



Symposium “Knowledge Generation in Health and Migration”

- Organizers:** Makerere University, Kampala-Uganda
Center for Health and Migration, Vienna, Austria
IOM UN-Migration
in partnership with Kyambogo University, Kampala-Uganda
- Venue:** Fairway Boutique Hotel
Plot 3 Kafu Road Nakasero, Kampala-Uganda
- Dates:** February 24, 2026, 8.30am – 5.30pm

This symposium brings together a community of experts working in the fields of health care and humanitarian work and for migrants, refugees, and internally displaced persons (IDPs). Taking up the discussions in 6 Health and Migration online courses implemented in the East and Horn of Africa region from 2021 to 2025, the symposium explores the key priorities for knowledge generation from the perspective of a community of experts and brings in the perspectives of policy stakeholders. Guided by the principle of think globally, act locally, the symposium aligns with the WHO Global Research Agenda on Health, Migration and Displacement (2023) and builds on the Global North–Global South partnership of the MHADRI Migration Health and Development Research Initiative. It connects global frameworks with local realities and the knowledge of practice experts.

The symposium aims to foster ongoing collaboration, and create spaces for collective knowledge generation. Through dialogue and exchange across policy and implementation experience the symposium encourages mutual learning. Jointly developed finding can serve to inform policy and practice development.



Programme

February 24, 2026		
08.30 – 09.00am	Arrival and registration	Moderation
09.00- 09.30am	Opening Dr. Ursula Trummer (CHM) Greeting Notes Prof. Helen Nambalirwa Nkabala, Principal College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUSS), Makerere University Dr. Viviane Kuissi Nzeusseu, IOM – UN Migration, Regional Office for the East, Horn and Southern Africa, Regional Migration Health Specialist Mr. Sanusi Tejan Savage, Chief of Mission of IOM Country Office Uganda Dr. Girum Hailu Maheteme, Senior Policy and Partnership Specialist, IGAD Health and Social Development, The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Dr. Santino Severoni, Migration Health Programme, World Health Organization (WHO)	Dr. Ursula Trummer and Prof. Paul Bukuluki
9.30 – 10.15am	Group picture Time for getting to know each other Introducing the treasure boxes	Dr. Sonja Novak-Zezula
10. 15- 10.45am	Tea break	

<p>10.45am-12.30pm</p>	<p>An Example for Knowledge Generation in Health and Migration in a Global North – Global South dialogue</p> <p>Dr. Ursula Trummer <i>Family Dynamics, Health and Migration:</i> Insights into work in progress</p> <p>Examples of real-life cases:</p> <p>Mr. Agani Ian <i>Care responsibilities in families and migration</i></p> <p>Mr. Olama Nickson <i>Family, labor migration and health</i></p> <p>Ms. Apiny Melody Gladys <i>Family, internal migration and urban health vulnerabilities</i></p> <p>Mr. Abdirahman Tayib Omer <i>Maternity care in the refugee context</i></p> <p>Mr. Lagu Benson Moja <i>Climate change, family, health and migration</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>Ms. Jennifer Abajo and Mr. James Ssenfuuma</p>
<p>12.30-1.30pm</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>	
<p>1.30-2.15pm</p>	<p>Dr. Michela Martini Labor Migration from East and Horn of Africa to the Middle East and Gulf region: Family and Health aspects</p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>Dr. Harriet Kebirungi</p>
<p>2.15-2.45pm</p>	<p>Co-creation of research for practice development Exploring how research and practice in health and migration can work together to generate knowledge</p> <p>Free-style art-based session: Come to action</p>	<p>Mr. Victor Kikuni Papy, Dr. Ursula Trummer</p>
<p>2.45-3.15</p>	<p>Tea break</p>	



3.15-4.15	From knowledge to policy impact Dr. Harriet Kebirungi <i>Migration and Migration policies in Uganda and implication on families</i> Prof. Paul Bukuluki <i>Mental health effects of COVID-19 pandemic on urban refugees in Uganda: policy and programming implications</i> Discussion	Dr. Sonja Novak-Zezula
4.15-5.15pm	Treasure boxes: Messages to policy making, practice development, research	Prof. Paul Bukuluki and Dr. Ursula Trummer
5.15-5.30pm	Closing	Dr. Ursula Trummer and Prof. Paul Bukuluki