



ASSOCIATION
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OF UGANDA

INNOVATIONS IN GLOBAL SURGERY

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5TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON INNOVATIONS IN GLOBAL SURGERY

22 -25 March 2027

K a m p a l a U g a n d a

CONCEPT

Background

Global surgery focuses on improving access to safe, affordable, and timely surgical care for people worldwide, especially in low- and middle-income countries. Over the past decade, innovations in this field have transformed how surgical services are delivered, trained, and managed.

In surgical care, innovations such as minimally invasive surgery, advanced imaging technologies, and robotic-assisted procedures (in high income countries) have improved surgical precision, reduced complications, shortened hospital stays, and enhanced patient recovery. Portable and low-cost surgical equipment has also expanded access to essential surgery in underserved and rural areas.

In anaesthesia care, innovations including safer anaesthesia machines, modern monitoring devices, ultrasound-guided regional anaesthesia, and improved medications have significantly reduced anaesthesia-related risks. Affordable Portable anaesthesia systems, solar powered equipment and oxygen delivery technologies have made surgery safer and more accessible especially in resource limited settings where infrastructure may be limited.

Digital Health innovations such as telemedicine and digital health platforms, which allow surgeons to consult, train, and support healthcare workers remotely. This has expanded specialist access to rural and underserved regions. Another important development is low-cost surgical technology.

Task-sharing and workforce innovation have also improved surgical care. In many countries, non-physician clinicians are now trained to perform essential surgical procedures, helping address shortages of surgeons and anaesthetists who's scope and quality of care is now a rising discussion.

Advances in data systems and artificial intelligence (AI) are helping hospitals track surgical outcomes, predict patient risks, improve decision making, strengthen coordination among surgical teams and improve healthcare planning. Mobile apps and electronic medical records are also strengthening patient follow-up and coordination.

In addition, innovations in global partnerships and education including international training programs, simulation-based learning, virtual training platforms, online mentorship programs and collaborative research networks are building sustainable surgical capacity worldwide.

Together, these innovations are helping reduce surgical inequities and moving global health systems closer to universal health coverage.



ICIGS Evolution

ICIGS 2023

(Mombasa):

**Translating innovation +
responsible innovation in LMICs**

By 2024 the agenda became more “health-system complete”: access, outcomes, leadership, system strategies/policies, ethics panels, and a visible emphasis on **evidence and evaluation** (abstracts, outcomes, mapping services).

Technology topics broadened beyond VR to include mHealth post-C-section monitoring, AR live-streaming, low-cost neurosurgical models, and local manufacturing/regulation—showing a shift from tools to **implementation reality**.

The 2023 programme was strongly structured around responsible innovation, context, and a practical “innovation pathway”: identify need → design frugally/sustainably → evaluate → implement → scale.

It also anchored the conference identity in hands-on workshops (VR/urology, WALANT, flexible endoscopy, laparoscopic simulation), plus a hackathon on unmet SOTA needs in Eastern Africa.

ICIGS 2024

(Cape Town):

**Systems strengthening
+ sustainable surgery +
measurable evidence**

This congress focused on:

- **Equity framing** (“bridging gaps in global health”)
- **Social innovations** (a full session) and **community voice** (students/trainees/ rural surgeons as panellists)
- **Climate and circular economy**: explicit debate and a sustainable financing/ policy session grounded in circular economy.
- **Emerging tech as an industry-facing track**, explicitly naming **AI, telemedicine, and digital health**.

Also, the pre-conference workshop list adds **3D printing in LMIC**, suggesting expansion into distributed manufacturing and rapid prototyping.

ICIGS 2025

(Malawi):

Equity + social innovation + climate + AI/digital health enters the cen



2027

Scientific Conference

The Association of Surgeons of Uganda (ASOU) in partnership with Makerere University Biomedical Engineering Department, Innovations in Global Surgery and Ministry of Health Uganda are organising the 5th International Congress on Innovations in Global Surgery that will take place from 23rd -25th March, 2026 at Speke Convention Center Munyonyo, Kampala Uganda.

The scientific conference will bring together multidisciplinary stakeholders to address global challenges and explore innovative technologies to enhance equitable access to high-quality surgical, obstetric, trauma and anaesthesia (SOTA) care in Africa.

Access to safe, timely, affordable, and quality SOTA care remains a major global health challenge, particularly across low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Despite recognition of surgery as an essential component of universal health coverage, substantial inequities persist in workforce capacity, infrastructure, financing, innovation, and access to care. ICIGS aims to explore how innovation can be utilised to address the unmet surgical burden.

Building on the success of previous ICIGS meetings held in Kenya (2023), South Africa (2024), and Malawi (2025), ICIGS 2027 aims to further strengthen regional and international collaboration in advancing surgical innovation, education, and equitable healthcare delivery across Africa.

The theme for this year is “Advancing Surgical Equity and Innovation in Africa.” The Congress aims to highlight innovations in global surgery, promote collaborative efforts, and integrate interdisciplinary specialties to advance and share best practices. The meeting will serve as a platform for knowledge exchange, capacity building, and strategic dialogue among clinicians, researchers, engineers, policymakers, industry leaders, and global health stakeholders.

The discussions will majorly center around and address key issues including: Accelerating quality surgical care in Africa; Technological advancement in the quality of perioperative care; Technological infrastructure, sustainability and engagement with industry partner; Community and Patient involvement in surgical care; Integrating Emergency, critical and operative care (ECO) within the health system; Prioritising equitable SOTA care in Africa and global; Growing future leaders in surgery; Role of innovation in Training and capacity building.

