



2023 UGANDA WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM AND SDGs EXQUISITE BANQUET (UWOSEBA)

**12th -14th May 2023,
HOTEL AFRICANA. KAMPALA, UGANDA**

1. INTRODUCTION

The International Policy Centre for Sustainable Development (IPC4SD) is excited to announce the 2023 Uganda National Women's Symposium and SDGs Exquisite Banquet (UWOSEBA) under the theme: **"Women at The Frontline of Accelerating SDGs"**. The symposium and Banquet are being organized in partnership with Uganda National Entrepreneurship Development Institute (UNEDI) and in collaboration with the SDGs Secretariat in the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) of the Republic of Uganda. It is designed as a unique pre-cursor event to the Uganda National SDGs Conference scheduled for June 2023.

The UWOSEBA 2023 is IPC4SD-Uganda's premier event to reflect on and discuss the catalytic interventions being undertaken by women in the tripartite sectors, (government, civil society, and the business community) towards the advancement of SDG1, SDG2, and SDG 9 in relation to gender equality and women empowerment. Furthermore, the event is expected to stimulate debate and identify gaps that need to be addressed so as to Leave No One Behind, especially women and girls. The symposium and banquet will also be an opportune moment to celebrate women icons and champions in relation to realizing the SDGs. During the symposium and Exquisite SDGs award Banquet, sustainable development ecosystem experts and practitioners from public, private, and non-profit sectors will address a broad spectrum of issues related to development challenges of unlocking SDG1, 2, and 9 and identify solutions. UWOSEBA 2023 will be a hybrid (online/in-person) event hosted at Hotel Africana in Kampala, Uganda.

2. OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

The overall objective of the symposium is to present a strategic platform and opportune moment to celebrate and showcase the fundamental role women are playing in Uganda's transformation journey and the advancement of SDGs with various innovations and interventions, thus stimulating discussions for further solutions like digital innovation in order to achieve gender equality and end hunger and poverty.

2.1. Specifically, the event is intended to:

- To celebrate women's contribution to Uganda's transformation journey and popularize the centric of SDG1, 2, 9 and the peripheral of women empowerment and gender equality as the unlocking factor for sustainable development agenda.
- To create a platform for key stakeholders to showcase their work on the fundamental role women play in advancing efforts toward the attainment of SDGs in line with Agenda 2030.
- To bring together SDGs accountable players and policymakers to see the progress being made.
- To identify gaps and find solutions in the Uganda SDGs framework involvement and implementation,
- To celebrate and recognize women champions at the frontline of advancing SDGs.
- To popularize and highlight the cardinal role the SDG focal office can play in accelerating the achievement of SDGs by 2030.
- To present to stakeholders and potential partners the role of IPC4SD's mandate in advancing the achievement of SDGs.

3. Structure of the UWOSEBA 2023

The UWOSEBA 2023 is planned to include a high-impact Women and SDGs Expo that starts on Friday 12th to 14th May 2023; will involve three Workshops in the morning, a Poster Conference session at midday, high-level panel presentations and discussions in the afternoon. The day will climax with an inclusive SDGs Awards Exquisite Banquet (dinner) attended by over 600 Guests. This will be followed by Women at the Frontline of SDGs charity walk, loosely translated as “Bakyala Kumwanjo” in local direct, on Saturday morning of 13th May 2023, followed by Global Girl Agenda Mentoring Academy (GAMA) in the afternoon. UWOSEBA 2023 will be concluded on Sunday 14th May with the following activities: (1). SDG Royal Motor Rally led by His Royal Majesty the Kyabazinga; (2). Tour of Kira Motors Corporation by Awardees and Guests, and (3). Royal SDG Luncheon and flagship of Build Busoga Project for SDGs by His Majesty William Wilberforce Kadhumbula Gabula Nadiope IV, the Kyabazinga (King) of Busoga and Mothers Day SDG Musical Concert in honor of women’ s Contribution to the Musical industry in Uganda. This will be a time to give back by music artist in an inclusive power packed music and comedy show at Hotel Africana Grounds.

3.1. UWOSEBA High-Impact Women and SDG Expo 2023,

Three days of high-impact trade and development work expo showcasing what various key stakeholders are doing towards women’ s emancipation and inclusion and the role being played by women in Uganda’ s transformation Journey, illuminating Women and SDGs advancement. The Expo will bring together all the tripartite sectors of Public, Private, and civil society, Including Diplomatic missions will also be encouraged to showcase their work on SDGs in Uganda. Country-specific pavilions will be provided to enable diplomatic missions, and their beneficiary partner agencies to showcase their contribution towards Uganda’ s transformation and sustainable development.

