

KAMPALA WRITES LITFEST

15TH – 17TH AUGUST 2025

YUSUF LULE AUDITORIUM, MAKERERE UNIVERSITY,

KAMPALA, UGANDA

THEME: BELONGING

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Day One: Friday 15th August, 2025

Workshop: Getting Started with Writing for Screen.

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 am

Workshop Facilitator: Aganza Kisaka (Yenze Theatre Conservatoire)

Panel Discussion

Topic: *Interrogations of Belonging: Perspectives from Makerere.*

Time: 11.30 am – 1pm

Panellists:

Prof. Dominic Dipio, Dr. Susan Kiguli, Prof. Patrick Mangeni, Dr. Charles Mulekwa

Moderator: Dr. Cindy Evelyn Magara

Poetry Performance

Time: 3.30pm

Poet: Nii Ayikwei Parkes

Keynote Speech

Time: 4 – 5pm

Delivered by: Jennifer Nansubuga Makumbi

Writers in Conversation

Time: 6.30pm

Writer in Conversation: Iryn Tushabe

Book: *Everything is Fine Here*

Moderator: Yvonne Zaabu

Venue: Goethe Zentrum Kampala, Kamwokya.

Day Two: Saturday 16th August, 2025

Poetry Workshop

Topic: Finding Your Voice

Time: 9.30am – 11.30am

Led by: Nick Makoha

Panel Discussion two

Topic: *Funding for the Arts in Times of Shifting Priorities: Who Gets Left Out?*

Time: 11.30am – 1p m

Panellists: Elizabeth Mbabazi (Kuonyesha Art Fund), Faisal Kiwewa (Bayimba Foundation), Charles Batambuze (National Culture Forum), Hon. Racheal Magoola (TBC).

Moderator: Dr. Anna Adima

Book Launch:

- *Promises* by Goretta Kyomuhendo (Catalyst Press, 2025)
- *The New Carthaginians* by Nick Makoha (Penguin, 2025)

Time: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Moderator: Nii Ayikwei Parkes

Contemporary Dance

Title: TBC

Time: 6 – 7pm

After Party - Festival Dinner & Entertainment

Venue: The Lawns

Day Three: Sunday 17th August, 2025

Roundtable Discussion (Parallel Session one)

Time: 10am – 12.30pm

Topic: Innovative Publishing Strategies and New Models in Africa:

Facilitators: Mercy Kirui, (Independent publisher, Kenya,) Anwuli Ojogwu, (MD of Narrative Landscape Press, Nigeria) Cynthia Kinyera, (Uganda Digital Writers Association), Kenneth Muhangi (KTA Advocates, Uganda)

Moderator: Rasheeda Nalumoso (British Council)

Workshop three (Parallel Session two)

Time: 10am – 12.30pm

Topic: Creative Writing tips for Secondary School Students.

Tutor: Julius Ocwinyo (author of *Footprints of the Outsider*)

Open Conversation

Time: 1 – 2pm

Topic: The Role of Book Clubs in Building a Thriving Literary Community

Panellists

Daphine Kakooza Nampijja (TUBAZE Book Club)

Jonathan Kimara (NoName Book Club Kampala Chapter)

Sheila Lubangakene (Growth Lane Book Club)

Facilitator: Wendy Njoroge – Soma Nami, Nairobi, Kenya.

Panel Discussion three

Topic: *Seeking Home Elsewhere: Navigating Literary and Personal Spaces Abroad.*

Time: 2.30-4.30pm

Panellists: Iryn Tushabe (Uganda/Canada), Author of *Everything is Fine Here*, Nick Makoha (Uganda/UK), Author of *The New Carthaginians*, Loic Ekinga (DRC/Uganda) Author of *How to Wake a Butterfly*, Dr Mohammed Kibirige (Uganda/UK: author of *Never Forget Us Dearest*

Moderator: Jackie Asiiimwe, author of *Facing Mountains*

Remembering Ngugi wa' Thiong

Time 6pm

Performance of *I will Marry When I want*

Closing speeches

Time: 6.30pm

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