



RUFORUM 21ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

CONCEPT NOTE

TAGDev 2.0 Fourth Partnership Council Meeting



THEME

Positioning Africa's Universities and the Higher Education Sector to effectively impact development processes on the continent

Hosts:

The Government of Botswana and
RUFORUM member Universities in Botswana led by Botswana University of
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Venue:

Protea Hotel

Date: 3rd December, 2025

Time: 14:00-16:40 Central African Time (CAT)

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Background

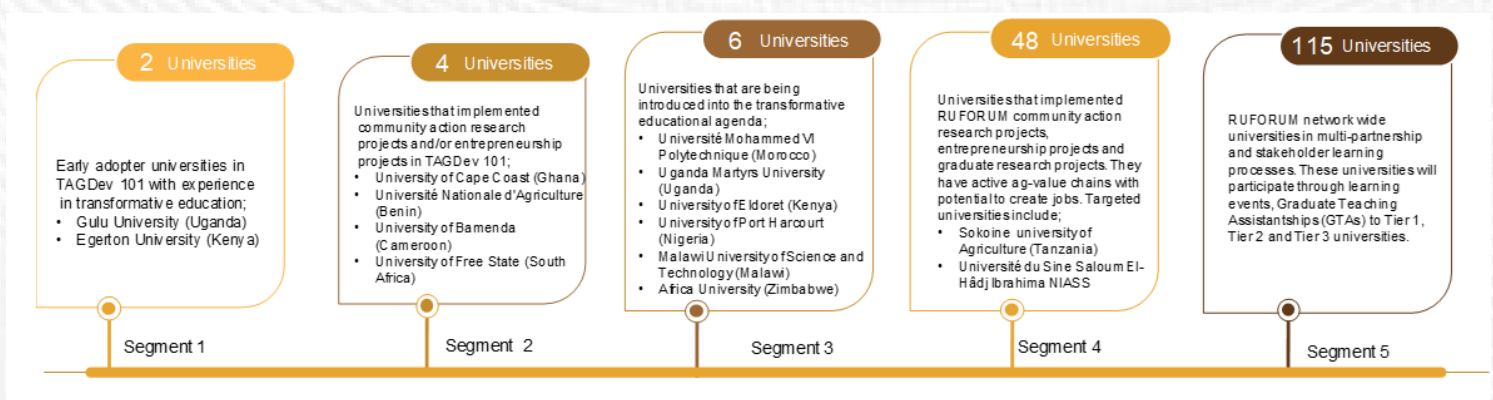
The TAGDev 2.0 Program is now its second year of implementation. Given the ecosystem and hub and spoke model approach with which the program was designed, program implementation has expanded across all the four tier categories with the fifth-tier category of universities participating in sending academic staff for PhD training under the Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) at University of Free State and Haramaya University where the GTAs have been operationalized.

Following the successfully held third Partnership Council meeting that was held virtually on 26th June, 2025, it was recommended that the fourth Partnership Council Meeting be held at the sidelines of the 21st RUFORUM Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Purpose of the fourth Partnership Council meeting

The fourth partnership council seeks to advance program governance for quality delivery and forward-looking focus towards outcome-oriented implementation. Specifically, the meeting will:

1. Review progress in program delivery
2. Provide and receive committee reports
3. Collaboratively address delivery barriers



Date: 3rd December, 2025
Venue: Protea Hotel
Session Chair : Professor Kibwage
Rapporteurs : Dr. Abigael & Prof Egeru

Time	Event	Person in-charge
Session One	Scene setting	
14:00-14:15	Participates arrival and TAGDev videos	Abigael Otinga and George Osure
14:15-14:30	Participants seated	All
14:30-14:40	Constitution of the Partnership Council Meeting	Prof. Isaac Kibwage, TAGDev 2.0 Partnership Council Chairperson & Vice Chancellor, Egerton University
14:40-15:00	Introductions	All
15:00-15:20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remarks by Prof. Isaac Kibwage: Vice Chancellor Egerton University, TAGDev 2.0 Partnership Council Chairperson 2. Remarks by Prof. Patrick Okori: Executive Secretary, RUFORUM 3. Remarks by Dr. John Nkengasong: Executive Director, Higher Education, Collaboratives, and Strategic Initiatives, Mastercard Foundation 	
15:20-15:30	Prof. Anthony Egeru and Pauline Gangla: Presentation of Third Partnership Council Minutes	Prof. Anthony Egeru and Gangla
15:30-15:50	Prof. Patrick Okori: TAGDev 2.0 Progress, Learnings and Prayers	Prof. Patrick Okori
15:50-16:10	Open discussion/Q&A	Prof. Isaac Kibwage
Session Two TAGDev 2.0 Committee Reports to the Partnership Council		
16:10-16:40	Prof. Isaac Kibwage: Mutual Accountability and Learning Prof. George Openjuru: Transformative Education and Learning Prof. Hester C. Kloppe: Inclusion, Safeguarding and People Prof. Bruno Djossa: Research, Innovation, and Policy Influence Prof. Hicham El Habti: Entrepreneurship and Business Development Prof. Owunari Abraham Georgewill: Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning	
16:40-17:00	Open discussion/Q&A	Prof. Isaac Kibwage
Session Three Partnership Council Deliberations, Learnings and Resolutions for Action		
17:00-17:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remarks by Dr. Mary Shawa: Chairperson of Finance and Administration Committee of Board 2. Remarks by Prof. Theresia Nkuo-Akenji: RUFORUM Board Chairperson 3. Remarks by Dr. John Nkengasong: Executive Director, Higher Education, Collaboratives, and Strategic Initiatives, Mastercard Foundation 4. Closing Remarks by Prof. Isaac Kibwage: TAGDev 2.0 Partnership Council Chairperson 	
17:30-18:00	Session Ends (Photographs) and Bilateral Chats	Communications Team

