



Call For Papers

15TH ANIE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

8th-10th October 2025, Africana Hotel (tbc), Kampala, Uganda

Theme:

Internationalization in challenging times:

Sustaining Impact & Driving Change towards new futures for Africa

We are pleased to announce the 15th Annual Conference of the African Network for Internationalization of Education (ANIE) to be held in Kampala, Uganda from 8th to 10th October 2025.

CONCEPT NOTE

The 15th ANIE conference will be held under the overarching theme “Internationalization in challenging times: Sustaining Impact, Driving Change towards new futures for Africa. The conference comes at a time of profound geopolitical transformations posing unprecedented and far-reaching impacts on the future of higher education and research cooperation between Africa and other regions of the world. It is thus a moment of change and transformations in various facets and with implications on internationalization. The conference will explore the impacts of these dynamics on internationalization of higher education in Africa. It will consider strategies to build resilience, strengthen partnerships and building stronger intra-Africa education engagements. The conference will explore how the gains and benefits of internationalization can be sustained for meaningful impact on African education system, institutions and society. The discussions will take glimpses of the new global dynamics and emerging developments and the realities in Africa to contextualize the discussions. The growing imbalances and attendant risks of internationalization to African universities and societies will also gain centrality in the discourse. In this context, the conference will discuss ways of making internationalization more meaningful and beneficial to African institutions and societies and how the perennial imbalances can be addressed.

CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES

Arising from the main theme, the conference will have the following sub-themes;

- Building resilient partnerships that yield long-term benefits for African institutions.
- Developing inclusive and equitable policy frameworks.
- Leveraging technology and virtual collaboration to increase access.
- Leadership strategies for global engagement.
- Curriculum innovations that integrate African epistemologies.
- Rebalancing power in global academic partnerships and regional integration.
- Amplifying African scholarly voices in research, policy, and practice
- Financing Africa's Global Future: Innovations and Opportunities

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- Highlight Successful Models- Showcase case studies of African-led international collaborations and research that address local challenges while contributing to global dialogues.
- Engage Stakeholders- Bring together policymakers, funders, institutional leaders, and researchers to discuss and strategize around equitable collaboration frameworks.
- Foster Partnerships -Encourage networking and cooperation among African and non-African institutions to promote sustainable, inclusive, and impactful projects.
- Formulate Action Steps -Develop and disseminate policy recommendations, institutional guidelines, and funding strategies that support decolonized internationalization.

TARGET AUDIENCE

We invite participation from:

- University administrators and academic leaders.
- Researchers and faculty involved in international collaborations.
- Policymakers and government representatives focused on higher education.
- Funding agencies and philanthropic organizations.
- Students and early-career scholars interested in global mobility.
- NGOs and civil society organizations engaged in educational development.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

We welcome:

- Academic Papers reporting on research findings, theoretical developments, and case studies.
- Workshops and Interactive Sessions (for example Masterclasses) proposing hands-on learning, skill-building, or policy development exercises.
- Panel Proposals featuring experts from diverse institutions addressing specific themes in internationalization.
- Poster Presentations showcasing research projects or best practices in international partnerships.

Submissions should align with one or more of the conference sub-themes (Sustaining Impact, Driving Change, Transforming Institutions, and Decolonizing Internationalization) and demonstrate clear relevance to African contexts. Submissions should be sent to sec@anienetwork.org and copied to jacobowiti@anienetwork.org

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstracts: 300–500 words, including title, author details, and keywords.

Full Papers (Optional): 4,000–6,000 words, adhering to academic citation standards (e.g., APA, Harvard).

Workshop/Panel Proposals: 1–2 pages describing objectives, methodology, and expected outcomes.

Poster Submissions: 1-page summary outlining the project's purpose, methodology, and key insights.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission Deadline	20th April 2025
Notification of Abstract Acceptance	10th May 2025
Conference Registration Opens	1st March 2025
Registration Closes	20th July 2025
Conference Dates	8th-10th October, 2025

VENUE & FORMAT

- Location: Africana Hotel, Kampala, Uganda
- On-Site Participation: Physical sessions, networking events, and cultural activities will be held at (Africana Hotel, Kampala, Uganda tbc).

REGISTRATION FEE

Conference Fees	Early Bird	After 1st June 2025
ANIE Member	\$200	\$250
Non-ANIE member (African countries)	\$ 250	\$ 300
Non-ANIE member (Rest of the world)	\$ 300	\$ 350

NOTE: Please note that conference fees will cover the costs of tea/coffee, lunches and conference materials. Travel, accommodation and other logistical arrangements are at the cost of the delegates.

CONFERENCE OUTCOMES

- Proceedings or conference report summarizing key insights, policy recommendations, and actionable steps.
- Networking opportunities to spark new collaborations across Africa and beyond.
- A continued conversation on driving change through international partnerships, with follow-up workshops and initiatives.

For further details, abstract submissions, or inquiries, please contact:

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ABOUT US

The Africa Network for Internationalization of Education (ANIE) is a Pan-African network and think-tank committed to the advancement of high-quality research, capacity building, information sharing and exchange, transnational networking and cooperation, and policy advocacy on internationalization of education. Established in 2008, ANIE has its Secretariat based at Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya. More information on the conference can be obtained from www.anienetwork.org/conference.