



**THE INAUGURAL CANADA- AFRICA ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS CONFERENCE
(CAACC) 2025**

Theme: Academic Collaboration for Posterity

Co – Chairs: Pauline Omolo (The University of Nairobi, Kenya) and Seyram Afealete (Western University, Canada)

Program: February 27, 2025, 8:45 am – 3 :25 pm (Eastern Standard Time)

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Name of Presenter & Affiliation	Title of Presentation	Thematic areas & Chairs	Start & End Time
Saverio Stranges, Director, The Africa Institute, Western University Canada	Welcoming remarks		8:45 am – 9:05 am
Seyram Afeleate, Conference Co-Chair, Western University, Canada	Land Acknowledgement		
Alan Shepard. President, Western University, Canada	Opening Address	Chair: Saverio Stranges - Director, The Africa Institute, Western University Canada	

Abe Oudshoorn. Western University, Canada	Keynote Address	Chair: Funa Moyo, National University of Science & Technology, Zimbabwe Rapporteur: Massah Tarawalley, University of Windsor, Canada	9:05 am - 9:50 am
Omolola Olorunbiyi. Western University, Canada	Two Nations, One Learning Space: Lessons from the Design, Implementation, and Evaluation of a Nigeria-Canada Global Classroom Case Study	EDUCATION Chair: Gervais Ndayizeye – Inter University Council of East Africa Rapporteur: Massah Tarawalley, University of Windsor, Canada	9:50 am - 10:30 am
Shifa Khalid. Aga Khan University Kenya	Cross-Continental Experiential Learning: Strengthening Academic Ties Between Canadian Universities and The Aga Khan University		
Barrack Okeyo. Regional MEAL, Nairobi, Kenya	Benefits of Canadian Trained Somalia Immigrants in Rebuilding the War-torn Nation		
Petronilla Mutinda Kingi. University of Nairobi, Kenya	Enhancing Collaborative Research for Canada-Africa Academic Staff		
	Health Break and Virtual Networking		10:30 am - 10:40 am

<p>Eyob Esatu. Organization For Innovation and Sustainable Development Africa, Ethiopia</p>	<p>Policy Imperatives for Accelerating Entrepreneurship and Innovation landscapes in African Universities</p>	<p>POLICY Chair: Bassem Awad – Western University, Canada Rapporteur: George Ruheni, University of Nairobi, Kenya</p>	<p>10:40 am - 11:20 am</p>
<p>Francisca O. Okafor: Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Abuja - Nigeria & Michelle Rey: Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario</p>	<p>Nurses as Policy Shapers: Expanding Roles in Health Governance</p>		
<p>Sola Owolabi. Bells University of Technology, Ota, Ogun State, Nigeria</p>	<p>PO-ZAC: An Innovative Bibliotherapy Game for Combating Verbal Bullying</p>		
<p>Pauline Omolo. University of Nairobi, Kenya</p>	<p>Footprint Evaluation: A framework Towards an Integrated Approach to Monitoring and Evaluation Practice</p>		
<p>Dioumacor Faye Visiting Research student at Western University. Cheikh Anta Diop University, Senegal</p>	<p>Forecasting Air Quality Using Machine Learning: A Case Study of PM2.5 Concentrations in Rwanda</p>	<p>CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT Chair: Amadou Thierno Gaye – Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Senegal Rapporteur: Kristonyo Honya, University of Business and Integrated</p>	<p>11:20 am - 12:10 pm</p>

		Development Studies, Ghana	
Omonlola Kikêlomon Elvire. Visiting Queen Elizabeth Scholar at Western University. Abomey Calavi University, Benin	Prevalence of food insecurity and factors associated to low short-term memory development among primary public-school pupils: evidence in Benin Republic		
George G. Ruheni. University of Nairobi, Kenya	Socially Responsible Investing and the Performance of Climate-Smart Agriculture Projects		
Juliana Toboyee. Visiting Queen Elizabeth Scholar at Western University. University of Business and Integrated Development Studies, Ghana	Adoption of Climate-Smart Agricultural Practices Among Smallholder Farmers in Semi-Arid Ghana		
Phyllis Addo. University of Health and Allied Sciences, Ho, Ghana	Gender in food rights and sovereignty in West Africa: A rapid review		
Ivy Osei. Western University, Canada	Examining the balance between the formalization process of Indigenous games and the protection of cultural heritage: A case study of the South African Indigenous games project	INDIGENOUS STUDIES & PERSPECTIVES Chair: Melanie Katsivo – The Africa Institute, Western University Rapporteur: Salome Oyuga Strathmore University	12:10 pm – 12:50 pm

<p>Daniel Kobei. Ogiek Peoples' Development Program, Kenya</p>	<p>Lunchtime Keynote Address</p> <p>Indigenous Peoples and Land Rights in Africa and its implications for health research</p>		
<p>Bridget Ofosu-Andam - Chair, Black at Western University Alumni Association, Canada.</p>	<p>Empowering Afro-Descendant Students: The Role of Alumni Networks in Career Advancement, Academic Success, and Global Scholarly Initiatives</p>	<p>Africa Institute's Canada Africa Young Scholars Coalition (CAYSC) Roundtable. Lead Discussant: Bridget Ofosu</p> <p>Chair: Massah Tarawalley – PhD student, University of Windsor and Western Alum</p> <p>Rapporteur: Seyram Afealete, Western University, Canada</p>	<p>12:50 pm - 1:10 pm</p>
		<p>INFECTIOUS DISEASES Chair: Margaret Mutumba – Western University</p> <p>Rapporteur: Peggy Eboko, Regional Center for Project Management and Evaluation, Nairobi, Kenya</p>	<p>1:10 pm - 1:30 pm</p>
<p>Asua Letticia Okolie. Western University, Canada</p>	<p>Bridging Vaccine Equity: A Comparative Analysis of Barriers and Facilitators to Equitable</p>		

	COVID-19 Vaccine Deployment in Canada and Nigeria		
Abe Oudshoorn. Western University, Canada	Engaging Peer Navigators to Support HIV Prevention, Testing, and Treatment with Street-Connected Youth in Kenya and Canada		
Pauline Omolo. University of Nairobi, Kenya	Evidence-Based Interventions for Healthy Lifestyle Behaviors to Reduce Non-Communicable Disease Risks in Slums in African Cities (Johannesburg, Kampala, Nairobi) Immigrants of African Descent in the City of London, Ontario	NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES Chair: Ngianga-Bakwin Kandala – Western University, Canada Rapporteur: Emmanuel Acheampong, Western University, Canada	1:50 pm - 2:20 pm
Hesham Gaafar. University Of Chicago, USA	National Cancer Control Plans: Prioritizing and Planning for a Growing Public Health Burden		
Massah Tarawalley. University of Windsor, Canada	Examining Mental Health Service Delivery models for Sierra Leonean Refugees in Canada: Implications for Mental Health Care in Sierra Leone		
Hesham Gaafar. University of Chicago, USA	Closing keynote and Takeaways	Chair: Pauline Omolo, University of Nairobi, Kenya	2:20 pm - 3:05 pm

Seyram Afealate, Western University, Canada. Conference Co-Chairs	Vote of thanks and closing remarks		3:05 pm - 3:25 pm
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