



National Security
Studies Conference '21

3rd National Security Studies Conference

Theme:

Security and Development In Uganda:
Searching For A Common Understanding
Among The Civil Society, Academia and
Practitioners



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CONCEPTUAL PERSPECTIVE

Despite widespread use of 'security' by scholars and politicians during the last forty years, not much attention has been devoted to explicating the concept. For a long time, security was perceived to mean guarding against external threats hence the traditional emphasis on the military. However, as events in the past and current century have demonstrated, security of states is much more threatened by wide-ranging phenomenal of both internal and external nature most of which are nonmilitary in nature. As such therefore, the state has met fierce opposition/criticism from non-state actors such as the Civil Society; the academia, the media and NGOs to break away from traditional conception of external attacks or military nature threats as the only source of insecurity for the country

Globally, some of these changes have led to new approaches in the management of national security in which different actors have been integrated into the processes for determination and dealing with threats. In Uganda however, there is still a gap in how different stakeholders in the security sector define and approach security issues. There is therefore, a need to create a platform whereby different actors in the security sector can constructively engage in debating what the security agenda of the country should entail hence the proposed webinar such as education, agriculture and health. Civil Societies have called for accountability and transparency in government budgeting and allocation of funds. Sometimes frictions have ensued when the Civil Societies resort to educating the citizenry on the role of the state in ensuring an all round nature of security

The involvement of the civil society in areas that were traditionally known to be sponsored by the state goes beyond citizenry education. Today, civil societies are known for filling the gaps created by a states' minimal intervention in food security, environmental conservation and human rights protection advocacy.

This intervention has not gone on well in Uganda as it also happens in other jurisdictions between the government and the Civil Society. The government has even criticized Civil Societies for sniffing too much in matters of governance. Yet, the state has also been attacked for doing so little for example in fighting corruption which has an impact on social service delivery and consequently human security and development. In view of the above and in a bid to contribute to effective and efficient governance of the security sector in Uganda, Nkumba university in Conjunction with SESAC, will hold a National Security conference on the theme: **"Security And Development in Uganda: Searching For a Common Understanding Among The Civil Society, Academia and Practitioners."**

The main objective of the webinar is to share ideas on how to develop a common approach to security sector management in Uganda. The aim is based on the view that no nation can attain development without security. To achieve this, the conference seeks to develop a dialogue between state and non-state actors in national security provision and governance. It is important to bring these two sectors to dialogue because security and development require all stakeholders input.



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Jude Lubega is a Professor of Information Technology who has vast experience in ICT4D. He is currently the Ag. Vice Chancellor of Nkumba University. He previously served in Makerere University from 2007 to 2012 as the Deputy Dean and the Head of the Information Technology Department in the College of Computing and Information Sciences.



Solomon is a Ugandan academic. He is an international relations and security studies scholar, a Social Research, Community, Security and Development Management Specialist. He has over 15 years of teaching at University and hands-on experience in community social, security and economic development.



Dr. Abaho holds a PhD in Security Studies from Nkumba University, a Masters in Pan African Studies from Syracuse University, New York and a Bachelors in International Relations (Major) and Journalism (Minor) from United States International University – Nairobi.

CONFERENCE TOPICS

1. The changing role of the military in Uganda's socioeconomic development.
2. The challenge of keeping law and order in the contemporary security sector environment
3. The value of intelligence in Uganda's development
4. The contribution of the Private Security Organisations to the development of Uganda?
5. To what extent does the National Security Council appreciate the expanded meaning of security?
6. What are the challenges of developing integrated policies for security and development in Uganda?
7. Parliamentary oversight of the security sector in Uganda: experiences and challenges
8. Can a right balance be achieved between human rights and national security objectives in Africa?
9. What is the role of international development partners in Uganda's security sector?
10. Understanding the role of the Civil Society Organisations in the security sector in Uganda.
Expected outcome
11. Security and the Media: Is it a valid nexus in Uganda?
12. ICT and Security Provision in developing Countries: Challenges and Prospects



CONFERENCE PRESENTERS



Gen. Charles Angina
Ministry of Foreign Affairs



SCP. Wilson Omoding
Counter Terrorism
Uganda Police Force



Col. Charles Oluka
Director General
Internal Security Organisation



Prof. Kale Ewusi
UPEACE - Ethiopia



Prof. Joseph Kizza
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Kin Kariisa
Chair - National Association of Broadcasters



