

**THE EDUCATION  
COLLABORATIVE**

# **2023 East Africa Hub Convening**

**Accelerating Entrepreneurship and Graduate  
Employability for Regional Development**



# The Education Collaborative welcomes you to the 2023 East Africa Hub Convening!

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The East Africa hub convening provides a platform for engagement among Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), Students, Industry Professionals, Regulators and Policymakers from various institutions across the region. The stakeholders deliberate and collaborate on strategies and best practices for enhancing student outcomes in employability and entrepreneurship whilst sharing innovative ideas, research findings, successful models and outcomes in the region.

We hope this convening will exceed your expectations and inspire you to continue influencing the world of education.

## Welcome! Tukusanyukidde!



# Attending this year

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Get ready to be inspired as we embark on this journey of knowledge sharing and collaboration in this year's convening!

32

Higher Education  
Institutions

8

Non-Higher Education  
Institutions

5

Student  
volunteers

8

Countries  
across Africa

1

Country from  
North America



Convening  
Host

*\*Numbers as of September 26, 2023\**

## Convening Agenda

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 2023 – SHERATON KAMPALA

TIME	AGENDA	FACILITATOR
9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Convening Registration Opens  Arrival & Registration of Participants  <b>NB:</b> Pick up your Convening name tags and materials from the foyer at the conference room.	<b>Fredrick Rotich,</b> EA Hub Administrative Coordinator The Education Collaborative
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Lunch	Hub/Volunteers
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Opening and welcoming remarks   Official welcome by EA Hub Director and Convening Host Institution executive.	<b>Ms. Lizzie Chongoti</b> EA Regional Director The Education Collaborative  <b>Prof. John Mugisha,</b> Vice Chancellor Cavendish University Uganda

3:30 pm to 4:45 pm	<p>Inter-University Council of East Africa (IUCEA) Symposium</p> <p>The IUCEA symposium will open the 2023 East Africa Convening to engage and sensitize Higher Education Stakeholders in the region on quality assurance processes set in place to ensure quality student outcomes related to entrepreneurship &amp; graduate employability from a regulatory and policy standpoint.</p> <p>This session will also highlight the successes and impact of building and fostering cross-border and inter-institutional collaborations in East Africa while propounding on adoption of best practices and regional developmental needs.</p> <p>Participants include executive leaders, faculty, and administrators of higher education, regulators, policy makers, industry, and professionals from development agencies.</p>	<p><b>Prof. Michael Mawa,</b> Senior Principal, Quality Assurance and Qualifications Framework Inter-University Council of East Africa</p>
4:45 pm to 5:00 pm	Roundup Session	<p><b>Mr. Stephen Oloo,</b> Technical Committee Representative Rongo University</p> <p>Session Facilitator</p>
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	The Education Collaborative Exhibition: A self-paced walk-through experience featuring pictures, EA hub data, and posters.	Hub/Volunteers
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	<p>Cocktail and Networking Session   Uganda Vice Chancellors' Forum Celebration</p> <p>This session aims to be a relaxed engaging evening designed to facilitate professional connections and foster meaningful relationships in a social atmosphere. This session will offer a valuable platform for participants to expand their professional networks, discuss emerging trends, and cultivate partnerships that can lead to new opportunities and strategic collaborations.</p> <p>The Cocktail will feature brief speeches from the Education Collaborative and the Uganda Vice Chancellor Forum capped with a celebratory cake cutting ceremony.</p>	<p><b>Ms. Rose Dodd,</b> Executive Director, The Education Collaborative,</p> <p><b>Prof. John Mugisha,</b> Vice Chancellor, Cavendish University Uganda</p> <p><b>Prof. Eriabu Lugujo,</b> Executive Director Uganda Vice Chancellors' Forum</p>

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 2023 – SHERATON KAMPALA

TIME	AGENDA	FACILITATOR
8:30 am -8:45 am	<p>Welcome and Recap</p> <p>This session is a brief moderator guided stretch that will recap the activities and lessons of the 1st day and walk participants through the scheduled activities of the day setting pace for discussion and exchange of ideas.</p> <p>The Hub Host Chair welcomes participants, highlights the regional aspiration of the EA Hub and invites the keynote speaker.</p>	<p><b>Mr. David Mutabanura,</b> Executive Director, Cavendish University Uganda</p> <p><b>Prof. Samuel Gudu,</b> Vice Chancellor Rongo University</p>