Concise oral presentations will be organised by sub-themes, followed by discussions. In addition to the oral presentations, there will be also poster presentations, round tables, and symposia on various issues.



Theme & Sub-themes

Theme:

Theme: Advancing Surgical Equity and Innovations in Africa

Sub-themes:

1. Equity & Social Innovation
 - Community voice and engagement
 - Local innovations
 - Innovation to impact in LMIC surgical care
2. Digital tools and AI for Global Surgery
 - AI, Telemedicine, Digital Health
3. Capacity building: training, simulation and workforce scale up
 - Simulation & skills training
 - XR/VR/AR for training and teaching
 - Work force retention
 - Mentorship
4. Engineering –Manufacturing –Regulation
 - Local production
 - Quality Assurance & Maintenance
 - Regulatory pathways
5. Climate resilient surgical systems
 - Power/oxygen resilience (including clean energy and maintenance capability)
 - Supply chain continuity planning
 - “Low carbon, high reliability” theatre pathways in district seQngs
6. Surgical health systems, Policy, Advocacy & Ethics
 - Governance & Evalua3on
 - Implementation
 - Financing models
 - Ethical regulations
7. Leadership, Mentorship & Wellness

Abstracts

Abstracts will be submitted via the ASOU website: www.asou.or.ug (JOGS) and correspondences through asou.or.ug@gmail.com (jogs)

Categories: Current research papers including PhD work from members for Oral and Poster presentations.

Deadlines:

Submission: 1st July, 2026

Submission deadline: 30th Nov, 2026

General & specific abstract rules: words, format, subsections: Title, Author, Background, Objectives, Methods, Results, Conclusion, Recommendations and Global Surgery significance have been highlighted in the detailed abstract submission guide.

Conference reporting

Volunteer Medical and engineering students, surgical residents will serve as rapporteurs to record the proceedings of the conference and a publication will be sent to a reputable journal for dissemination.



The Surgical Landscape Exhibition – 5th Edition

This will be the fifth edition of the surgical landscape exhibition held in Uganda. This will bring together all Innovators in biomedical engineering, surgical specialties, anaesthesia providers, pathologists, radiology, nurses, diagnostics & laboratory, public health specialists, academicians, scientists, policy makers, public and private surgical health sector stakeholders and the general public to discuss advances in the provision of surgical care and increase access to equitable surgical services in the country.

The exhibition provides in-depth knowledge about advances and the latest developments in the different fields of surgery. There will be information regarding the complete range of surgical procedures, and innovations done in Uganda and globally showcasing the best practices for consideration of the treatment of patients.

The exhibition provides a platform for all engineering, surgical specialties, and brands that support surgical care to show case their products. Attendees will get the opportunity to meet numerous innovators and surgical professionals and interact with them.

The exhibition is also open to the general public to allow free interactions with specialists, build trust and create awareness about the advances and innovations in the country. This enhances community engagement and boosts economic development by curbing medical tourism and promoting local expertise.

Exhibitors are provided with a booth and will be able to make multiple short presentations to the general public, via interviews with media personalities.

Permission is sought from UMDPC to allow showcasing of healthcare services during the event.

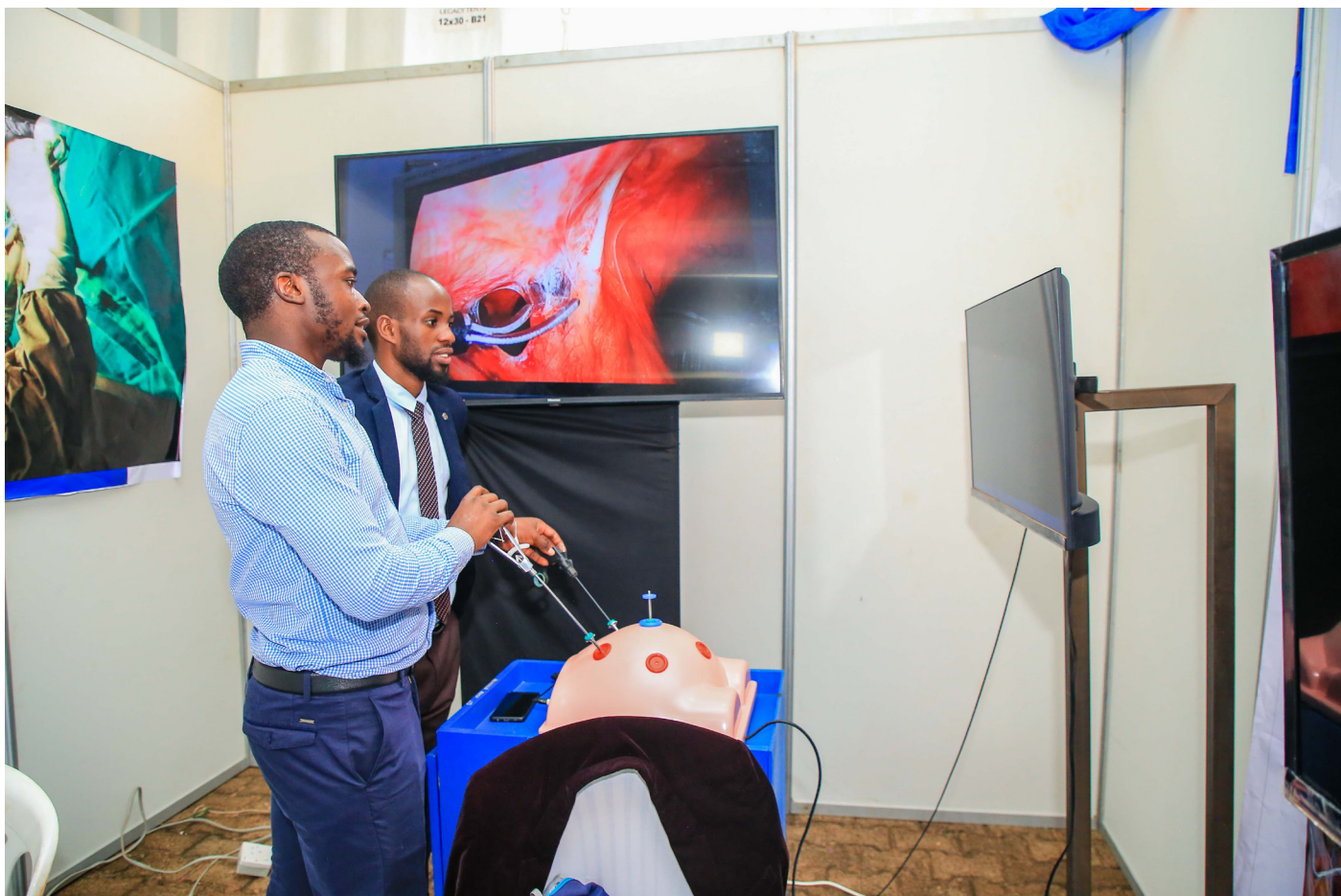
Potential Exhibitors include:

