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I would like to take the time to welcome you yet again to another exciting edition of our quarterly Newsletter. This newsletter showcases the different milestones during the concluded quarter and highlights some of our achievements.

This quarter has been action packed with a wide variety of activities and events. Owing to the current Covid-19 Pandemic, a majority of these activities have been conducted online through our various digital platforms. We are extremely grateful for the continued participation of each and every one of you in these events. It is our commitment to continue engaging each other on different projects and topics which impact our society. We should use these platforms as a mechanism of not only exchanging ideas, but also make recommendations which will ensure that society is positively impacted through our involvement.

KAS is in its advanced stages of finalizing preparations for this years, 03<sup>rd</sup> Kampala Geopolitics Conference slated to take place between 19<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020. You are all invited to take part in this exciting event. We shall soon be informing you of how the event will be taking place. We shall also be joining Leo Africa for its annual Leaders gathering during this coming quarter and we in the same spirit invite your participation.

I would like to express my gratitude to all partners of KAS who continue to support our different activities. With the opening of airports, I have now taken up my position in Uganda. I look forward to meeting and interacting with you more closely as we move forward.

Lastly, in these unprecedented Covid-19 times, we urge you to remain vigilant, protect yourself and your family. We continue to remind you to follow the Government of Uganda SOPs of preventing the spread of the Virus.

# Announcing Upcoming Activities.

October

19<sup>th</sup>  
-30<sup>th</sup>

**Kampala Geopolitics Conference 2020**

19<sup>th</sup> Oct. -  
30<sup>th</sup> Oct.

NBS Television  
Auditorium  
NBS Television



## Kampala Geopolitics Conference is back!

The third annual Kampala Geopolitics Conference will convene a main conference from October 19, 2020 to October 30, 2020 under the theme: **Geopolitics in the year of the pandemic and beyond**.

The conference will be convened by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), in partnership with the Embassy of France, Makerere University and U.N. Women Uganda. The conference will once again aim at creating high-level, interactive and dynamic platforms for dialogue and free exchange of ideas cutting across contemporary, local and international geopolitics. Experts from Uganda and the African continent will be joined by international researchers to engage in participatory and documented debates on global topics.

The conference can be accessed live on NBS Television as follows;

### Monday, October 19

2:00pm – 2:15pm	<b>Opening Statements to the Conference:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anna Reismann – Country Director, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Uganda &amp; South Sudan</li> <li>• H.E. Jules-Armand Aniambossou – French Ambassador to Uganda</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maxime Houinato – Head, UN Women Uganda</li> <li>• Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe – Vice-Chancellor, Makerere University</li> </ul> <b>Artistic Presentation</b> – Alliance Française de Kampala
2:20pm – 2:40pm	<b>Keynote Address:</b> Stronger Together? Why and How the COVID-19 Pandemic Should Help Us Re-Imagine Subsidiarity and Solidarity for a Better World <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bineta Diop – Special Envoy for Women, Peace and Security, African Union</li> </ul>	
2:40pm – 4:00pm	<b>Panel Conversation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Yonas Tegegn Woldemariam – WHO Representative and Head of Mission to Uganda</li> <li>• H.E. Attilio Pacifici – Ambassador of the European Union to Uganda</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beatrice Kiraso – Former Deputy Secretary General, East African Community</li> <li>• Sabrina Krief – Professor, The French National Museum of Natural History</li> </ul> Moderated by Alan Kasujja – Journalist, BBC

### Wednesday, October 21

2:00pm – 3:30pm	<b>Panel Conversation:</b> Women and Power; Reshaping of Foreign Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rt Hon. Rebecca Kadaga – Speaker, Parliament of Uganda</li> <li>• Unaisi Bolatolu-Vuniwaqa – Police Commissioner, United Nations Mission in South Sudan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maxime Houinato – Head, UN Women Uganda</li> <li>• Lucia Bakulumpagi – CEO and Founder, Bakulu Power</li> </ul> Moderated by Irene Ikumu – Chief Executive Officer, Mui Consulting Group
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### Friday, October 23