Dr. Eugene Arigye, PhD
Director - Governance & Security
National Planning Authority



Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana
ED, Foundation for Human
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Mr. Grace Matsiko
Chair, TUPSA



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

TIME (EAT)	ITEM / TOPIC	PRESENTER / IN-CHARGE	Discussant
9:00am	Introductory Remarks from Programme Chairperson	Dr. Anne Abaho	-
9:10am	Welcome Address	Assoc. Prof. Asiimwe S. Muchwa	-
9:15am	Conference Opening Address/	Prof. Jude T. Lubega	-
Plenary Session A: Assoc. Prof. Solomon Muchwa Asiimwe (Chairperson)			
9:20am	Presentation 1: The Changing Role of the Military in Uganda’s Socio-economic Development	Dr. Anne Abaho Dean, School of Social Sciences Nkumba University	Gen. Charles Angina Ministry of Foreign Affairs
9:35am	Presentation 2: The Value of Intelligence in a country’s development	Philani Dhilamini Coordinator of Intelligence Studies Collection Zambia	SCP. David Waswa Uganda Police Force
9:50am	Presentation 3: The Value of Intelligence in Uganda’s Development	Lt. Col. Charles Oluka (DG-ISO)	General Audience
10:05am	Q & A Session 1		
11:00am	Presentation 4: How Important is the Private Security Sector in Uganda?	Mr. Grace Matsiko Chairperson, The Uganda Private Security Association TUPSA	Mr. Ogwal Herbert Lecturer Social Sciences Nkumba University
11:15am	Presentation 5: The Challenge of Keeping Law and Order in the Contemporary Security Sector Environment	SCP. Wilson Omoding Deputy Director, Counter Terrorism, Uganda Police Force	SCP. Moses Kafeero Commandant, Police College - Bwebajja
11:30am	Presentation 6: To what extent does the National Security Council appreciate the Expanded Meaning of Security?	Mr. Kachope Patrick Lecturer, Nkumba University	SCP. Moses Kafeero Commandant, Police College - Bwebajja
11:45am	Q&A Session 2		
Plenary Session B: Ms. Diana Aharimpisya (Chairperson)			
12:45pm	Presentation 7: What are the challenges of developing integrated policies for security and development in Uganda?	Dr. Eugene Arigye Director Governance and Security, National Planning Authority	Dr. Edaku Charles Director Kampala Campus Nkumba University
1:00pm	Presentation 8: Parliamentary Oversight of the security sector in Uganda: Experiences and Challenges	Dr. Robert Tumukwasibwe Assistant Director, Parliament of Uganda	Mr. George M. Barenzi Lecturer, Social Sciences, Nkumba University
1: 15pm	Presentation 9: Can a Right Balance be Achieved Between Human Rights and National Security Objectives?	Prof. Ewusi Kale Director, UPEACE African Programme - Addis Ababa	Mr. Noah Ssendawula PhD Candidate /Lecturer School of Social Sciences, Nkumba University
01:30pm	Q&A Session 3		
02:25 pm	Presentation 10: What is the Role of International Development Partners in Uganda’s Security Sector?	Head, Delegation of the European Union to Uganda	Mr. Deogratious Matovu Lecturer School of Social Sciences, Nkumba University



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2:40 pm	Presentation 11: Understanding the role of the Civil Society Organisations in the Security Sector in Uganda: Expected Outcomes.	Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana ED, Foundation for Human Rights Initiative-Uganda	Mr. Kachope Patrick Lecturer - School of Social Sciences Nkumba University
3:05 pm	Presentation 12: Security and the Media: is it a Valid Nexus in Uganda?	Dr. Kin Kariisa Chairperson - National Association of Broadcasters	John Baptist Imokola Lecturer School of Social Sciences, Nkumba University
3: 20 pm	Presentation 13: ICT and security provision in developing countries: challenges and prospects	Prof. Joseph Kizza Head of Dept. Computer Science and Engineering, University of Tennessee Chattanooga	Prof. Jude T. Lubega Vice Chancellor, Nkumba University
3:35 pm	Q&A Session 4		
4:35 pm	Conference Closure	Assoc. Prof. Francis Kasekende University Secretary, Nkumba University	

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