- Biomedical engineering institutions
- Specialised surgical services/associations in Uganda i.e.
- The Uganda Heart Institute: Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery
- Society of Uganda Endoscopic and Gastrointestinal Surgeons: Hepato-Pancreatic-Biliary Surgery, Colorectal Surgery
- Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons of Uganda: Minimally Invasive Surgery
- Paediatric Surgical Foundation: Pediatric Surgery
- Plastics, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Society of Surgeons in Uganda
- Public hospitals: Mulago National Specialised Hospital, Mbarara RRH, among others
- Smile Train Africa,
- Bulamu Health Care
- Private Health Sector
- Public & Private Medical Schools / Universities
- NGOs: Cure Uganda, Emergency Children's Hospital
- Civil Society Organisations
- Digital Health Platforms e.g Rocket Health













The Kyalwazi Memorial Lecture

The Kyalwazi Memorial Lecture is an annual event organised by the Association of Surgeons of Uganda in remembrance of Professor Sebastian C Kyalwazi, the first surgeon in East & Central Africa. His work towards advancing surgical care and training in Sub saharan Africa is remarkable.

The lecture will be delivered by Eng. Asimwe Jonard the current Minister, office of the president in charge of Science, Technology and Innovations

Other guest speakers and the Kyalwazi family will also participate in this session.

The Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be carried out on the 24th March, 2027.

The Executive Council will present the various activities carried out by ASOU members through the year of March 2026 - March 2027. Presentation of audited books of accounts (March 2026 - March 2027) to the members. Any constitutional amendments are also made during this meeting. There will be discussions among members about the ASOU strategic plan, ASOU SACCO, and all proposals made.

The Gala

This event will crown the activities and will be held on 24th March 2027.

This will be a celebration of the Ugandan Culture and people with the IGS, Biomedical engineering fraternity, ASOU members and their associates where members are requested to invite their spouses, partners, and next of kin. Members will be recognised for their achievements and contributions towards innovations in global surgery. This is a networking, mentorship and fraternising event. Entertainment, food and drinks will be provided.

Financing Models

Conference registrations

Surgical land scape exhibition

Fund raising from partners

Registration

All participants are required to register. Registration will be done through:

- ASOU website: www.asou.or.ug
- Email: asou.or.ug@gmail.com
- Mobile: Delegates: +256 767950018 (ASOU Admin)
- Exhibitors: +256773298785 (Dr Christine Namugenyi - Chair Scientific Committee)

Fees and Payment Information

Each delegate is required to pay a registration fee. Delegates are kindly requested to pay registration fees as per their category below.

DELEGATES

UGANDAN

Early Bird registration
400,000 UGX

Subscribed members
500,000 UGX

Non-Subscribed members
550,000 UGX

Subscribed Associate
members
400,000 UGX

Non members & East
Africans
600,000 UGX

Online Participants
400,000 UGX

Onsite
600,000 UGX

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

Early Bird registration
\$120

Students & Residents
\$100

Africans & LMICs
\$300

HICs
\$300

Online participants
\$150

Onsite
\$350

Payments are to be made via

1. Mobile money:

MTN MOMO: 727165

AIRTEL MERCHANT: 4371236

2. Deposits to Bank: Cash/Cheque/Bank Transfer:

DETAILS	Ugandan Shilling A/C	Dollar A/C
A/C Name	Association of Surgeons of Uganda	Association of Surgeons of Uganda
A/C No.	9030005947013	9030028091450
Branch	Mulago	Mulago
Swift code		SBICUGKX
Sort code		40147
Branch code		31069

3. Physical payments for registered delegates at the venue
4. Call: +256767 950018 / +256774 509870 - ASOU Administrators

Conference publicity

The Conference will be publicised at National, Regional and International levels. All important dates and announcements will be shared on the official conference website and social media platforms of ASOU (www.asou.or.ug).

Regional and international forums to be used include: Makerere University, COSECSA, IGS.

