



CONFERENCE THEME:

Empowering Communities through Language Research and African Linguistics for Sustainable Development

SHORT TITLE: LAEA-3 CONFERENCE

DATE: 15- 16 AUGUST 2023

ATTENDANCE: PHYSICAL & VIRTUAL

HOST: School of Languages, Literature, and Communication
Makerere University, KAMPALA (Uganda)

COLLABORATORS: Moi University ELDORET (Kenya)
The University of Nairobi, NAIROBI (Kenya)
Pomona College, CLAREMONT (United States)
Addis Ababa University, ADDIS ABABA (Ethiopia)
University of Dar es Salaam, DAR ES SALAAM (Tanzania)
Kyambogo University (UGANDA)
Hebrew's University of Jerusalem (ISRAEL)
Gulu University (UGANDA)

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MEETING DESCRIPTION

In their search for solutions to the development problems of Africa in general and the Eastern Africa region in particular, stakeholders such as politicians and researchers have often ignored or downplayed the question of languages, linguistics, and other sociocultural resources (see Prah 1993 & 2012). This problem is further compounded by the sheer multiplicity and complexity of languages and cultures in Africa which is often seen as a hindrance to the development of the continent. However, over the past few decades, it has become clear that empowering communities through culture, language, and linguistics research is crucial to sustainable development. Moreso in the current context where researchers in the region either seem disinterested or have inadequate capacity. In this regard, the following questions emerge: What are the relevant contextual language, cultural and linguistic realities of contemporary Africa? How do they affect the issues associated with Sustainable Development? How do the dominant assumptions in theoretical and applied linguistics relate to the challenges that face Africa in general and the Eastern Africa region in particular today? What should be done to build capacity among researchers to enhance research output? This conference, therefore, brings together language researchers, educationalists, linguists, experts in cultural studies, and communicators as key stakeholders to deliberate language and linguistic-

related matters that affect the development of the African continent. This will be done through presentations of study findings, current language debates, collaborative research, linguistic projects, and graduate students' work from all over the world. It is envisaged that this conference will promote knowledge creation and sharing, collaborative and interdisciplinary research in the Eastern Africa Region, and beyond.

CALL FOR PAPERS

We invite contributors to submit abstracts for papers that address, but not limited to, any of the following theoretical and applied linguistics themes:

Language and Globalization	Educational Linguistics
Language and Community Empowerment	Dialectology
Language Acquisition and Learning	Etymology
Language in Education	Forensic Linguistics
Language Teacher Education	Historical Linguistics
Language Curriculum Development	Linguistic Statistics
Language for Sustainable Development	Dialectology
Language Testing and Evaluation	Forensic Linguistics
Multilingualism, Translation & Interpreting	Lexicology & Lexicography
Language Cognition and Brain Research	Phonetics and Phonology
Language Politics & Ideology	Discourse Analysis
Language and Technology	Language Documentation and Description
Language, Culture, Socialization	Ethnolinguistics
Vocabulary and Lexical Studies	Morphology and Syntax
Language, Media and Communication	Linguistics and Literature
Language Planning and Policy	Text/Corpus Linguistics
The teaching of Foreign Languages in the East African region and beyond	Sign Language
	Pragmatics and Semantics
	Language and COVID_19

ABSTRACT LENGTH

Abstracts should not exceed 400 words including examples and references and must be in 12pt type Times New Roman. The abstract should clearly be marked according to one of the themes of the conference. Name(s) and affiliations should be on a separate page.

SUBMISSION OF THE ABSTRACT

Please upload your abstract to the LAEA website at www.thelaea.org or send to laeaconference2023@gmail.com

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

Abstracts should be written in English.

IMPORTANT DATES

The submission deadline for all abstracts is Nov 30, 2022
Decisions on acceptance will be made no later than Jan 30, 2023

CONFERENCE DATES

Arrival 14th of August 2023
Conference sessions 15th-16th of August 2023
Departure: 17th of August 2023