<p>8:45 am – 9:15 am</p>	<p>Keynote Address</p> <p><i>"Fostering Regional Prosperity: Unleashing Entrepreneurship and Employability through Higher Education"</i></p> <p>The keynote address will be delivered by Mr. Douglas Opio - Executive Director - The Federation of Uganda Employers whose extensive experience and thought leadership will provide a unique employers perspective on “Accelerating Entrepreneurship and Graduate Employability for Regional Development”. He will accentuate on the regional employment landscape’s needs and dynamics and share propositions on how higher education can catalyze entrepreneurial ventures and deliver the supply for the growing demand for adaptable, skilled, and future work-ready graduates who will contribute meaningfully to regional growth.</p>	<p><b>Mr. Douglas Opio,</b> Executive Director - The Federation of Uganda Employers</p>
<p>9:15 am – 10:45 am</p>	<p>Elevating Change: Unveiling the EA Hub Impact White Paper  Fireside chat   Plenary.</p> <p>This session will feature three parts; the launch and presentation of the key highlights of an Impact White paper on Careers and Employability, a moderated Fireside chat reactions and reflections on the unveiled paper with regional regulator, Higher Education Executive &amp; Industry player and an open plenary engagement, discussing implications and next steps.</p>	<p><b>Mr. Eric Saulo,</b> EA Hub Technical Committee Chair Strathmore University</p> <p>Fireside Chat Panel</p> <p><b>Dr. Sylvie Mucyo,</b> Vice Chancellor Rwanda Polytechnic</p> <p><b>Mr. John Matogo,</b> Corporate Social Responsibility Leader for Africa &amp; the Middle East at IBM</p> <p><b>Prof. Michael Mawa,</b> Senior Principal, Quality Assurance and Qualifications Framework Inter-University Council of East Africa</p>
<p>10:45 am -11:00 am</p>	<p>Group photo Session</p>	<p>Communications Team</p>
<p>11:00 am -11:30 am</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>	
<p>11:30 am -12:45 pm</p>	<p>Employability   Employability Initiatives Lighting Round Session</p> <p>This session will explore various crucial aspects of career services departments at Higher Educations Institutions through a lighting round presentation style moderated by the Education Collaborative the System Change Program project lead.</p> <p>Strategic Blueprint: Crafting Pathways to Employment Through Career Services Planning</p> <p>Embark on a journey through the strategic blueprint designed to forge meaningful pathways to graduate employment. We'll answer how tailored career services planning can revolutionize job prospects and empower the workforce.</p>	<p><b>Dr. George Mugabe,</b> Project Lead, SCP- Employability, Kepler College Session Facilitator</p> <p><b>Mr. Uwihanganye Emmanuel,</b> Director of Career Development and Guidance Unit- Rwanda Polytechnic-IPRC Gishari.</p> <p><b>Mr. Bernard Ochan,</b> Careers and Employability Officer, Cavendish University Uganda</p>

11:30 am -12:45 pm	<p>Pathways to Success: Discovering Market Dynamics and Job Exploration through Career Fairs, Exhibitions &amp; Festivals. Discover how career fairs, exhibitions, and festivals serve as robust gateways to unravel market dynamics. We will dissect the symbiotic relationship between students, professionals, and industries, showcasing how these events bridge the gap between academia and the corporate world.</p> <p>A Careers Department sine qua non: Measuring the Impact and Success of Career Services</p> <p>The pulse of any institution lies within its career services department. Join us to uncover the art of quantifying success and impact in this crucial domain. Learn how to assess the effectiveness of career services, from mentorship programs to alumni engagement, and witness firsthand the transformational outcomes.</p>	<p><b>Ms. Patricia Gichuki,</b> Placement Lead - Career &amp; Placement Office United States International University (USIU) – Africa</p>
12:45 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch Break	
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Cultivating an Entrepreneurial Culture at Higher Education Institutions	<p><b>Dr. Lillian Omoke,</b> Dr. Lillian Omoke, Technical Committee Representative University of Embu Session Facilitator</p>
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm	<p>Entrepreneurship Part One   Deep Dive</p> <p>This session will go into an in-depth analysis of the University of Embu, Kenya 2022 post-convening grant award on developing a twelve-month entrepreneurial program to develop Innovative, Design, Enterprising, Agility and Leadership (IDEAL) skills among university students.</p>	<p><b>Dr. Duncan Mugambi,</b> Lecturer Department of Business Studies and IDEAL Project Lead University of Embu</p>
10min	Break	
	<p>Entrepreneurship Part Two  Setting up Incubators at HEIs</p> <p>This session will explore the technical, infrastructural, and financial requirements for setting up an incubator within Higher Education Institutions and the outcome and impact of incubators to driving entrepreneurial skills and ventures among students.</p>	<p><b>Ms. Ludovica Ochieng,</b> Incubation Manager iBizAfrica Incubation &amp; Innovation Centre</p>
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Coffee Break	
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	<p>Closing Address</p> <p>Announcing the Hub leadership transition and inauguration of new EA Hub host – Kepler College, Rwanda.</p>	<p><b>Prof. Baylie Yeshita,</b> Vice Chancellor, Kepler College - Rwanda</p>
4:30 pm - 4:45 pm	<p>Closing Session</p> <p>Call to commitment</p> <p>Vote of Thanks</p>	<p><b>Dr. Olive Sabiiti,</b> DVC – Academic Affairs Cavendish University Uganda</p> <p><b>Ms. Lizzie Chongoti,</b> EA Regional Director The Education Collaborative</p>