

PROGRAMME

African Academic Night (2nd Annual Edition)

Where Science meets Entertainment, Business and Cultural Diversity

Date: **Saturday 28 October 2023**, Venue: **Vanha Hameentie 29, Turku, Finland**

Theme of the Year: Multicultural Finland-Africa Academic Community with Business Mindset.

Time: **17:00 to 01:00 (EEST)**.

Registration Link: (<http://dianary.org/registration-2/>)

16:30	Arrivals: Introductions & Networking
16:45	Launch of the The Learning Cafe: The 55 Minutes wine sharing for Networking, Project & Business Idea Testing (co-organised with Finnpartnership, Finland)
17:45	Introduction of Anchors-Programme Run Down. Omotomila Ikotun. Priscilla Osei, Temisan Omatsola & Terence Yuh (Ph.D)
17:55	Welcome, The quadruple Mission of the Diaspora Academic Network for Africa, the African Academic Night (2 year achievements of DIANA). Docent Dr. Pascal Doh , President of DIANA.
18:00	Welcome to town-The Diaspora in the Turku Region Strategy, Minna Arve , Mayor of the city of Turku, Finland (confirmed)
18:05	Welcome to Finland, home to everyone by Sophia Virta , Green Member of Parliament, National Chairperson of the Green Party in Finland.
18:10	Partner Greetings from Visiting Personalities and Organisations (Present)
	ASAF, the African Students and Alumni Organisation by the African Union-European Commission, Lina Wanjala Mkoji
	OBREAL GLOBAL, Apiyo Okwiri
	H.E Excellency Professor Sarah Anyang Agbor, Outgone African Union Commissioner for Human Resources, Science, Technology and Innovation. Designated Ambassador for the Finland-Africa Platform for Teacher Training.
18:20	Musical Interlude: The Rwandan Dance Group
PART I	
18.25	Contribution of African Scientists in the Finnish & African Knowledge Economy (5 Mins each).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Finland to Finland: An Insight into my Aircraft Engineering Journey, Dr. Raoul Yondo(Tampere University). • Finland in Farm to Fork, Farm to Market Strategies in Africa, Dr. Naima Ndegwa, University of Helsinki, Finland • “My daily Life as a Medical Doctor in Finland; Immigrant Prospects and Challenges of Integration to the Finnish Medical corps. M.D and Specialist Dr. Grace Mary Kagoma, Helsinki Health Area, Finland
18:35	The Finnish Dance Group
PART II. Internationalisation of Finland in Africa & Business	
18:40	Africa Global Networks in the higher education internationalisation programme of Finland: GINTL & FAPI
18:45	Showcase of Excellent Internationalisation of Finland Abroad. The Finnish Language Club in Africa by DIANA (Sharon & Group); FUN TIME & Short African Sketch in Finnish -Participant Experience of Teaching Finnish in the African Context.
PART III	Developing Academic Business Mindsets and Partnership in Finland
19:10	The Business Corner (Seizing Opportunities): Finnpartnership programmes for Finnish Business startups in Africa and African Diaspora Businesses in Finland. Plenary Presentation by Birgit Nevala,
19:15	Animation: The Ghanian Dance Group from Helsinki
19:20	End of session remarks: Immigrant Academics & Students as Drivers of the New Government Programme of Finland. Anna-Maja Henriksson , Minister of Education and Culture, Finland
	Questions and Answers (Group Photos)
19:30	Refreshments
PART IV	General Entertainment
19:50	Animation by PRAMZY, Helsinki
19:55	Animation: Igbo men group (Nigeria) by Umulgo ry, Turku, Finland.
20:00	Open Dance (Opening of the Floor)
20:30	International Attire Display (Fashion parade) Coordination (Sidi Fashion & Group & Josephine Atanga, Women Designed for Success, Finland- Researcher).
20:55	The Rwandan Dance Group
21:00	Dance and Dance
PART V	Display by Invited Artist and General Dancing

21:20	Animation Alina Rein, Turku
21:30	Dance and Dance
21.45	Award Ceremony & Vote of Thanks
21.50	Herve
22:00	Dance Dance Dance
22:20	Animation: The Finnish Dance Group
22.30	Dance and Dance and Network:
11:00	Assorted Group Dances (Igbo Men Group) & Ghanaian Dance Group T& Herve
12:00	Dance and Dance and Networking
01.00	End of Programme.

All Speakers Confirmed (Except MINEDU and EDUSKUNTA)

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