushabe
	Microscopic Images (SDL-SCD)	
2:25 pm- 2:35 pm	Q&A	
2:00 pm- 2:10 pm	The Suzuki – Miyaura Cross-Coupling	George Kwesiga
	– Claisen Rearrangement – Cross-	
	Metathesis Approach to Prenylated	
	Isoflavones	
2:10 pm- 2:25 pm	Q&A	
2:25 pm-2:40 pm	Anticonvulsant potentials of kaurenoic	Samuel S Dare
	acid isolated from Annona	Edgar Fernandez Mario
	senegalensis (Pers): Insights into the	Peter Etim Ekanem
	behavioural and N-methyl-D-aspartate	Philemon D. Shallie
	receptors expression level in the	
	hippocampus of male Wistar rats	
2:40 pm-2:50 pm	Q&A	
2: 50 pm-3:05 pm	Assessment of the Level of Awareness	Ndagano Hillary
	of Tetanus Toxoid Vaccination,	Dare Samuel Sunday
	Uptake Status and	Immaculate Mandera
	Associated Factors among Female	Tumusiime Alex
	Students of Kabale University,	
	Uganda.	

3.05 pm-3.15 pm **Q&A** 

# PARALLEL SESSION 7: SUB-THEME—PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE UTILIZATION AND CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY IN AFRICA ROOM 2, NEW SCIENCE TEACHING FACILITY

SESSION CHAIR: DR. JULIUS ARINAITWE
TECHNICAL PERSON: Mr. SIMON PETER MAKOBI

#### https://lut.zoom.us/j/64628674369?pwd=UeyWolgLI2X48lYJvj319MDNansavj.1

Time	Titles	Presenters
2:00 pm- 2:10 pm	Preamble by session chair	
2:10 pm- 2:25 pm	Chlorpyrifos poisoning and remedial	Leila Tchassa
	effects of Locally Manufactured	
	Activated Charcoal (LAC) in Wistar	
	Rats	
2:25 pm- 2:35 pm	Q	&A
2:35 pm –2:50 pm	Design of High-Performance	Ladan H.M.A
	Graphene Lead Free Perovskite Solar	Adamu, A.S
	Cells in Tackling Energy Crisis in	Salisu, S
	Africa	Buba, A.D.A
		Umar, M
		Umar, A.
2:50 pm-3: 00 pm	Q&A	
3:00 pm-3:15 pm	Accessing the Wind Energy Potential	Ladan H.M.A
	for Power Generation in Northern	Adamu, A.S
	Nigeria	Salisu, S
		Buba, A.D.A
		Umar, M
		Umar, A.
3:15 pm-3:25 pm	Q&A	
3:25 pm –3:50 pm	The pyrolysis of methane for hydrogen	Marembo Micheal
	production in the organic matter of	Bakesigaki Usito
	shale reservoirs	

PARALLEL SESSION 9: SUB-THEME— NURTURING RESEARCH AND INNOVATION TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES OF AFRICAN SOCIETY ROOM 2, NEW SCIENCE TEACHING FACILITY

SESSION CHAIR: MR. GODFREY SEMPUNGU TECHNICAL PERSON: Ms. Patricia Kyomugisha

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Time	Titles	Presenters
2:00 pm- 2:10 pm	Preamble by session chair	
2:10 pm- 2:25 pm	Possibility of Obtaining High Quality	Ladan H.M.A
	Graphene Thin Films for	Adamu, A.S
	Optoelectronic Gadgets from the	Salisu, S
	Abundant Graphite in Nigeria	Buba, A.D.A
		Umar, M

		Umar, A.
2:25 pm- 2:35 pm	Q&A	
2:35 pm-2:50 pm	A Comparison of Machine Learning	Rashid Kisejjere
	Algorithms for Temperature	Abubakhari Sserwadda
	Prediction in Uganda	
2:50 pm-3:00 pm	Q&A	
3:00 pm-3:15 pm	An Efficient Recurrent Neural	Kizito Najib Mayanja
	Networks based model for Rainfall	Chelangat Specioza
	Prediction in Uganda: A Deep	Anirwoth Rachel
	Learning Approach to Climate Change	Abubakhari Sserwadda
	Mitigation	
3:15 pm-3:25 pm	Q&A	
3:25 pm-3:40 pm	Nurturing research and innovation to	Michael Edoru
	address the challenges of the African	
	society: A Strategic Approach	

# PARALLEL SESSION 10: SUB-THEME—PROMOTING INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICES AND THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SCIENCE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

### **ROOM 2, NEW SCIENCE TEACHING FACILITY**

SESSION CHAIR: PROFESSOR EDWARD WAMALA TECHNICAL PERSON: Mr. MICHAEL MUTEBI

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Time	Titles	Presenters
2:00 pm- 2:10 pm	Preamble by session chair	
2:10 pm- 2:25 pm	Contestation between the conventional	Norma Romm
	"scientific method" and a systemic	
	Indigenous approach to doing	
	(ethno)science: Implications for	
	regenerative development in Africa	
2:25 pm-2:35 pm	Q	&A
2:35 pm-2:50 pm	Indigenous Peoples and	Denis Sekiwu
	Environmental Education with a focus	
	on the Batwa of Southwestern Uganda	
2:50 pm-3:00 pm	Q&A	
3:00 pm-3:15 pm	The effects of the eviction of the	Francis Akena Adyanga
	Batwa from their Indigenous Forest	Natal Ayiga
	habitat on their Indigenous Education	
	System	
3:15 pm-3:25 pm	Q&A	
3:25 pm-3:40 pm	Harnessing Indigenous Knowledge	Michael Edoru
	systems and practices to mitigate	Medard Rugyendo
	climate change effects in the Kigezi	Justine Omare
	Region of Uganda	Sarah Harriet Namago
		Tayebwa James
		Kahesi Johnson
3:40 pm-3:50 pm	Q&A	

3:50 pm-4:05 pm	Hypothetical technique as indigenous	Usman Rogo Kabiru
	technology in predicting the impact of	
	climate change: A management	
	approach within Gurara Reservoir	
	Catchment, Nigeria	
CONFERENCE CLOSURE		
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4:05 pm-4:35 pm	CONFERENCE CLOSURE	Prof. Sam Lanfranco, SASA Executive
		Board Member