

# Utsunomiya University Africa Week

## March 2023

### 6th March - 10th March.



This event is part of the Utsunomiya University Inter-University Exchange Project "Programme for Developing Human Resource to Contribute to SDGs by Merging Africa Potential and Japanese Scientific Technology", adopted by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).

In March, the faculty members and graduate students from six partner universities in Africa will be invited and various events from 6th to 10th March will be organised as 'Utsunomiya University Africa Week'. Through these events, let's think together about the future of African countries and Japan with the perspective to achieving the SDGs.

[Cooperating universities]

University of Ghana (Ghana); Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia); Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (Kenya); Meru University of Science and Technology, (Kenya); University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania); Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology (Tanzania).

**Schedule** ➤ For more information, see the following page.

#### On Campus Event

**6th** [Mon] **Opening Ceremony (15:30-18:00 JST)**  
To open the Africa Week, we welcome faculty members and students from six partner universities in Africa for a cultural exchange between African countries and Japan.  
(On campus participants are requested to be artificial scent (perfume etc.) and cigarette scent free.)

#### Online Event

**7th** [Tue] **Symposium I (17:00-19:00 JST)**  
Three faculty members from the partner universities will speak about agriculture and pest animal management in African countries and the role of science.

**8th** [Wed] **Symposium II (17:00-19:00 JST)**  
Three faculty members from the partner universities will speak about African potential and sustainable development.

**10th** [Fri] **Closing Ceremony (17:00-19:00 JST)**  
Award ceremony for the best presentations at the Student Summit. Faculty members from African partner universities will share their impressions of their stay in Utsunomiya.

#### On-demand Event

**7th** [Tue] **UU-A Student Summit (available 24 hrs)**  
Research presentations related to the SDGs by students from 7 partner universities can be viewed on an online platform. Q&A sessions via chat are also available.

**9th** [Thu]

#### After meeting

**22nd** [Wed] **Post Planning (16:00-18:00 JST)**  
Students from the 6 partner universities will reflect on their stay in Japan and their activities. Utsunomiya University students who stayed at the University of Ghana will also give a report.

#### Africa Week Registration and Inquiries

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- Participation is free of charge.
- Everyone is welcome to participate.
- Zoom URL will be emailed to you by the day before the online events.

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## On Campus Event

### Opening Ceremony

**6th**  
15:30-18:00

Venue: University Hall 2F  
(Mine Campus, Utsunomiya University)

Host	Prof. Sinso Yokota (Leader of UU-A Project)
Opening Address	Prof. Shogo Yokoo (Director of Center for International Exchange)
University Introduction	Faculty members from Utsunomiya University and African Partner Universities
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Planning	African music performance (Jambo Ichikawa)

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## On-demand Event

### Student Summit

**7th-9th**  
Available 24 hours a day

## Summary:

By registering to participate, you can watch research presentations related to the SDGs by students from 7 partner universities on the online platform 24 hours a day during the open period. Q&A sessions via chat are also available.

### UU-A Student Summit 2023

#### Connecting young researchers with the SDGs

With the keywords of "partnership" and "inclusiveness" to tackle global issues for social development, students from various backgrounds enrolled in the partner universities in Africa and Utsunomiya University will present at this summit to show their potential and share ideas through research related to the SDGs. Whether you are an undergraduate/graduate student or faculty, we believe that you will learn a lot that will lead to your own research activities in the future, so please join us and take a look at our online platform.

A separate dedicated registration is required for viewing on the online platform, so please register as soon as possible if you wish to watch. After confirmation of your application, you will receive further details to your registered e-mail address.

## Online Event

### Symposium I

**7th**  
17:00-19:00

### Agriculture and the Role of science

Reports from Ethiopia, Kenya and Ghana

Host	Prof. Akiko Iizuka (Center for International Exchange)
Opening Address	Prof. Tomohide Natsuaki (Center for International Exchange)
Lecture 1.	<b>"Vulture population, threat and conservation in Ethiopia"</b> Prof. Bezawork Afework (Addis Ababa University)
Lecture 2.	<b>"Plants distinctively control green leaf volatile and Jasmonate pathways"</b> Prof. Cynthia Mugo (Mel University of Science and Technology)
Lecture 3.	<b>"Science driven agriculture"</b> Prof. Raphael Ayizanga (University of Ghana)

## Online Event

### Symposium II

**8th**  
17:00-19:00

### Toward Sustainable Development by Utilizing Africa's Potential

Reports from Tanzania and Kenya

Host	Prof. Kumiko Sakamoto (School of International Studies)
Opening Address	Prof. Shinso Yokota (Leader of UU-A Project)
Lecture 1.	<b>"Indigenous and local knowledge is key for sustainable use of tropical ecosystems"</b> Prof. Linus Munishi (Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology)
Lecture 2.	<b>"Honeybees and your health"</b> Prof. Mkabwa Manoko (University of Dar Es Salaam)
Lecture 3.	<b>"Food loss and waste in Kenya: Status, critical points of loss and innovations to address the food system challenge"</b> Prof. Robert Mbeche (Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology)

## Online Event

### Closing Ceremony

**10th**  
17:00-19:00

## Summary:

At the closing of Africa Week, faculty members from six partner universities in Africa will share their impressions of their stay at Utsunomiya University and discuss the development of this programme for the next year and beyond. There will also be the award ceremony for the best presentations at the Student Summit. In addition to comments from the evaluation panel, there will also be addresses from the student organizing committee members. There will be a brief report from a representative of the recently launched "UU-A Student Research Team".

Host	Prof. Hiroyuki Yumoto (Centre for International Exchange)
Opening Address	Dr. Tsukasa Ikeda (President, Utsunomiya Univ.)
Award Ceremony	Presentation of the Best Presentation Award at the Student Summit. Ms. Ikumi Sugiyama (1st year, Master's course, Utsunomiya University)
UU-A Team	Report on the launch of "UU-A Student Research Team" Mr. Kajelcha Fikadu (1st year postgraduate student, Addis Ababa University)
Review	Six faculty members from partner universities
Closing Address	Prof. Shinso Yokota (Leader of UU-A Project)

#### UU-A Student Summit Awards Ceremony

1. Critique of the judging
2. Announcement of winners
3. Comments by the award winners
4. Greetings from the chairperson of the committee
5. Announcement of Student Summit 2024

#### UU-A Student Research Team

Towards the integration of African Potential and Japanese Science and Technology "Student Research Team" was launched in February 2023 with voluntary students from Utsunomiya University and six partner universities in Africa with diverse cultural and academic backgrounds who have exchanged through the opportunity of the Strengthening Global Development Capability Project to conduct cross-disciplinary research activities to realize the SDGs by integrating African potential and Japanese science and technology.