The publicity committee will document a social media plan and market the conference to the best of their abilities

Travel And Accommodation

The ASOU Van, Makerere University buses and other transport means will be available to transport participants to the conference venue.

Local and International Participants will meet their own travel and accommodation expenses. Participants who will not be staying at the conference venue will meet their transport to and from the venue. A guide to suitable hotels has been attached. The secretariat can help with information about the suitability of hotels.

International delegates requiring a visa to Uganda can check this website for more information.

<https://visas.immigration.go.ug/>

Tourist Information

There are many places to visit around Uganda. Kindly use the guide shared from the Uganda Tourism Board to obtain all information regarding Ugandan travel and exploration. You can also visit the Uganda Tourism Board website for details: <https://utb.go.ug/>

■ Country Highlights



UGANDA

Capital city: Kampala

Population: 45,955,046 people.

Official Languages: English and Swahili

Time Zone: East African Time (EAT)

Telephone Country code: +256

Local Currency: Uganda Shilling

Key economic sectors: Agro-Industry, Tourism, Mineral Development and Science + Technology + Innovation

Foreign Currencies: All major currencies are accepted

Shopping: Victoria mall – Entebbe, Village mall – Bugolobi, Acacia mall – Kololo, Arena mall – Nsambya, Garden City shopping mall- central business district, Forest mall – Lugogo, Metroplex shopping centre - Naalya

Power sockets: The country uses the type G three-pin power plug, similar to the United Kingdom.

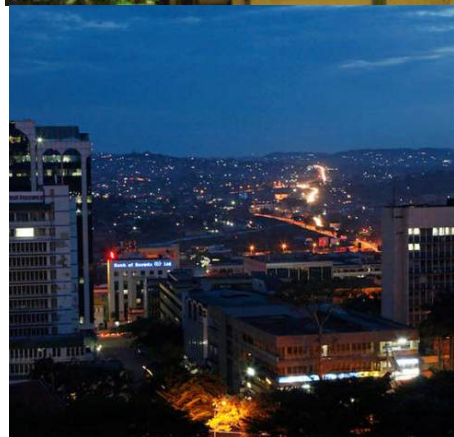
Visa info: <https://visas.immigration.go.ug/>

All international visitors to Uganda require a visa to travel to and enter Uganda. They must apply for a visa prior to entering Uganda. The most common visa category for international delegates attending a conference is the "Uganda Ordinary / Tourist Visa"

Airlines: Uganda Airlines, Brussels Airways, Emirates, Etihad Airways, Qatar Airways, Turkish Airlines, FlyDubai, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, RwandAir, Kenya Airways, Ethiopian Airlines, Egypt Air, Air Tanzania,

Embassies: With more than 40 diplomatic missions situated around the globe, you are afforded unparalleled access to influential decision-makers on an international scale.

KAMPALA CAPITAL CITY

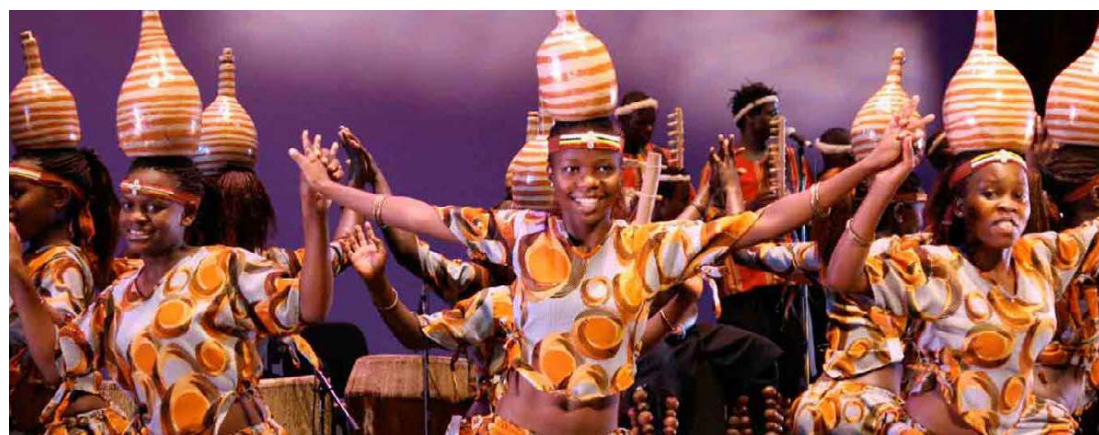


Ugandan Rolex, Street Food in the Guinness book of records

Kampala is the bustling capital of Uganda and the largest urban centre, with a population of over 3 million; the city is built on seven hills close to Lake Victoria. A key advantage of Kampala is that it is a safe city to explore. Located just 40 km from Entebbe International Airport, Kampala offers all the amenities of a modern capital city, with a wide choice of accommodations and great international restaurants. The city is witnessing an incredible burst of development, from high-end, big city-style apartments to high-rise offices and revamped roads. Kampala is recognized

as a regional leading centre of trade, business, exhibitions, talent, and creativity, with an ever-changing variety of events and a vibrant nightlife and cultural scene.

Kampala has hosted many large high-profile business events, including CHOGM, the African Union Heads of State, the African Water Association, the International Federation of Social Workers, and the FIDICGAMA Annual Conference for African Engineers among others. In 2017 the World Cross Country Championship was hosted in Kampala which saw thousands of athletes from across the world participating. In the same year, the ICC Division 3 World Cricket League event was hosted – showcasing the city's extensive event and leisure capabilities.



