



2024 IRSK

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Fostering Integration and Cooperation in the COMESA
Region through International Relations and Diplomacy

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

HYATT REGENCY HOTEL

NAIROBI, KENYA



20th - 22nd November



Nairobi, KENYA



SESSION ONE

TIME	ACTIVITY
08:00 - 09:00	Arrival and Registration IRSK Protocol Team <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eunice Wawuda, Conference Protocol Conference Overview Master of Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kemsah Rehan Ali, Media Personality
09:00 - 10:00	Opening Plenary Session <p>The opening plenary session of the 2024 IRSK Annual Conference will feature distinguished diplomats, leaders, policymakers, scholars and experts, and will set the stage for critical discussions on fostering integration and cooperation in the COMESA region. These esteemed experts will share insights on advancing diplomacy and international relations to address pressing global and regional challenges with far-reaching impacts on regional stability, peace, and sustainable development through collective action and shared goals.</p> Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Winnie Rugutt, Lecturer, DDIS, University of Nairobi Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leonard Wanyama, CEO, IRSK• H.E. Jenny Da Rin, The Australian High Commissioner to Kenya Welcoming Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Kizito Sabala, Chairman, IRSK Annual Conference• Dr. Bob Wekesa, Director, ACSUS, University of Witwatersrand Featured Address <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Vasu Gounden, Executive Director, ACCORD• Dr. Oita Etyang, Head, Governance Peace and Security, COMESA Keynote Speech <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Sebastian Groth, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Kenya
10:00 – 10:30	SESSION TWO PLENARY SESSION – HIGH-LEVEL OPENING PANEL Fostering Integration and Cooperation in the COMESA Region through International Relations and Diplomacy <p>This panel session convenes a distinguished group of diplomats, leaders, policymakers, scholars and experts dedicated to advancing regional cooperation and integration within the COMESA region. The discussions will focus on harnessing diplomacy and international relations to strengthen integration, drive sustainable development, and develop unified strategies for addressing regional challenges. Through shared insights and collaborative efforts, panelists will explore innovative approaches to enhancing trade, promoting political cohesion, and unlocking economic potential across member states, ultimately contributing to a more resilient and interconnected regional community.</p> Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winnie Rugutt, Lecturer, DDIS, University of Nairobi Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Bob Wekesa, Director, ACSUS, University of Witwatersrand• Dr. Kizito Sabala, Chairman, IRSK Annual Conference• Dr. Oita Etyang, Head, Governance Peace and Security, COMESA• Leonard Wanyama, CEO, IRSK
10:30 – 11:00	CEREMONIAL LAUNCH OF COMESA BOOK & ACCORD MONOGRAPH SERIES
11:00 – 11:30	PHOTO SESSION / TEA / COFFEE / HEALTH BREAK

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SESSION THREE

TIME	ACTIVITY
11:30 -13:00	SESSION THREE
11:30 -13:00	<p>PLENARY SESSION – LAUNCH OF 2023 IRSK CONFERENCE PAPERS Launch of the 2023 IRSK Annual Conference Research Papers</p> <p>This plenary session unveils a collection of research papers that were presented during the 2023 IRSK Annual Conference and have now been published by COMESA and ACCORD. The papers delve into critical issues facing the region, offering in-depth exploration of challenges, opportunities, and innovative solutions to foster regional integration, economic cooperation, and sustainable development. Reflecting the collaborative spirit and intellectual rigor of the conference community, these publications bring together diverse perspectives to enrich policy dialogues and inspire future research. This launch marks not only an academic achievement but also a meaningful step toward actionable impact within the region.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Andrea Prah, Senior Researcher, ACCORD, South Africa <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Oita Etyang, Head, GPS, COMESA and Co-Editor, AJEN• Elizabeth Mutunga, Coordinator, APSA, COMESA and Co-Editor, AJEN• Dr. Kizito Sabala, Conference Chair and Co-Editor, COMESA Edited Book• Prof. Kasaija Phillip Apuuli, Professor, Makerere University and Co-Editor, AJEN
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK

