

Africa Day 2025 Program**Theme: "Voices of the African Diaspora and the Africa We Want"****13:30 – 14:00** : Arrivals and Registration**Opening Ceremony****14:00 – 14:08** : **Land declaration & National Anthems** (African Union and Canadian Anthems)**14:08 – 14:11** : Opening Prayer – **Rev. Joseph Kirya**, Senior Pastor-River Jordan Ministries**14:11 – 14:20** : Co-Host Remarks – **Evalyne Aijuka**, CEO, Stand Out Africa**14:20 – 14:25** : Co-Host Remarks – **Prof. Nduka Otiono**; Director, Institute of African Studies**14:25 – 14:30** : Goodwill message – **Mr. John Adeyefa**, African Canadian Association of Ottawa**14:30 – 14:35** : Special Remarks – **Prof. Anne Bowker**, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Carleton University**14:35 – 14:50** : Keynote Address – **H.E. Prosper Higiro**, High Commissioner, Rwanda High Commission and Dean of African Heads of Missions in Ottawa**2:50 – 3:00 PM Traditional dance (Kiganda)****15:00 – 15:30**: **Diplomatic Panel-** Bridging Diplomacy, Diaspora Communities and the Continent-
Moderated by Evalyne Aijuka· Barbados-**Amb Gline Clarke**· Kenya-**Amb. Carolyne Kamende Daudi**· Nigeria-**Amb. Abba Zanna-Kawu**· South Africa- **Judika Tladi**,**15:30 – 15:50**: **Goodwill messages -Ambassadors/High Commissioners**Uganda, Morocco, Guinea, Algeria, Ethiopia, Barbados, Côte d'Ivoire,
Egypt, Zambia, Lesotho, Sudan, Cameroon, South Africa, Chad**15:50-16:10** : **Canada-Africa Strategy**: Strengthening Long-Term Partnerships with the African Diaspora**Cheryl Urban**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Africa and Pan-Geographic Affairs.
Global Affairs Canada**16:10 – 16:30**: Group photo**16:10 – 16:20**: Break**16:20 – 16:30: Youth dan****16:30 – 16:45**: African Union Engagement: Empowering the African diaspora as the 6th Region of Africa, ensuring its role in policy decision-making and the implementation of Agenda 2063.**Dr. Macaulay Kalu**, the Secretary General and Chairman of the AU6RG**16:45 – 16:50**: **Poem _ Vannessa (11 Yrs old)****16:50 – 17:20**: Diaspora Unique Strengths, Challenges, and Vision- Moderated by **Walied Khogali Ali**· **Academia- Prof. Oloruntoba**, Institute of African Studies· **Young Professionals -Alex Ahabwe-** Financial Services Expert· **Tech Panel-Katamba Ronald-**Jaguza Tech-Africa-USA- **Judith Butagira-**Smart Tech· **Business- Jimmy Rukundo**, Investments- Real Estate Canada**17:20 – 17:45**: Community-Religious Voices – Nuggets for Deliberate Meaningful Contribution, Moderated by-
Caroline Owashaba· **Fr. Martin Ndyanabo**-Parish Priest-St. Elizabeth Parish Ottawa· **Rev. Joseph Kirya-** Senior Pastor-River Jordan Ministries· **Dr. Deva Marie Beck**-Co-Director-Nightingale Initiative For Global Health· **Dr Andrew Mukwana**-President-Buruli Cultural Association**17:45 -17:55**: Q&A | Audience Engagement**17:55**: **Vote of Thanks**

Exhibition

Refreshments

Youth dance

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