Kasubi Royal Tombs

Craft Market

■ Seasons in Uganda



Dry Season

[June to August,
December to February]

Weather: Clear skies, lower humidity, and warm temperatures during the day (25–30°C). Nights can be cooler, especially in higher-altitude areas like Kampala or Bwindi.

Activities: Ideal for outdoor events, wildlife safaris, and gorilla trekking due to better accessibility and fewer mosquitoes.

Best for Conferences: The dry season offers consistent weather, making it the preferred choice for hosting international events, as rain is unlikely to disrupt activities.

Wet Season

[March to May,
September to November]

Weather: Characterized by heavy rains and cooler temperatures. Afternoon thunderstorms are common, with temperatures ranging from 20–25°C.

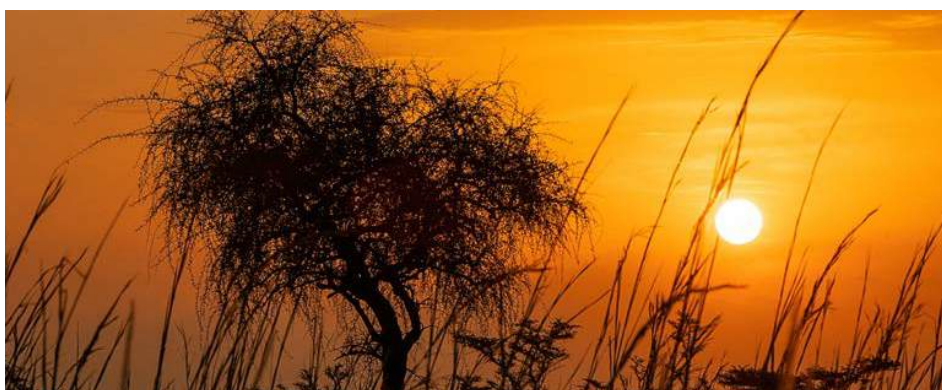
Opportunities: Lush greenery and dramatic landscapes make this season attractive for nature-themed events. Off-peak travel discounts might be available.

Regional Considerations

Kampala: Experiences moderate temperatures (average 25°C year-round) and manageable rainfall due to its central location and altitude.

Northern Uganda: Hotter and drier, with temperatures often exceeding 30°C, especially during the dry season.

Western Highlands: Cooler and wetter due to higher altitudes, ideal for activities requiring a temperate climate.



Uganda experiences a pleasant tropical climate throughout the year, influenced by its location on the equator and varying altitudes.



Bwindi Impenetrable and Mgahinga Gorilla National Parks - Gorilla Tracking

Uganda's foremost tourist attraction, and indeed one of the world's most remarkable wildlife encounters, is tracking the rare Mountain Gorilla in the remote forests of south-western Uganda. Found exclusively in the forests of Bwindi and Virunga National Parks, over half of the world's mountain gorillas are to be found in Uganda. In Bwindi 19 habituated groups are available for tracking, and with only 8 permits for each group, an exclusive and intimate experience is guaranteed. In Mgahinga on the north-eastern slopes of Virunga Volcanoes –Golden Monkeys can be tracked along with the Mountain Gorillas.

Africa's richest forest, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, has an impressive list of species with over 350 birds, 51 reptiles, and 120 mammal species including several primates for example: Black and White Colobus, Blue Monkeys and Grey-cheeked Mangabey.



Kibale National Park - Chimpanzee Tracking

Dubbed the "Primate Capital of the World", the park is located in the western part of the country. It is the most magnificent of Uganda's tropical rain forests and one of the most rewarding areas to explore. The forest is home to 13 species of primates including Africa's largest population of Chimpanzees with around 1,500. East Africa's largest population of the threatened Red Colobus, the rare L'Hoest's Monkey, Bushbaby, Potto and the endemic Mangabai, a species of Old World monkey found only in Uganda, are inhabitants of the forest.

Kibale's major attraction is Chimpanzee tracking with a unique experience offered nowhere else in the world – the Chimpanzee Habituation Experience. Visitors accompany researchers to follow the entire day's routine, from de-nesting in the early morning to nesting again in the evening; a unique opportunity to observe the chimpanzees' daily habits such as feeding, hunting, nursing, resting, patrolling.



Murchison Falls - Uganda's most famous Pearl

The centrepiece of the country's largest national park is Murchison Falls where the rushing waters of the Nile River are dramatically forced through a narrow gorge into the Devils Cauldron. After the falls, the mighty cascade is transformed into a broad, placid river that flows across the rift valley floor into Lake Albert, giving visitors remarkable wildlife viewing experiences – elephants, giraffe, buffalo, hippos, Nile crocodiles and aquatic birds (including the rare Shoebill Stork) are permanent residents on the riverbanks. The northern section of the park contains savannah and borassus palms, acacia trees and riverine woodland, whilst the south is dominated by woodland and forest patches.