2:00pm – 3:30pm	<b>Panel Conversation:</b> Geopolitics of the Fourth Industrial Revolution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robert Kirunda – Managing Partner, Kirunda &amp; Wasike Advocates</li> <li>• Olivia N'Loga – Communications Manager for Francophone Africa, Facebook</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sebastian Weise – Innovation Coordinator, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung</li> <li>• Pascal Boniface – Director, Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques</li> </ul> Moderated by Alan Kasujja – Journalist, BBC
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### Monday, October 26

2:00pm – 3:30pm	<b>Panel Conversation:</b> COVID-19 Responses: What Implications for Global Leadership? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hon. Ruth Aceng – Minister of Health, Uganda</li> <li>• Andrew Mwenda – Founder &amp; Editor, The Independent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alina Polykova – President and CEO, Center for European Policy Analysis</li> <li>• Renaud Girard – Journalist, Le Figaro</li> </ul> Moderated by Nanjala Ngabola – Political Analyst Author Digital Democracy, Analogy Politics
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### Wednesday, October 28

2:00pm – 3:30pm	<b>Panel Conversation:</b> Role of Sports and the Arts Industry in Restructuring Global Conversations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sophie Lorient – International Relations Director at Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Organising Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Jules-Armand Aniambossou – French Ambassador to Uganda</li> <li>• William Blick – President, Uganda Olympic Committee</li> <li>• Kemi Ayodele – Ugandan playwright, actress and filmmaker</li> </ul> Moderated by Joe Kigozi – Chief Strategy Officer, Next Media
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### Friday, October 30

2:00pm – 2:30pm	<b>Keynote Address:</b> 2020 and Beyond: Shaping our Future Together <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Christopher Mbazira – Professor of Law, Makerere University</li> </ul>	<b>Panel Conversation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rémy Rioux – Director, French Agency for Development</li> <li>• Rosa Malango – Resident Coordinator, United Nations in Uganda</li> <li>• Christiana Figueres – Executive Secretary, The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change</li> <li>• H.E. Matthias Schauer – German Ambassador to Uganda</li> <li>• Charles Onyango-Obbo – Journalist, Africapedia &amp; Rogue Chiefs</li> </ul>
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November

19<sup>th</sup>  
-21<sup>st</sup>

ANNUAL  
LEADERS  
GATHERING  
Investing in the Future

**BEYOND  
THE CRISIS**  
LEADERSHIP AT CROSS ROADS

19 – 21 Nov. 2020

## The Annual Leaders Gathering

In partnership with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the Léo Africa Institute will host the inaugural Annual Leaders Gathering (ALG) via a three-day virtual conference between November 19 to November 21, 2020 under the theme **"Beyond the Crisis: Leadership at Crossroads"**. The 2020 ALG will attract participation from young and emerging leaders within the KAS and Léo Africa Institute networks across the region and the wider networks across Africa. This first of its kind gathering will convene innovators, entrepreneurs, policy makers and key decision makers within both the private and public sector across the region to discuss the challenges facing society today and how they can be solved within the African context.



Effective industrial policy has been at the core of virtually every economic transformation success story around the world. After three decades of neoliberal economic management, and faced with stalled transformation, the Government of Uganda now demonstrates a renewed interest and confidence in proactive industrial policy. While its efforts to date have lacked focus and depth, there is now a clear sense of reflection on the next phase of industrialisation strategies: National Industrial Policy has been drafted, and an Industrialisation Masterplan commissioned.

The prospect of industrial policy success hangs in the balance: it can kickstart the deeper transformation so sorely needed to provide decent jobs and incomes to Uganda's bulging youth population, but can just as easily become an extractive tool for patronage politics that stifles economic progress.

At the tail end of the last quarter, in cooperation with Center for Development Alternatives, we virtually launched a "Reality check 12" publication on Industrial Policy for Economic Transformation in Uganda.