Invited Participants				
No	Name	Position	Organization/Representing	Country
University Representatives				
1	Prof. Isaac Ongubo Kibwagie	Vice Chancellor	Egerton University	Kenya
2	Prof. Thomas Kimeli Cheruiyot	Vice Chancellor	University of Eldoret	Kenya
3	Prof. George Lada Openjuru	Vice Chancellor	Gulu University	Uganda
4	Prof. Patrick Kyamanywa	Vice Chancellor	Uganda Martyrs University	Uganda
5	Prof. Theresia Nkuo-Akenji	Vice Chancellor	University of Bamenda	Cameroon
6	Prof. Denis Worlanyo Aheto	Vice Chancellor	University of Cape Coast	Ghana
7	Prof. Owunari Abraham Georgewill	Vice Chancellor	University of Port Harcourt	Nigeria
8	Prof. Bruno Agossou Djossa	Vice Chancellor	National University of Agriculture	Benin
9	Mr. Hicham Elhabti	Vice Chancellor	Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P)	Morocco
10	Prof. Address Mauakowa Malata	Vice Chancellor	Malawi University of Science and Technology	Malawi
11	Prof. Peter Mageto	Vice Chancellor	Africa University	Zimbabwe
12	Prof. Hester C. Klop-per	Vice Chancellor	The University of the Free State	South Africa
13	Prof. Yousuf Hassen Jemal	Vice Chancellor	Haramaya University	Ethiopia
14	Prof. Diegane Diouf	Vice Chancellor	Université du Sine Saloum El-Hâdj Ibrahima NIASS (USSEIN)	Senegal
15	Prof. Raphael Tihelwa Chibunda	Vice Chancellor	Sokoine University of Agriculture	Tanzania
Regional Technical Partners and Advisory Organisations				
16	Prof. Jim French	Secretary General	Global Confederation of Higher Education Associations for Agricultural and Life Sciences (GCHERA)	France
17	Dr. Lilian Lihasi	Executive Director	African Forum for Agricultural and Advisory Services (AFAAS)	Uganda
18	Dr. Mboo-Tchouawou, Michele	Deputy Executive Director	African Women in Agricultural Research and Development	Kenya
19	Gladys Ominde	Regional Economic Inclusion Manager	World University Services of Canada	Canada/Kenya
20	Mr. Bunmi Akinyemiju,	Founding Partner	Greenhouse Capital and Ventures	USA
Mastercard Foundation				

21	Dr. John Nkengasong	Executive Director, Higher Education, Collaboratives, and Strategic Initiatives, Mastercard Foundation	Mastercard Foundation	USA
22	Dr. Segenet Klemu	Executive Director, Pan-African Programs	Mastercard Foundation	Ethiopia
23	Dr. Yeukai Mlambo	Director of Special Programs Collaboratives	Mastercard Foundation	USA
24	Pauline Gangla	Head, Higher Education	Mastercard Foundation	Kenya
25	Annette Mutuku	Director Program Communications	Mastercard Foundation	Kenya
26	George Osure	Lead, Collaborative Agriculture	Mastercard Foundation	Kenya
RUFORUM Secretariat				
26	Prof. Patrick Okori	Executive Secretary	RUFORUM	Uganda
27	Dr. Florence Nakay-iwa	Deputy Executive Secretary	RUFORUM	Uganda
28	Prof. Anthony Egeru	Program Manager & TAGDev 2.0 Program Director	RUFORUM	Uganda
29	Dr. Abigael Nekesa Otinga	Senior Program Officer & Deputy Program Director	RUFORUM	Uganda
RUFORUM Governance Representative				
30	Dr. Mary Shawa	Chairperson of Finance and Administration Committee of Board	Former Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Transport, Government of Malawi	Malawi