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SESSION FOUR

TIME	PARALLEL SESSIONS		
14:00 – 15:30	ROOM 1 - PEACE AND SECURITY PANEL (EAC & IGAD) Navigating Regional Stability and Security Challenges in Eastern and Central Africa: Examining Peace Architectures, Ethnic Dynamics, and Political Risk Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. John Mwangi Githigaro, Senior Research Fellow, Mashariki Research and Policy Centre Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Kasaija Phillip Apuuli, Professor, Makerere University, Uganda • Dr. Kizito Sabala, Senior Lecturer, University of Nairobi, Kenya • Jacques Muhindo Vyalirendi, Doctoral Candidate, University of Nairobi, Kenya • Dr. Dan N. Odaba, Executive Director, Institute for Peace and Economics, Kenya • Ms. Berita Musau, Doctoral Fellow, Strathmore University, Kenya Discussant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Nicodemus Minde, Researcher, Institute of Security Strategies, Kenya 	ROOM 2 - AFRICA AGENCY PANEL Achieving African Agency in a Changing Global Order: The Role of International Relations and Diplomacy Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lweendo Kambela, Doctoral Fellow, University of Tasmania, Australia Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amb. Anthony Okara, ALMA Special Ambassador, Kenya • Dr. Bob Wekesa, Director, ACSUS, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa • Dr. Edson Ziso, Lecturer, University of Adelaide, Australia • Prof. Macharia Munene, Professor, United States International University-Africa, Kenya Discussant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Stephen Mwachofi Singo, Lecturer, University of Nairobi, Kenya 	ROOM 3 – DIPLOMACY PANEL The Role of Diplomacy in Advancing Sustainable Development, Regional Integration, and Gender Inclusion in Africa Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Fatma Abdullatif, Director, Foreign Service Academy, Kenya Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Shazia Chaudhry, Senior Lecturer, University of Nairobi, Kenya • Peterson Waweru, MA Student, University of Nairobi, Kenya • Shem Siteki, PhD Candidate, United States International University-Africa, Kenya • Vumile Mncibi, Lecturer, University of Zululand, South Africa Discussant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Daniel Oloo Ong'ong'a, Lecturer, Mt. Kenya University, Kenya
15:30 – 16:00	TRANSITION TO NEW PANELS		

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16:00 – 17:30	ROOM 1 – ACCORD PANEL	ROOM 2 – TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL	ROOM 3 – MEDIA INFLUENCE PANEL
	<p>Institutionalising Wisdom: The Role of the Panels/Councils in Peace-making in Africa</p> <p>Moderator Dr. Andrea Prah (Ph.D.), Senior Researcher, ACCORD, South Africa</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Tim Murithi, Head of Programme - Peacebuilding Interventions, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, South Africa • Dr. Festus Aubyn, Senior Research Fellow, Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC), Ghana • Prof Kasaija Apuuli, Professor, Makerere University, Uganda • Dr. Tunji Namaiko, Peace and Development Consultant, UNDP, Ethiopia • Dr. Oita Etyang, Head, Governance, Peace and Security, COMESA • Muneinazvo Kujeke, African Governance, Peace & Security Expert <p>Q&A Session</p>	<p>Strengthening Resilience, Cooperation and Development by Leveraging Trade and Investment: Perspectives and Lessons from the COMESA Region</p> <p>Moderator Jane Kibiru, Research Fellow, Trade and Economic Policy, COMESA</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Elizabeth N. Mutunga, Coordinator, APSA, COMESA, Zambia • Dr. Kizito Sabala, Senior Lecturer, University of Nairobi, Kenya • Dr. Alice Karuri, Lecturer, Strathmore University, Kenya • Ms. Winnie Cheptoo Rugutt, Lecturer, University of Nairobi, Kenya <p>Discussant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Socrates Majeune, Lecturer, Department of Economics and Development Studies, University of Nairobi, Kenya 	<p>Shaping Migration and Diplomacy through Media Narratives: Analysis of Selected African Newspapers and their Influence</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Michael Higgins, Senior Researcher, Sahan East Africa, Kenya <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Esther Muthoni King'ori, Lecturer, Strathmore University, Kenya • Dr. Maureen Syallow, Lecturer, Strathmore University, Kenya • Ms. Charlotte Irigoga, MA Candidate, Aga Khan University, Uganda • Mr. Eliud Kibii, Diplomatic Reporter, The Star Newspaper <p>Discussant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. George Nyabuga, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Media and Communication, Aga Khan University, Kenya