KAS is committed to the advancement of public dialogue in the development of Uganda. An effective industrial sector is key to the development of any economy. This requires the development and implementation of strong and comprehensive policies which are the bedrock to ensuring uniformity and sustainable industrialization of the economy. We believe that this Reality Check will go a long way in promoting dialogue amongst Ugandans on the industrial policies with a view of ensuring proper policies that are not only sustainable but also achievable. It is on this basis that KAS funded this research and are pleased to share the findings with all Ugandans.

Max Walter,  
Lead Author Reality Check 12





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“A good society is one whose youth are active citizens and are participative in public affairs”

said Edmond Yakani

In partnership with Yamora NGO, we had a Civil-Military workshop in Yei, South Sudan where we oriented the local Chiefs on their role in the communities as mediators between soldiers and the army. We also provided updates on the current developments from the government of the Republic of South Sudan, especially the functioning of the local government system. The participants were drawn from top military officials, civilian representatives (local chiefs), joint operations, top National Security officials, and top police officers.

**POLA – LAB project.** As we continue to prepare young political leaders, in partnership with CEFoRD, we conducted a political leadership advancement training with a group of 25 youth from the first cohort of the programme. “A good society is one whose youth are active citizens and are participative in public affairs” said Edmond Yakani, a South Sudanese peace activist during the training.

Last September, we welcomed 30 go-getting young South Sudanese into a one-year fellowship programme on political leadership advancement. We are pleased to announce that these fellows have now all graduated from the programme.



Mawa George



Edmond Yakani - South Sudanese peace activist





To combat COVID-19, KAS takes its responsibility to practice social distancing serious. We have thus shifted our monthly scholars and alumni platforms to an online format. This way, we continue to discuss crucial topics of the daily political agenda in Uganda and beyond. The scholars and alumni engagements reviewed the following themes;

## 1. Scientific elections in Uganda

The online event focused on the discussion about the revised road map for the General Elections of Uganda, announced by the Electoral Commission on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020. We also addressed different issues ranging from understanding scientific elections, whether such elections can be considered democratic, and establishing how the electoral commission intends to monitor and regulate the said campaigns. Finally, we wanted to find out "Is Uganda ready for scientific elections?"

We hosted three speakers from the KAS network;



*"The government is exploring mechanisms of ensuring equal access to different media houses and this will be communicated by the Electoral Commission in due course. We look forward to seeing how government tackles this, for there is a need to ensure fairness in the electioneering process in a way that all candidates have an opportunity to appear on different media platforms."*

**Awel Uwhanganye**, Head of Government Citizen Interaction Center (MoCIT)



*"The scientific approach does not totally limit all campaign approaches except the massive rallies.*

*Candidates should explore more pragmatic and creative mechanisms of interacting with the electorate under the new electoral framework while observing the Ministry of Health SOPs."* **Robert Kirunda**, Partner at Kirunda advocates



*"A scientific election may make it difficult to determine the demeanour and character of the candidate since they are hidden behind social media and other digital platforms."* **Lillian Babirye**, Chairperson of Network of Women in Politics

## 2. Preparedness of new cities in Uganda

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Uganda's Cabinet approved the creation of fifteen cities, and Parliament endorsed it on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Global statics show that more people will move to cities and urban centers in the next forty years and therefore building cities becomes a critical response to the political, social and economic boom. Cities provide a hub for innovation and development. The new cities created should take it upon themselves to adjust to the new reality for their prospects but also address any outstanding constraints for the betterment of Uganda. The topic was presented by KAS Scholars; Clinton Bill Agaba and Jean Ngobi and professor Yasin Olum(PHD), a political analyst who served as an expert discussant.



*"Several critical questions have been raised to assess the extent to which the new cities will perform their expected mandates, the key question however becomes, does it make sense that these cities were created at all?"*

**Professor Yasin Olum** (PHD), Governing Council Member at Mutesa Royal University.

## 3. Re-positioning youth skilling to match market demand in the post COVID-19 era

Given the nature of the topic, the Scholars & Alumni Network engagement was conducted physically with selected participants, while observing the government's SOPs and guidelines in place. The unexpected paradigm shift of the economy from physical to digital caused by the COVID-19 era, compelled young men and women all around the globe into finding a new path to navigate and reskill themselves.