3.2. Friday, May 12th, 2023: UWOSEBA 2023: Symposium Pre-Workshops: 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Three Parallel workshops during the morning session have been arranged, this will be followed by a Poster Conference session at midday, a high-level panel discussion in the afternoon hours, and shall climax with the SDGs Award Exquisite Banquet dinner in the evening hours. Below are the Parallel workshops

Parallel Workshop 1: Women in Innovations: proposed host is Amanda Ellis, a Senior Director for Global Partnerships; Julie Anne Wrigley of Global Futures, Laboratory, Executive Director, Asia-Pacific at Arizona State University (ASU), Global Institute of Sustainability and Innovation, Professor of practice Thunderbird School of Global Management, and Senior Global Futures Scholar. She will be assisted by Dr. Muki Abu Baker Commissioner of Cabinet Affairs Office of the President and Dr. Christine

Parallel Workshop 2: Women in Entrepreneurship Breaking Barriers & Crossing Borders. The proposed host is Karen Kammeraat CEO of Brilliant Entrepreneur, Netherlands; assisted by Barbara Mowat, President, of Impact Communications Ltd. & GroYourBiz Ltd Canada, and Patience Chindong, Co-Founder/CEO EuroAfri Link, Project Director Country-Led Demand for European Technology and Export/Import Development Assistance (CETEDA), also the Executive Vice President of the Africa Council of Small Business and Entrepreneurship (ACOSBE). She is involved in Accessing African & the EU markets, trade intelligence on African commodities, and Partnerships;

Parallel Workshop 3: Food Value Chains. The proposed host is Prof. Ikechi Agbugba an agro-economist by training, who has specialized in agribusiness and food and agricultural marketing (both MSc and Ph.D. degrees) and has been carrying out research in this area in

sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) since 2003. He is Co-Chair of, the Advisory Council of the Africa Council of Small Business and Entrepreneurship (ACOSBE). He will be assisted by Ruth Kangave, International Trade Policy Expert and Honorary Secretary General of the Professional Urban Planners Association of East Africa (PUPAEA)

3.3. UWOSEBA 2023: Symposium Poster Presentation: 11:00 am to 12:30 noon

As part of the **UWOSEBA 2023**, individuals are invited to submit proposals for poster presentations that connect with the overall event theme: **“Women at The Frontline of Accelerating SDGs” through the digital innovation lens.**

Why a poster session? Posters will enable **UWOSEBA 2023** to showcase a variety of research and other projects that women and institutions empowering women have in progress or have recently conducted. Whereas poster presentations are less structured than paper presentations, they allow for a greater and more detailed exchange of information and personal contact between the presenters and their audience. Poster sessions may also reach a broader cross-section of stakeholders than multi-speaker panels or individual papers.

3.4. UWOSEBA 2023: High-Level Expert Panel Discussion: 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM

All participants from the three parallel workshops will assemble at 2:00 pm for the UWOSEBA 2023 High-Level Panel Symposium which will officially be opened by the Rt. Hon. Kasule Lumumba and this will be followed by Key Note addressed by the SDGs Secretariat Expert

Proposed Topics and Panellists:

Topic 1: Government interventions in attaining Gender Equality and Women Empowerment: A case for Economic Empowerment, Food security, and digital innovation

Presenter: **Dr. Angella Nakafero**, Commissioner of Gender Ministry of Gender Labor and Social Development;

Topic 2: The role of development partners is advancing GEWE:
Leveraging the Resources, and analyzing opportunities for future collaboration for GEWE Initiatives.

Presenter: **Ms. Paulina Chiwangu**, Country Representative UN Women Uganda.

Topic 3: Promoting Women’s Economic Empowerment through ICT

Solutions: Opportunities and Challenges

Presenter: **Mr. Moses Watasa:** Commissioner Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MoICT)

Topic 4: Policy coherence in the attainment of SDGs: A case for SDGs 1 & 2 in relation to Gender Equality and Women Empowerment

Presenter: **Mr. Stephen Bayite Kasule**, Policy Officer Agribusiness & Economic Diplomacy Netherlands Embassy Kampala

Topic 5: The Role of Financial Institutions in Supporting Women Entrepreneurship; Overcoming Barriers to Women's Access to Financial Services Presenter: **Annet Mulindwa Nakawunde** Managing Director Finance Trust Bank

Topic 6: Building resilience and security: Food security, water security, and livelihoods

Presenter: **H.E. Amb. Idro Philip**, Managing Director, Upland Rice Millers Company Limited. Member, Leveraging Excellence in Agricultural Development (LEAD) programme, and the Principal Advisor, Operation Wealth Creation.