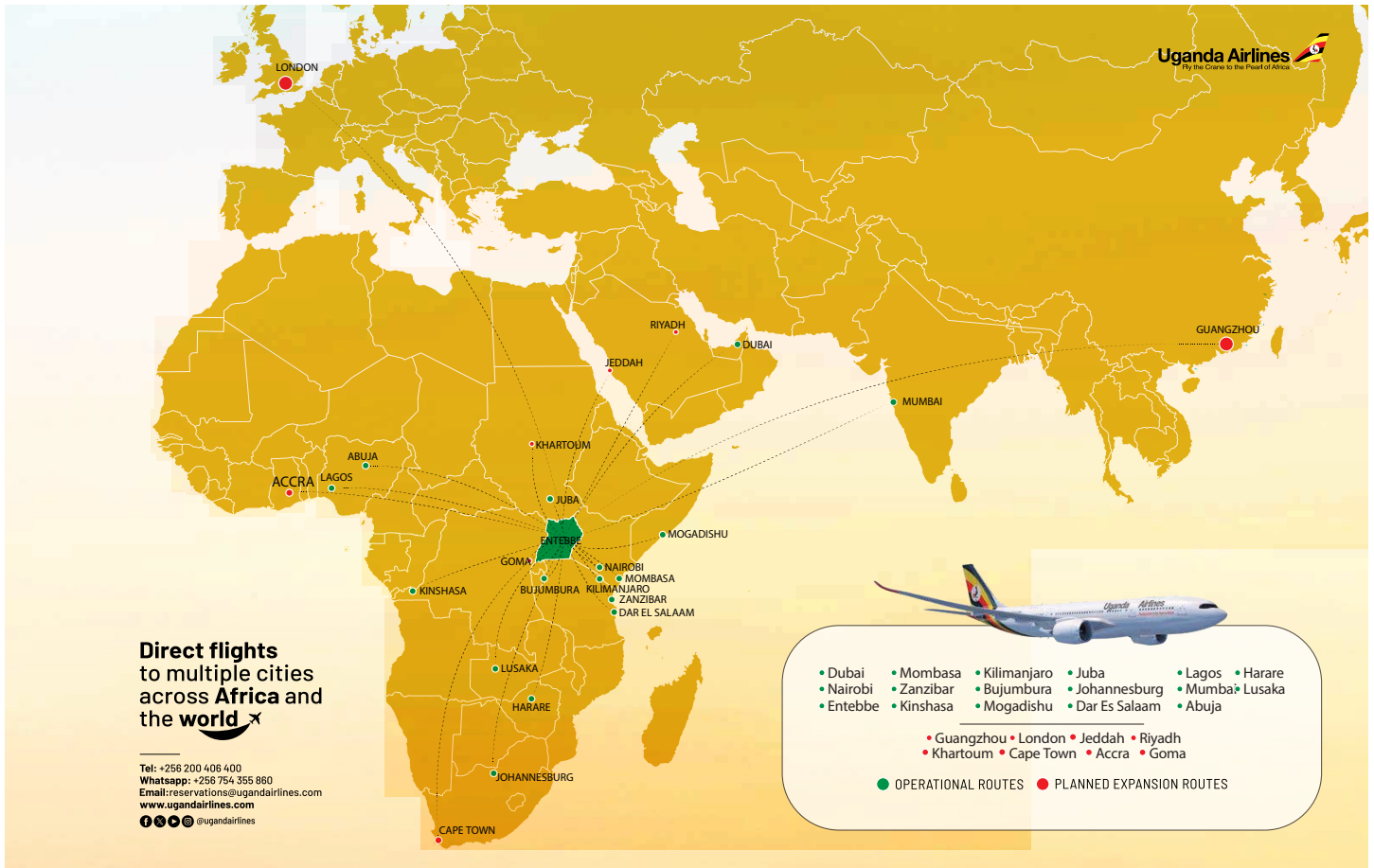
Notable visitors to the park have included Sir Winston Churchill, Theodore Roosevelt, Ernest Hemingway and several British Royals.



Jinja, Source of the Nile

Jinja is the town at the source of the great White Nile River and home to some of the world's best and wildest white water rafting. The Nile boasts rapids ranging from class 1 to 5, making rafting here an ideal activity for first-time rafters as well as extreme adrenaline junkies.

Once in Jinja there is bungee jumping, horse-riding safaris (along the banks of the Nile, cantering through the plantations and stopping off in the tranquil Mabira Forest), and quad biking, kayaking and canoeing – with a serene sunset boat cruise on the Nile to end a busy day of team building adventure.



Uganda has a wide range of flight offerings for arrivals and departures. Entebbe International Airport is the country's main airport, located in Entebbe district, receiving several flights per month from major cities, allowing constant mobilization of passengers through safe and modern ports of entry and other smaller airfields spread out across the country.





Speke Resort Munyonyo





Speke Resort Munyonyo

Wavamunno Road, Makindye Kampala
P. O. Box 446, Kampala, Uganda

Tel: +256 752 711714
+256 414 227111

Email: fb@munyonyocommonwealth.com



Speke Resort Munyonyo is conveniently situated in the Makindye, Kampala. This property puts you close to attractions and interesting dining options. Rated with 5 stars, this high-quality property provides guests with access to massage, restaurant and fitness center on-site.

LOCATION

The hotel is in the neighbourhood of Munyonyo, in Makindye Division, in the southeastern part of Kampala, Uganda's capital. It is 46 km from Entebbe Airport and 10km from Kampala CBD.





LAKE VICTORIA SERENA GOLF RESORT & SPA

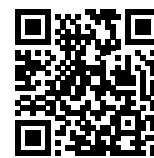
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Email: lakevictoria@serena.co.ug



Lake Victoria Serena Golf Resort & Spa is a vision of charming Mediterranean architecture, pastel colour palettes and lush, green fairways overlooking the sparkling waters of Africa's largest lake. With its terraced rose gardens, rustic bridges, arched pool terrace and shaded colonnades, this privileged enclave feels more like a Tuscan hillside village than a five-star golf resort and spa on the outskirts of Kampala.