*"We just don't need innovative ideas we need the investment capital, relevant policy, talent, technology support, business development, access to market opportunities to be able to see the true nature of the innovative youth."* **CK Japheth**, Team Leader at The innovation Village



*"There is no straight line to developing a good idea into a start-up. Ideas get better because we work on them. The idea is always 1%, 99% is the hard work, and for everything else, you need to take charge of your journey as an entrepreneur"* **Evelyn Namara**, Founder of Vouch Digital



# EU Project Update



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(DINU)



SPACE project has carried on with the use of radios and social media messages customised and localised to each target community. We have been able to engage citizens in the target Districts focusing on; local governance, downward accountability, Policies and gender inclusion. We recognize that the relationship between an open radio talk show and good governance lies at the heart of citizen's engagement. Recent feedback at the talk shows indicates citizen's excitement about the project and how the youths, women and minority groups are fully engaged.

## District Client Charters (DCC)

SPACE project has also embraced the review and development of District Client Charters, a tool to strengthen the demand and supply side of accountability for service delivery. This was introduced under the Public Service Reform programme to spell out the roles, responsibilities and commitments of all the 6 target District Local Governments to their clients in both public and private sectors. We believe that this will go a long way in ensuring local government officials are accountable to citizens and most importantly promote efficiency and effectiveness of leaders in service delivery.

To learn more about the project, you can now visit and follow the project website [www.dinuspace.org](http://www.dinuspace.org) and social media updates:

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Left: Ayub Kiranda, with youth leaders in Jinja

Media has a key role to play in the process of passing on information and promoting the nature and context of the upcoming elections. In partnership with University Forum on Governance, we had two workshops with youth leaders in Jinja, Kamuli and Iganga, contesting in different electoral positions in the upcoming elections. Our discussion focused on two core subjects:

1. Social media as a tool for social and political mobilization and
2. The political economy of the electoral ecosystem in Uganda.

## Uganda Media Week

KAS partnered with Media Focus Africa under the theme *“Shaping the future of journalism in Uganda”*. Through this project, we conduct media dialogues with journalists and radio presenters to discuss and better understand the 2021 elections in Uganda.





## Taking Voter Education to the Grassroots



Using mobile vans to create awareness, ACFODE, in conjunction with Konrad Adenauer-Stiftung conducted grassroots civic education sessions in the districts of Kamwenge, Kyegegwa, Ntoroko and Bundibugyo. The vans moved through villages playing recorded messages which were focused on the importance of women's participation in politics; the challenges women face in participating in elective politics, encouraging women to offer themselves for different political positions, and how the community can support women candidates. There were also messages on election violence, the revised EC Road Map including the opportunities available for women given the new nomination, campaign, voting modalities and the COVID-19 prevention measures. The participation of women and other marginalized groups in political processes remains a focus for KAS and ACFODE.



*Residents of Bitamamitunda subcounty in Bundibugyo district pose with posters handed out.*

## Youth4Policy Fellowship



### New Faces in our Youth4Policy Programme



**Judith Flavia Nakiriji** is an Economist and a Lecturer at Makerere University Business School. She is flexible, versatile, open minded and has a good sense of humor. Her research focus is on studies that lead to development of informed and effective policies that result in sustainable development throughout Uganda and the developing world in general. She is currently working on research projects on effective E-Governance in local governments and sustainable tourism practices in Uganda. Previously, she worked on research projects in the field of energy economics, economic growth and trade. Her goals are to become an accomplished academician and policy influencer.



**Natukunda Charlotte Kashisha** is a Ugandan lawyer and Pan Africanist who believes in cultural exchange, equality, civic activism and a fighter for human rights. Her first book "Chosen" is a mirror of hope to the young people on the journey of personal development. As a strong believer in servant leadership, Charlotte has served in different capacities under the Uganda National Students Association and East African Community.

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and protect your loved ones;

**Mask Up!**



**Handwash**



**Social  
distance**



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