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SESSION FIVE

TIME	ACTIVITY
08:00 - 09:00	ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION <i>IRSK Protocol Team</i> Eunice Wawuda , Conference Protocol OVERVIEW OF DAY 1 <i>Master of Ceremony</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kemsa Rehan Ali, Media Personality
09:00 - 11:00	PLENARY SESSION – AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION PANEL
09:00 - 10:00	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS - IMPLICATIONS OF CLEAN ENERGY TRENDS This session will examine the collaborative efforts between Australia and Africa in advancing clean and sustainable energy. This panel will focus on the collaborative potential between Australia and Africa in the clean energy transition, emphasizing Africa's vast reserves of critical minerals essential for renewable technologies. It will explore Australian investments in over 200 mining projects, valued at \$60 billion, and discuss the role of initiatives like the Africa Green Hydrogen Hub. The panel will also discuss Africa's clean energy goals, including Kenya's target to generate 100% renewable electricity by 2030, while highlighting how both regions are working towards achieving SDG 7 for sustainable and modern energy access. <i>Moderator</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Georgie Ndirangu, Award-winning Communications Professional Introductory Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Jenny Da Rin, The Australian High Commissioner to Kenya. <i>Speakers</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nikhath Zigmund, Kenya Country Director, Fortescue Future Industries• Matthew Tilleard, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, CrossBoundary Group• Dr. Faith Wandera, Director of Renewable Energy, State Department for Energy• Amani Mhinda, Senior Advisor in Charge of Business and Strategy, Africatalyst
10:00 – 10:30	PANEL SESSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS - IMPLICATIONS OF CLEAN ENERGY TRENDS <i>Moderator</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Georgie Ndirangu, Award-winning Communications Professional <i>Panelists</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nikhath Zigmund, Kenya Country Director, Fortescue Future Industries• Matthew Tilleard, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, CrossBoundary Group• Dr. Faith Wandera, Director of Renewable Energy, State Department for Energy• Amani Mhinda, Senior Advisor in Charge of Business and Strategy, Africatalyst
10:30 - 11:00	SPONSOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT/PHOTO SESSION
11:00 - 11:30	TEA/COFFEE / HEALTH BREAK

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SESSION SIX

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11:30 – 01:00	PLENARY SESSION – LABOR MIGRATION
11:30 – 12:30	<p>ROOM 1 – LABOR MIGRATION PANEL</p> <p>MANAGING LABOUR MIGRATION IN AFRICA: A BALANCE BETWEEN OPPORTUNITY AND EXPLOITATION</p> <p>Africa is experiencing a significant surge in labour migration, both voluntary and forced, driven by numerous factors such as economic disparities, climate change, conflicts and political instability. While labour migration can offer substantial economic benefits to both source and destination countries, it also presents significant challenges, including exploitation, feminisation of migration, human trafficking, and social disruption. This panel on labour migration will explore and provide valuable insights on the multifaceted and complex dynamics of labour migration in Africa and identify practical solutions to address the challenges and maximize the opportunities associated with this phenomenon. Discussants will find time to share their experience and learn from each other on how to improve labour migration governance in the region. Eventually, the panel discussion will contribute to a more informed and effective approach to managing labour migration in Africa.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joy Doreen Biira, Journalist and Media Personality <p>Introductory Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathias Kamp, Country Director, KAS Kenya <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amb. Tom Amollo, Former Ambassador of Kenya to Germany • Dr. Margaret W. Gichanga, Steering Committee Member, Migration and Refugee Research Network, Oxford Brookes University, UK • Frank Nuwagaba, Immigration Officer, IOM, Uganda • Priscilla Kerebi, Vice Chair, KEPSA Education Sector Board
12:30 – 13:00	<p>PANEL SESSION MANAGING LABOUR MIGRATION IN AFRICA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amb. Tom Amollo, Former Ambassador of Kenya to Germany • Dr. Margaret W. Gichanga, Steering Committee Member, Migration and Refugee Research Network, Oxford Brookes University, UK • Frank Nuwagaba, Immigration Officer, IOM, Uganda • Priscilla Kerebi, Vice Chair, KEPSA Education Sector Board
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK

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SESSION SEVEN

TIME	PARALLEL SESSIONS		
14:00 – 15:30	ROOM 1 - PEACE AND SECURITY PANEL (COMESA) <p>Advancing Peace, Security, and Trade in the COMESA Region: Challenges, Opportunities, and Collaborative Solutions</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Andrea Prah, Senior Researcher, ACCORD <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evans Daka, Lecturer, University of Zambia • Ms. Elizabeth Mutunga, Coordinator, APSA, COMESA • Dr. Hiroyoshi Fujimoto, Economist, Embassy of Japan in Zimbabwe • Mr. Sean Yeo, Engineer & Analyst, Virtual Research Associates, Boston, US • Dr. Oita Etyang, Head, Governance, Peace and Security, COMESA, Zambia • Lweendo Kambela, University of Tasmania, Australia • Boniface Cheembe, Lecturer, University of Zambia • Dr. Musavengana W.T. Chibwana, Research Fellow, University of Free State, South Africa <p>Discussant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Kasaija Apuuli, Professor, Makerere University, Uganda 	ROOM 2 – GEO-ECONOMICS PANEL <p>Examining the Geo-Strategic Role of Corridor Infrastructure in the Horn of Africa Region: Intersections of Development, Diplomacy, and Debt</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kiplimo Kigen, Head of Policy Research & Advocacy, KNCCI <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Mohamed Osman Guudle, Associate Professor, University of Hargeisa, Somaliland • Susan Handa Onyango, Lecturer, Strathmore University, Kenya • Stephen Fowler, Senior Consultant, Abu Dhabi • Dr. Kizito Sabala, Senior Lecturer, University of Nairobi, Kenya • Lemmy N. Mulaku, Ph.D. Candidate, DDIS, University of Nairobi <p>Discussant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Peter Mwencha, Faculty Member, Aga Khan University, Kenya 	ROOM 3 – DEMOCRACY AND ELECTIONS PANEL <p>Towards Fair, Peaceful and Inclusive Elections in the COMESA Region: Leveraging Technology, Political Mobilization and Democratic Practices</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward Kakumu, Mzalendo Trust, Program Manager <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ndakaitei Makwanise, Lecturer, Midlands State University, Zimbabwe • Fridah Wanjiru Njoki, University of Nairobi, Kenya • Immanuel Mwendwa Kiilu, Student, Strathmore University, Kenya • Thelma Nabwire Mondoh, Researcher, Golden Letters Research, Kenya • Renic Ochieng, Researcher, Golden Letters Research, Kenya. <p>Discussant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. John Mwangi Githigaro, Senior Research Fellow, Mashariki Research and Policy Centre
15:30 – 16:00	TRANSITION TO NEW PANELS		

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16:00 – 17:30	ROOM 1 – REGIONAL INTEGRATION PANEL (EAC)	ROOM 2 – REGIONAL INTEGRATION PANEL (COMESA)	ROOM 3 – PEACE AND SECURITY PANEL
	<p>Balancing National Priorities and Collective Goals in the EAC Region: Challenges, Opportunities and Prospects</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Con Omore Osendo, Independent Consultant, Governance and Economics <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kizito Sabala, Senior Lecturer, University of Nairobi, Kenya • Benedict Arwa, Doctoral Candidate, University of Nairobi, Kenya • James Shikwati, CEO, IREN East Africa, Kenya • Lawrence Jost, Researcher, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Kenya <p>Discussant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Janet Muthoni Kiguru, Political and Economic Affairs Manager, Australian High Commission to Kenya 	<p>Navigating the Path to Deeper Regional Integration within COMESA: Harnessing Diplomacy, Competition, and Identity</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane Kibiru, Research Fellow, Trade and Economic Policy, COMESA <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Peter Mwencha, Faculty Member, Aga Khan University, Kenya • Dr. Reason Masengu, Senior Lecturer, Middle East College, Oman (Virtual) • Moronge Obonyo, Lecturer, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Kenya • Paul Chayuga, Researcher, Kenya School of Government <p>Discussant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amani Mhinda, Senior Advisor in Charge of Business and Strategy, Africatalyst 	<p>Building Peaceful and Secure Futures: A Multifaceted Exploration of Perspectives on Peace and Security in Africa</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Oita Etyang, Head, Governance, Peace and Security, COMESA <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Redie Bereketeab, Senior Researcher, Nordica Africa Institute, Uppsala University, Sweden • Anwar Abdifatah, Doctoral Candidate in International Studies, University of Nairobi, Kenya • Edwine Otieno Ayoma, Doctoral Candidate, University of Nairobi, Kenya • Adelaide Musanga Muchesia, Doctoral Candidate, University of Nairobi, Kenya <p>Discussant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Nicodemus Minde, Researcher, Institute of Security Strategies, Kenya

