



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & DIPLOMACY

2025 CAREER & MENTORSHIP FORUM

THEME:
BUILDING AND NURTURING IMPACTFUL CAREERS IN
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 14TH MARCH, 2025 | CUEAAUDITORIUM | NAIROBI, KENYA





TIME	ACTIVITY
	SESSION ONE
08:00 - 08:30	ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION – CUEA/IRSK/IRSAK
	OPENING CEREMONY
08:30 - 10:00	<p><i>Master of Ceremony</i> Dr. James Sankale – Head of Department, Political and International Studies, Catholic University of Eastern Africa</p> <p>Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer – Rev. Dr. William Kosgei, <i>University Chaplain, Catholic University of Eastern Africa</i> • Introductory Remarks – Dr. Francis Muchoki, <i>Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Catholic University of Eastern Africa</i> • Welcoming Remarks – Mr. Leonard Wanyama, <i>CEO, International Relations Society of Kenya</i> • Welcoming Remarks – Prof. Justus M. Munyoki, <i>Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs, Catholic University of Eastern Africa</i> • Opening Remarks – Rev. Prof. Stephen Mbugua Ngari, <i>Vice-Chancellor, Catholic University of Eastern Africa</i> • Keynote Address – H.E. Mr. Mirko Giuliani, <i>Ambassador of Switzerland to Kenya</i>
	LAUNCH OF YOUNG DIPLOMATS FELLOWSHIP
10:00 - 10:45	<p><i>Master of Ceremony</i> Dr. James Sankale – Head of Department, Political and International Studies, Catholic University of Eastern Africa</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kizito Sabala, <i>Chair, International Relations Society of Kenya</i> • Mr. Mathias Kamp, <i>Country Director, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Kenya</i> • Mr. Jeremy Oronje, <i>Young Diplomats Fellow, Kenya</i> • Ms. Wambui Gacih, <i>Young Diplomats Fellow, Kenya</i>
	CEREMONIAL LAUNCH
10:45 - 11:00	PHOTO SESSION
11:00 - 11:30	TEA/COFFEE/HEALTH BREAK



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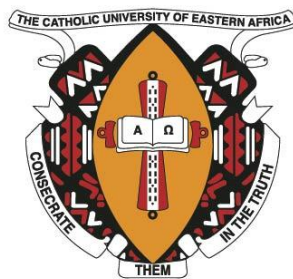


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	AFTERNOON SESSION
14:00 – 15:30	PARALLEL SESSIONS
	<p>SESSION 4 - LEADERSHIP AND EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE</p> <p>From Insight to Influence: Mastering Leadership and Emotional Intelligence for Effective Diplomacy</p> <p><i>Moderator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Eunice Wawuda, IR Student, Department of Diplomacy and International Studies, University of Nairobi, Kenya <p><i>Panelists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Joan Ndungu Gitahi, Educator, Trainer, Coach and Mentor, Kenya Mr. Amani Mhinda, Bureau Chief, AfriCatalyst - Nairobi Bureau Mr. Johnstone Ileri, Dean of Students and Career Services, University of Nairobi Mr. Raphael Obonyo, Public Policy Expert, Kenya
	<p>SESSION 5 – PROFESSIONAL IMAGE AND PERSONAL BRANDING</p> <p>Projecting Excellence: Building a Professional Image and Personal Brand for Success in Diplomacy and International Affairs</p> <p><i>Moderator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Ramas Ibrahim, Program Associate, International Relations Society of Kenya <p><i>Panelists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Thrity Engineer-Mbuthia, Marketing Educator and Coach, Kenya Ms. Connie Aluoch, Fashion Stylist and Personal Branding Strategist, Connie Aluoch Styling Management, Kenya. Ms. Esther Mwhaki, Founder and CEO, Success by Design Coaching & Training, Nairobi, Kenya. Ms. Olive Gachara, Image and Brand Consultant, IWO Consultancy
<p>SESSION 6 – MEDIA ENGAGEMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND ADVOCACY</p> <p>Shaping Narratives and Influencing Global Change through Media Engagement, Strategic Communication, and International Advocacy</p> <p><i>Moderator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Edgar Mkalla, Program Associate, International Relations Society of Kenya <p><i>Panelists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Nana Ndeda, Regional Humanitarian Advocacy Advisor, CARE East and Central Africa Mr. Dismas Mokuu, Media Advisor, IRSK Ms. Nyatichi Nyasani, Partner, TRICARTA Advisory Mr. Mark Gitau, News Reader and Journalist, Radio Africa Group Ms. Josephine Wawira, Corporate Communications Manager, KEPSA 	
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	CLOSING SESSION
16:00 – 16:45	<p>Closing Ceremony</p> <p><i>Moderator</i> Dr. James Sankale – Head of Department, Political and International Studies, Catholic University of Eastern Africa</p> <p>Vote of Thanks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Victor Oteku, Program Coordinator, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung - Kenya • Mr. Neema Mundia, Chair, International Relations Student Association of Kenya - CUEA • Ms. Roselyn Musera, Vice Chair, International Relations Society of Kenya • Dr. Jonathan Omuchesi, Lecturer, Catholic University of Eastern Africa • Sr. Rose Mwangi, Career Services Director, Catholic University of Eastern Africa <p>Closing Prayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev. Dr. William Kosgei, University Chaplain, Catholic University of Eastern Africa
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