

## 1<sup>st</sup> Virtual Meeting

Date: Oct 31 2020

Time: 10:00 am Eastern Standard Time

### ***SPEAKERS***



*Dr. Muniini Mulera*  
*ICOB President*

A founder member of ICOB, Dr. Munini is the current ICOB President

*Maxima Musimenta*  
*CEO LIVARA*



In Maxima’s own words, “growing up in a strictly Catholic family with parents whose main mission was to educate their children in the best schools available and provide them with better opportunities than they had was an interesting feat. See, both my parents were born and raised in abject poverty in the mountains of Kabale and we were raised in a household where it was imperative to be the best especially in school. They believed that a good education held the key to a much better future. This is a concept I still believe in to today”.

Maxima graduated with a First Class BSc. Electrical Engineering degree after which she went on to study and practice petroleum engineering for two and a half years with Schlumberger - the world’s biggest oil and gas service company. Prior to that, she was part of the team that built the first electrical hybrid car in Uganda. Her time with Schlumberger exposed her to various cultures and experiences across the world however, her time in Congo made her realize that for Africa to thrive, Africans need to take the reigns of their development train. So, she quit her USD 10,000 a month salary to return to the financial oblivion of Uganda and to bring her dream to life. Maxima currently owns Uganda’s biggest natural and organic cosmetics brand – Livara. The company has 5 branches across the country and she intends to grow the brand into a multinational successful Ugandan owned business



*Rev. Ben Twinamaani.  
Rector , Grace Church  
Tampa Florida*



*Vicent Taremwa  
Educator, Ecuador – Latin  
America*



*Prof. Manuel Muranga.  
Professor Linguistics*

Rev Benjamin B. Twinamaani and his family joined Grace Episcopal Church in Tampa Palms as the First Rector on May 1, 2005 where he still serves till today. Rev Ben as he is affectionately called, is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary. In his 28 years of ordained ministry, he has served as parish clergy under various dioceses (Dallas, Delaware, Southwest Florida). He is an honorary canon of the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware. He holds keen interest in the life and witness of the Anglican Tradition in the age of globalization.

Vicent Taremwa is a native of Nyakafura, Mparo- Rukiga district who currently lives and works Ecuador (Sudamerica-Latino America) . Vicent is a highly experienced high school teacher with a focus on language – particularly the English language. He loves working with teenagers and his passion is to encourage them learn international languages. He is currently building an academy for languages that may employ fellow Banyakigyezi youth and working on creating a YouTube channel for that purpose. Vicent moved to Ecuador in 2017 and immediately embarked on learning Spanish in order to teach English to his Ecuadorian students. He is currently the coordinator of Ugandan community in Ecuador and hopes that's more Banyakigezi make Ecuador home (away from home).

Rev. Prof Manuel John Kamugisha Muranga, has been a Professor of Linguistics, Kabale University, since May 2018, and Director of the Institute of Language Studies, Kabale University, since December 2019.

He holds a B.A., Dip. Ed. (Makerere) and Dr. phil. (University of Bayreuth, Germany); Subjects: German, French, English, Runyakitara.

Prof Muranga taught at Makerere University from 1978 to 2009 and during that time was the Director of the Institute of Languages from 1996 to 2000 and from 2004 to 2008.

After Makerere he joined, Bishop Barham University College, Kabale, a Constituent College of Uganda Christian University, 2008-2015 as Principal;

From 2015 to 2018, he served the Department of Languages and Literature at Uganda Christian University, Mukono as a Professor. He has produced a number of publications on language, literature and culture, from different perspectives including translation, hymnology, name studies, proverb studies etc.



*Hon. Justice Patrick Tabaro*

Prof Muranga is an ordained minister in the Church of Uganda since September 2003. He is married to Rev. Dr. Florence I. Muranga and they are blessed with two sons and four grandchildren.

Justice Tabaro, served over thirty-six (36) years in the Judiciary, starting out as a Magistrate in 1976 rising through the ranks to become a Constitutional Court Judge, Acting Principal Judge (President of the High Court) as well as serving as chairman of various Public Commissions of Inquiry and Specialized Courts such as the Non-performing Assets Recover Trust (NPART).

He is widely published in academic and non-academic periodicals and chairs the University Council of Marcus Garvey Pan African University. He is the immediate former patron of Makerere Law Society (his Alma Mater) which honoured him with the award Order of Merit. He is also the founding chairman and now chairman of Uganda Historical Memory, an NGO that documents the country's historical memories. He is also a decorated national hero having been bestowed the Nalubaale Medal by the H.E President Yoweri Museveni for his contribution to the struggle against dictatorship in Uganda.

He farms tea, coffee, and practices horticulture in his free time.



*Dr. Paul Kasenene.*  
*MD Wellcare Health*  
*& Wellness*

Dr. Paul Kasenene is a qualified medical doctor specializing in Nutrition, Functional and Lifestyle Medicine. He is also a wellness expert with a passion for helping people achieve optimal health and wellbeing through natural, dietary & lifestyle methods. With over 8 years' experience in the wellness and integrative health industry Dr. Kasenene he has helped many of his clients reverse chronic disease, lose weight and restore their health.

Dr. Kasenene is the managing director of Wellcare Health & Wellness Clinic located in Bugolobi, a place where clients can experience a rich blend of natural, alternative and conventional medical techniques. His wellness facility offers a wide range of services including health screenings, medical and wellness consultations, weight management, healthy eating & detox services, workplace wellness programs and much more.



*Elvis Muhabwa  
Retired Civil Servant South  
Carolina*

An alumni of Ntare School, Elvis spent a year and a half in Uganda College Of Commerce Nakawa then in 1980 joined University of Minnesota where he graduated with a degree of Bachelor Of Arts in Economics and a minor in Communications .In 1986 he joined Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia where he graduated with a Master of Arts Degree in Communications and Media Management. He worked for a State of South Carolina as a Civil Servant for over 23 years until he retired in 2012.



*Allan Rwakatungu  
CEO and Founder of Xente.*

Xente is a payments and e-commerce platform used by individuals and businesses to make payments from anywhere in the world using Visa, Mobile money and Bank transfer as well as shop for 5000+ products from verified and trusted sellers. Allan's mission at Xente is to transform Uganda and African from an analogue cash economy to a digital and cashless economy. Allan is a Musigyi from Kashabya, Rukiga district with a background in telecom and digital financial services. Allan is married with children.



*Dr. Joelle Reed*

Dr Joelle Kitangaza Reid is a British-Ugandan doctor in the UK, currently working towards becoming a consultant in Emergency Medicine at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. She was born and raised in London from Kikiga ancestry, and her heritage is a Mukiga Omwitira wa Kabuga na Nyamishambo. In 2010, she obtained a Certificate of Distinction in Biomedical Science and in 2011 decided to go back home to study for a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST).

Dr Reid has been involved in ICOB since the age of 13, and has attended many ICOB conventions. She currently holds the position of Youth Representative in ICOB UK. She has special interests in Medical education, Pre-hospital Medicine and in future wishes to work as a trauma consultant on the Air Ambulances. In 5 to 10 year's time, she wishes to build a property portfolio and start a business in hospitality. Dr Reid's hobbies including cooking and baking, travelling and outdoor activities.