LOCATION

Beautifully situated on the shores of Lake Victoria in Uganda's Wakiso District, just 35 minutes from Kampala, Entebbe and Entebbe International Airport, Lake Victoria Serena Golf Resort & Spa celebrates its surroundings with an experience steeped in Tuscan country charm.

The Imperial Royale Hotel which opened its door for business in the Imperial Botanical Beach Hotel has 229 sleeping luxury rooms and is a global landmark offering technologically advanced conference facilities overlooking the magnificent Lake victoria.



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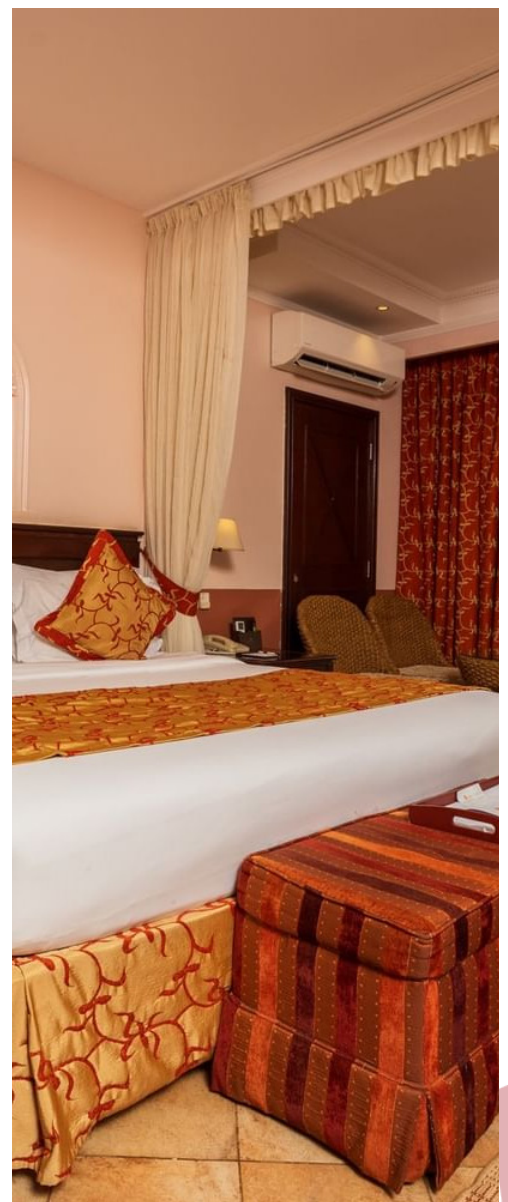


Other available accommodation available



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reservations@lvhotel.co.ug



Lake Victoria Hotel offers accommodation in Entebbe, with an outdoor pool and sun terrace, and guests can enjoy a meal at the restaurant or a drink at the bar. .

MEETINGS

This sprawling hotel has the feel of a conference centre, with well-appointed, business-style rooms.





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Sponsorship & Exhibition Opportunities

INVITATION FROM THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Dear Trade Member / Sponsor / Exhibitor,

We are honoured to invite you to participate in the 5th International Congress on Innovations for Global Surgery, which will be held from March 23th–25th, 2027, in Kampala, Uganda. This Congress will focus on global challenges and explore innovative technologies to enhance equitable access to high-quality surgical, obstetric, and anaesthesia care in Africa

The theme for this year is “Advancing Surgical Equity and Innovation in Africa.” Our objective is to highlight innovations in global surgery, promote collaborative efforts, and integrate interdisciplinary specialities to advance and share best practices. The Congress will address a wide range of topics, including:

- Accelerating quality surgical care in Africa
- Technological advancement in the quality of perioperative care
- Technological infrastructure, sustainability and engagement with industry partners
- Community and Patient involvement in surgical care
- Integrating Emergency, Critical and Operative care (ECO) within the health system
- Prioritising equitable SOTA care in Africa and globally
- Growing future leaders in surgery
- Role of innovation in Training and capacity building

We extend a warm welcome to surgeons, anaesthesiologists, engineers, obstetricians, gynaecologists, emergency medicine physicians, students, and registrars. Furthermore, we invite policymakers, patient group representatives, industry partners, innovators, and venture capitalists to participate in this significant conference.

This event is organised in collaboration with the Association of Surgeons of Uganda, the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Makerere University of Health Sciences, and the Institute of Global Surgery at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

We look forward to seeing you in Kampala in March 2027!

Sincerely,
The Organising Committee

EXHIBITION & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KEY SPONSORSHIP TIERS Kindly note that all fees below are EXCLUDING VAT @ 15%

Sponsorship Tier	Cost	Key Benefits
Platinum	\$20,000	• Consistent branding on all materials, including the website, banners, and program book • Opportunity for keynote speaking or hosting an exclusive session • Six complimentary registrations • Premium exhibition space with priority selection • Invitation to the Organizing Committee and keynote speakers' dinner
Gold	\$10,000	• Prominent logo placement on the website and program materials • Four complimentary registrations • Exhibition space in a prime location • Acknowledgment during opening and closing sessions • Invitation to the Organizing Committee and keynote speakers' dinner
Silver	\$5,000	• Logo displayed on the conference website • Two complimentary registrations included • Standard exhibition space provided • Recognition within the congress program
Bronze	\$3,000	• Logo in the final program book • 1 complimentary registration • Basic exhibition space • Recognition in congress announcements

ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Kindly note that all fees below are EXCLUDING VAT @ 15%

