

MAPS Conference:

Migration and Displacement in Sub-Saharan Africa: Towards a knowledge-based Agenda

28 July 2025 | Dar es Salaam, Tanzania | Hybrid modality

The MAPS Conference 2025, scheduled for July 28th in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, aims to be an interactive platform for scholars, policy makers, practitioners, and key stakeholders to exchange knowledge on migration and displacement challenges across Sub-Saharan Africa.

The conference brings together diverse perspectives, connecting African and European academia, international organizations, EU agencies and delegations, civil society organizations, private sector representatives, media, diaspora communities, and national authorities actively involved in migration and higher education policy. The initiative prioritizes human rights, gender equality, environmental sustainability, and the protection of vulnerable groups such as women, children, minorities, and persons with disabilities.

Four thematic roundtables will be held to foster research, debate, and dialogue on key dimensions of migration and forced displacement, exploring the following areas:

Peace – Conflicts, borders and border policies, human rights

People – Gender, age, disabilities, and vulnerabilities

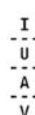
Planet – Climate change, disasters, natural hazard stressors, resilience

Prosperity – Education, employment, health, housing, equality, socio-spatial inclusion

The Conference is supported by the European Union in the framework of the project “MAPS - Migration and Displacement Action Plan for Sub-Saharan Africa. Developing policy-oriented research on Migration and Displacement in the Sub-Saharan Region”.

The MAPS Project — coordinated by the UNESCO Chair in Migrations, Population, and Development at Sapienza University of Rome — promotes evidence-based policy solutions on migration and displacement and involves a multidisciplinary consortium from Europe and Africa. Partner institutions include six Italian universities hosting UNESCO Chairs (Sapienza, Udine, IUAV Venice, Brescia, Ferrara, and Reggio Calabria), the University of Barcelona (Spain), the University of Dodoma (Tanzania), the University of Kabale (Uganda), and AMREF International University (Kenya). Advisory institutions contributing to the MAPS initiative include the IOM Regional Data Hub for West and Central Africa, the Catholic University of Rwanda, and the University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa).

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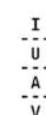
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08:30 - 09:00	Participants Registration
09:00 - 09:45	Welcoming Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Razack Bakari Lokina, Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic, Research and Consultancy, University of Dodoma, Tanzania - Giuseppe Coppola, Ambassador of Italy to the United Republic of Tanzania - Maurizio BUSATTI IOM Tanzania Chief of Mission - Anna Peter Makakala, Commissioner of Immigration, Ministry of Interior, Tanzania - Sobhi Tawil, Director of the Future of Learning and Innovation Division, UNESCO - Marc Stalmans, Representative of the European Union Delegation to the United Republic of Tanzania
09:45 - 10:00	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cristina GIUDICI, UNESCO Chair in Migration, Population and Development, Sapienza University of Rome, MAPS coordinator
10:00 - 18:00	Advancing Analytical Approaches in Migration Studies <p>Roundtables on the Four MAPS Pillars: People, Prosperity, Peace, Planet <i>Participants will engage in four parallel roundtables, each focusing on one of the MAPS pillars. These sessions will adopt an interactive format with poster-based discussions, encouraging dynamic and inclusive dialogue. Each roundtable will be supported by visual materials to foster a participatory and non-hierarchical environment.</i></p>
10:00 - 11:30	Roundtable 1. People <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chaired by Mihaela Vancea, MAPS consortium, University of Barcelona - Keynote speaker: Opportuna KWEKA, University of Dar Es Salaam - Planned interventions and discussion: Josephat Nyagero, Kabale University; Godfrey Sempungu, Kabale University; Menan Kouamé, IPORA project
11:30 - 11:45	Coffee Break



11:45 -13:15	Roundtable 2. Planet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chaired by Claudio Carnevale, University of Brescia - Keynote speaker: Valérie GOLAZ, INED, France - Planned interventions and discussion: Yonas Birmeta, University of Addis Ababa; Srinivasa Rao, University of Dodoma; Martin Pius, University of Dodoma.
13:15 - 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 - 16:00:	Roundtable 3. Peace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chaired by Alfredo Alietti, University of Ferrara - Keynote speaker: Leben Nelson MORO, University of Juba, South Sudan - Planned interventions and discussion: Enza Roberta Petrillo, Sapienza University of Rome; Christopher Zapp, IOM Kenya
16:00-16:15	Coffee Break
16:15 - 17:45	Roundtable 4. Prosperity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chaired by Giovanna Marconi, University Iuav of Venice - Keynote Speaker: Natal AYIGA, University of Kabale, Uganda - Planned interventions and discussions: Hamid Oskorouchi, University of Palermo, Edwin Paul, University of Dodoma; Papa Sow, The Nordic Africa Institute.
17:45 - 18:00	Coffee Break
18:00- 18:30	Lessons Learned and Futures Directions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Claudio Carnevale, University of Brescia
18:30	Closing Ceremony

Scientific committee:

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