



Date
30th April 2026



Time
7:00 am – 5:00 pm



Location
Big Lab One, CoCIS Block B Makerere

AI Software and Intelligent Systems Innovation Exhibition and Pitch Day 2026

"In-house development of Data Driven Solutions for Local to Global Markets"

Session	Topic	Presenter	Time
Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participant check-in & Registration Confirmation Opening remarks 	Host & Co Host Organizing Team	7:30 am
Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of the exhibition and the vision behind locally developed data-driven innovations 	Ggaliwango Marvin	8:00 am
Departmental Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of academia in advancing in-house technology development and innovation ecosystems 	Dr. Swaib Kyanda	8:15 am
Special Keynote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Competency-Driven Ecosystems for In-House AI & Data-Driven Systems Development in Africa 	Prof. Tonny J Oyana	8:25 am
Communication Systems, Research & AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choosing the Right Incubation or Innovation Center Startup, incubation & support opportunities at Unipod 	Dr Cathy Mbidde	8:35 am
AI, Modelling & Smart Innovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emerging trends in AI, modelling, and intelligent systems for solving real-world challenges 	Prof. Alo Oluwaseun	8:45 am
IP & Innovation Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting locally developed innovations through patents, copyrights, and commercialization strategies 	Ms. Esther Kabinga	9:00 am
Break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Tea Break: Public Exhibition of AI Software and Intelligent Systems 	Organising Team	9:15 am
Secure AI & Adaptive Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening digital security through AI-driven threat detection, adaptive security systems, and modern cybersecurity practices 	Mr. Lwomwa & Dr. Chhipa	9:30 am
Morning Pitch Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judges briefing, evaluation expectations, and first round of innovator pitches 	Head Judge (Dr. Eunice) & Panel	9:40 am
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch Break Public Exhibition of AI Software and Intelligent Systems 	Organizing Team	1:05 pm
Innovation & Research Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding pathways and transitioning research projects into sustainable startup ventures 	Dr John Ngubiri	2:00 pm
Afternoon Session Pitching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second round of innovation pitches alongside interactive exhibitions 	Judges	2:10 pm
Strategic Vision Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening innovation, research excellence, and industry collaboration in advancing locally developed intelligent systems 	Dr. Peter Nabende	4:30 pm
Judges' Feedback & Announcing of Winners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation feedback and reflections on innovation impact, scalability, and market readiness Recognition and awarding of outstanding innovations 	Head Judge	4:40 pm
Organiser Spotlight & Closing Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing Remarks from Chief Organiser 	Ggaliwango Marvin	4:55 pm
Group Photo + Closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Photo & Networking Departure at Will 	Host & Co Host	5:05 pm



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