Opportunity	Cost	Benefits
Tea/Coffee and Lunch Stations	\$1,000 per day or \$1,500 for the full Congress	• Branding opportunities at all serving stations • Logo featured on signage in the exhibition area.
Registration Desk Sponsorship	\$3000	• One exhibition table • Acknowledgment on the congress website and in welcome letters • 2 complimentary registrations including daily lunches and teas • Exclusive branding permitted on congress bags, note pads, and pens. No advertising material from other companies will be allowed in the congress bags, except for approved congress journals and the congress final programme sheets. <i>This sponsorship does not include the printing of Congress bags, notepads and pens, name badges and lanyards. These will be an additional expense to the sponsor.</i>
Programme Book Sponsorship	\$1000	• Company Logo to be displayed prominently in the program book and sponsor will be acknowledged accordingly. • A4 full-color advertisement in a prime location. • Sponsor will be given 1st choice when selecting space for advertisement.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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Opportunity	Cost	Benefits
Breakfast/ Lunch/Dinner Symposium	\$2000	- Sponsor may select speaker and topic (subject to committee approval) - Trade Symposia will be permitted - All symposia will be advertised on the congress website and announcements will be made with sponsor name prominently highlighted - Includes marketing to registered delegates, venue hire, catering requirements, standard audio-visual and technical support, and attendance registers.
Networking Cocktail (24 March 2027)	\$2000	2 complimentary registrations including food and beverages - Sponsorship of food and beverages for 50 guests - Opportunity to welcome guests.
Speakers/ Organising Committee Dinner (25 March 2027)	\$2000	2 complimentary registrations including food and beverages - Sponsorship of food and beverages for 30 guests - Opportunity to welcome the guests.
Student Sponsorship	\$1200	Covers Conference Registration, Accommodation and Travel

ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Kindly note that all fees below are EXCLUDING VAT @ 15%

Opportunity	Cost	Benefits
International Speakers / Organising Committee Sponsorship (support their participation)	Contact congress organizers for details	• Branding during the speaker's session • Acknowledgement in the congress program, on the website, and during the speaker's introduction • Opportunity to host or co-host a session with the invited speaker (subject to scientific committee approval) • Logo placement on promotional materials related to the speaker or committee's activities
Table Exhibition	\$1000	• Each exhibitor will qualify for 1 free trade registration per single display table. • Includes a table, one chair, and space for two pull-up banners and promotional materials. • Tea, coffee, and lunch breaks will be included and served inside the exhibition area. Exhibitors must provide their own tablecloths and extension cords/multiplugs. • Exhibitors will be provided with the electric point Special signage, additional furnishings, and electrical connections can be arranged at an additional cost with advance notice. • Booked on a first-come, first-served basis. • Once confirmed, you will be invoiced in full for your display table. • All additional trade will pay the applicable full registration fee.
Unconditional Education Grant (Supports students, registrars, & participants from low-income countries)	Contact congress organizers for details	• Includes logo placement in the final program and on the welcome screen in plenary sessions.

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1. Payment Terms:

- Full payment is due within 30 days from the date of the invoice.
- A non-refundable deposit of 25% of the total amount is required to confirm the booking.
- The remaining balance must be paid by 1st January 2027.
- Should payment not be received by the due date, the congress organiser reserves the right to release and resell the stand position or sponsorship opportunity.
- All payments are subject to applicable government taxes.

2. Cancellation Policy:

- Cancellations must be submitted in writing to the congress secretariat.
- Cancellations received before 1st January 2027 will result in a 50% refund of the total invoice.
- Cancellations received after 1st January 2027 will result in a 100% cancellation fee.

3. Branding and Marketing Materials:

- All branding materials, including banners, posters, and digital content, must be pre-approved by the organising committee.
- Placement of promotional materials in non-designated areas is not allowed without prior consent from the organisers.

4. Amendments and Changes:

- The congress organisers reserve the right to amend the floor plan, venue, or date of the exhibition at any time without prior notice.
- Any changes will be communicated promptly to all exhibitors and sponsors

Additional conditions for the exhibitors

1. Insurance and Liability:

- Exhibitors are required to insure their exhibits and equipment against theft, fire, and damage due to natural calamities.
- The organisers will not bear any insurance charges or liability for damage to exhibitor property.
- Exhibitors assume full responsibility and liability for any losses, damages, or claims arising from their displays or activities within the exhibition space.
- The congress organiser, venue owners, and their agents or employees will not be held liable for any personal injury or damage to property.

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2. Compliance with Safety Standards:

- All exhibitors must comply with venue safety regulations, health and biohazard standards, and fire safety codes.
- Public address systems or amplifying devices projecting sound beyond the exhibition booth are not permitted.
- Exhibitors are responsible for setting up and dismantling their displays according to the schedule provided by the organisers.
- Exhibitors are responsible for maintaining a clean and orderly space throughout the event.

3. Additional Services and Special Requests:

- Additional services, such as internet facilities, special lighting, and hired manpower, are available upon request at an additional charge.
- Requests must be made in writing at least 30 days before the event start date.

4. Food and Beverage Restrictions:

- Exhibitors are not permitted to serve food or beverages within the exhibition area unless prior approval has been obtained from the organisers.
- Sponsors of tea/coffee breaks and lunch stations will be provided with designated areas for branding and serving.

5. Cleaning and Storage:

- Exhibitors are responsible for maintaining cleanliness within their exhibition space.
- Storage of materials within the booth area is not permitted; a designated cloakroom will be available for storage needs at an additional cost

6. Force Majeure:

- The congress organiser shall not be liable for any failure to perform its obligations under these terms due to circumstances beyond its control, including but not limited to natural disasters, strikes, or government regulations.

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