

UAPC24

Highlights for the Day One

Speakers Chief Guest: Hajji Ismael Mulindwa (Ministry of Education):

Member of Parliament: Hon. Rose Obigah, **Office of Prime Minister:** Mr. Boaz Musiimenta, **Ministry of Health:** Dr. Hafsa Lukwata, Dr. Kenneth Kalani, **Uganda Police Force:** Assistant Inspector of Police Catherine Nsemererwa: **World Health Organisation:** Dr. Dag Rekve, Dr Hafsa Kasule, **Buganda Kingdom,** Owekitibwa Hassan Kiyemba, Mr. Mukiibi Andrew, **Academia:** Makerere University School of Public Health, **Mbarara University of Science and Technology:** Professor Tumwesigye Nazarious, **Civil Society:** Uganda Cancer Society: Uganda Non-Communicable Diseases Alliance, ISSD, Somero Uganda, LMI International, Hope and Beyond, Inner spark, Uganda Girl Guides Association etc.

Edutainment: Stream of Life Choir:

2 Plenaries and 4 Parallel sessions

Presentation Highlights

- Alcohol surveillance global, national reports, and community-based
- Evidence of Alcohol harm: societal (Poor parenting, GBV, injuries, and economic losses) and health impacts including cancers, non-communicable diseases, and deaths.
- Alcohol Policy barriers: cultural norms, industry interference, and funding gaps,
- Local Solution/ Promising practices: Buganda Kingdom: youth-focused alcohol control campaign in all 18 counties, Kisaakate kya Nabagereka mobilizing and inspiring alcohol prevention among young people, Digital prevention treatment initiatives.

Recommendations:

- Stronger regulation (advertising, promotion, and sales.),
- Alcohol Control Bill: continue advocacy, reintroduce the Bill as Government with multisectoral components
- Enforcement of existing measures: Laws e.g. Traffic and Road Safety Act, and utilization of existing frameworks like the SAFER initiative.
- Better coordination: Multisectoral and multilevel interventions (education, health gender...)
- Addressing underlying issues like poverty and unemployment. cultural norms.