Topic 7: Climate resilient livelihoods: Climate resilient agricultural practices, adaptive agriculture, agroecology

Presenter: **Kugonza Donald, PhD**, is an Associate Professor- teaching Animal breeding, Genetics and Apiculture at Makerere University. His major research interests are in increasing agricultural productivity through Animal Breeding and Genetics for performance improvement of a wide array of African Animal Genetic Resources.

3.5. Girl After School Programme (GASP), GIRL AGENDA Mentoring Academy (GAMA) Saturday 13th May 2:30 PM.

The 2023 UWOSEBA will host an exclusive global Girl Agenda Mentoring Academy (GAMA) presented by UNEDI in partnership with Brilliant Entrepreneur, Netherlands, Impact Communications Ltd. & GroYourBiz Ltd Canada, Arizona state university, and EuroAfri Link Netherlands. This is aimed at supporting UNEDI-IPC4SD 90 enterprise start-up program visits

4. Organisation

The 2023 UWOSEBA is organised by IPC4SD-UK through her Uganda Chapter in Partnership with Uganda National Entrepreneurship Development Institute (UNEDI) and in collaboration SDGs secretariat, Office of the Prime Minister of Uganda.

4.1. Local Conference “Hosting” Collaborators:

- SDGs Secretariat, Office of the Prime Minister
- Uganda National Entrepreneurship Development Institute (UNEDI)
- Hotel Africana, Kampala Uganda
- Centenary Bank,
- Finance Trust Bank

4.2. International Collaboration

- Brilliant Entrepreneurs Ltd Netherlands
- Arizona State University USA
- Africa Council of Small Business and Entrepreneurship (ACOSBE)
- Euro Afri link Netherland

Local Organizing Committee (LOC)

Chairperson: Ms. Margaret Nagujja, CEO Margaret Naggujja Foundation; Mukusu Motors and Properties

Vice Chairperson- Discussion Penal working Group: Ms. Evusa, Diana Libese, Programme Officer, Uganda National Women Council

Technical Advisor: Pascal Byarunga, M&E Specialist, SDGs secretariat, office of the Prime minister

Head Presentations and Workshops: Dr. Michael Muhumuza, Lecturer Makerere University; and Senior Vice President, Uganda National Entrepreneurship Institute (UNEDI).

Head- Communications and Media: Ms. Suzan Pompilla Agalo

Event Secretary: Mauren Namata, Private Secretary to Senior Vice President IPC4SD

Events Administrator: Ms. Loyce Musiime Musika IPC4SD

Head- Event Marketing and outdoor Activities: Mr. Godffrey Bbosa.

Head- Event Hospitality and Baquet Welfare: Mr. Ziwa Sengonzi Dean William

Head- SDGs Awards Profiling: Doreen Mugisha, Manager Clients and Markets Development Price water house coopers Limited

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UWOSEBA SDG Awards Profiling Committee

UWOSEBA SDG Judges Panel Committee

Sub-Committees and Membership

5.VENUE:

Hotel Africana, the main event venue, is adjacent to a golf club and located near the city centre of Kampala and gives Kampala City an impressive skyline. The City's streets are laced with a African flair, friendly people, and a vanishingly low crime rate make a visit to the capital a real highlight of your trip to Uganda. The planned post-event excursions include a tour to the Source of the Nile and Kiira Motors Corporation, Uganda's first Motor vehicle plant in Jinja, a city in Eastern Uganda.

Why Sponsor the 2023 Uganda Women's Symposium and SDG Awards Banquet (UWOSEBA)?

What is the event all about?

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UWOSEBA 2023, MARKET REACH

More than 1m professionals globally subscribe to IPC4SD's electronically delivered materials. The Uganda Women's Symposium & SDG Exquisite Banquet 2023 aims to draw innovators, decision-makers, and influencers, who look to IPC4SD as a place to build their personal networks and business relationships as well as grow their strategic knowledge base. As our sponsor, you will reach our international audiences, generating brand and product awareness amongst attendees and their networks.

IPC4SD sends 50 conference-related eblasts to our database of over 1m contacts pre-conference posts approximately 1-2 times per week on social media (LinkedIn & Twitter) and is promoted in over 8 articles in our monthly IPC4SD newsletter

We bring together Policy makers, development partners, and strategy professionals from around the world. Our 2023 symposium is the “go-to” place for those eager to build robust networking, policy elaboration, policy investment, integrated competency in strategy, and local and international networks!

UWOSEBA 2023 expects to draw nearly over 5000 Participants in total. Nearly 4500 will visit the three-Day SDG exhibitions from 12-14 May at Hotel Africana Grounds; 150 experts will attend the Symposium on the 12th May; 4000 people have been mobilized for the SDG Charity walk on the 13th May, and 600 guests have been aligned for the SDG Exquisite Banquet dinner on Friday 12th and an exclusive field trip to Jinja on the Sunday 14th.