DAY 3
FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER, 2024

SESSION EIGHT

TIME	ACTIVITY
08:00 - 09:00	<p>ARRIVAL OF GUESTS AND REGISTRATION</p> <p>IRSK Protocol Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eunice Wawuda, Conference Protocol <p>OVERVIEW OF DAY 2</p> <p>Master of Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kemsa Rehan Ali, Media Personality <p>PLENARY SESSION - FISCAL/DEBT DIPLOMACY</p>
09:00 – 10:00	<p>THE ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY OF FISCAL JUSTICE - HOW CIVIL SOCIETY AND ACADEMIA USE RESEARCH TO CHALLENGE INTERNATIONAL NORMS AND PRACTICES</p> <p>This session will explore the critical role civil society and academia play in reshaping global economic norms through research-driven advocacy. The discussion will focus on how these groups, operating at local, national, regional, and global levels, use evidence-based strategies to challenge entrenched practices in areas such as tax justice, debt advocacy, global fiscal standards, tax treaties, climate financing, and economic human rights violations. Panelists will demonstrate how civil society uses research to support campaigns, protests, and global advocacy, applying tools such as ranking lists, public awareness campaigns, and civil protests to apply pressure on both domestic and international actors</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wanjiru Gikonyo, Transformational Governance Expert <p>Introductory Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leonard Wanyama, Regional Coordinator, The East African Tax and Governance Network (EATGN). <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Riva Jalipa, Advisor, Amnesty International• Kenneth Okwaro, Executive Director, Africa Centre for People, Institutions and Society (ACEPIS)• Florence Syevuo, Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Kenya Forum.
10:00 – 10:30	<p>PANEL SESSION ON THE ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY OF FISCAL JUSTICE</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wanjiru Gikonyo, Transformational Governance Expert <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Riva Jalipa, Advisor, Amnesty International• Leonard Wanyama, Regional Coordinator, The East African Tax and Governance Network (EATGN).• Kenneth Okwaro, Executive Director, Africa Centre for People, Institutions and Society (ACEPIS)• Florence Syevuo, Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Kenya Forum.
10:30 – 11:00	<p>PHOTO SESSION/ TEA/COFFEE/HEALTH BREAK</p>

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SESSION NINE

TIME	ACTIVITY
11:00 – 11:45	<p>PLENARY SESSION – YOUTH AGENCY PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <p>ROOM 1 – YOUTH PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <p>YOUTH AGENCY AND VOICE IN DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA TODAY</p> <p>This session seeks to address the multifaceted challenges and opportunities for African youth in within the COMESA region, whereby youth discontent over issues such as unemployment, exclusionary policies, and police brutality reflects the broader continental challenges of youth underrepresentation. This panel discussion seeks to explore how African youth - especially in COMESA member states - can play a central role in shaping governance and democratic processes. The panelists will examine how regional cooperation, international relations, and diplomacy can be leveraged to amplify youth voices and support their active engagement in peace and security initiatives.</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eunice Wawuda, Student, DDIS, UoN <p>Introductory Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• George Ngoha, Conflict and Peace Researcher, DDIS, UoN <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Esther Nambuye, Researcher and Consultant, DDIS, UoN• Wambui Gachihi, Vice-Chair, International Relations Student Association of Kenya (IRSAK)• Judy Njeri, Communications and Media Relations Assistant, IRSK• Byron Osumba, Information, Management and Outreach Intern, UNEP
11:45 – 12:30	<p>CLOSING SESSION</p> <p>Closing Session/Ceremony</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kemsa Rehan Ali, Media Personality <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leonard Wanyama, CEO, IRSK• Mathias Kamp, Country Director, KAS Kenya• Dr. Oita Etyang, Head, GPS, COMESA• Dr. Kizito Sabala, Chairman, 2024 IRSK Annual Conference <p>Vote of Thanks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roselyn Musera, Vice-Chair and Council Member, IRSK
12:30 – 13:00	<p>PHOTO SESSION</p> <p>END OF THE CONFERENCE</p>



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