



AFRICA REGION REPORT

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Planned Activities for 2025

Professional Development (Webinars)	The chapter will continue with regular professional engagements on topical issues in Data and related conceptual/professional issues
West African Event- 5 th Regional Chapter Workshop	The workshop is planned for October, 2025 in Ghana
Research Grant (to promote research of data literacy in Africa)	Capacity building (facilitate one regional research in the areas of data literacy, Data Science and data management in Africa).
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Professional Development (Webinars)



The poster for the 2025 IASSIST Africa Chapter Webinar Series features a dark blue header with the IASSIST logo and the text 'International Association for Social Science Information Services & Technology Africa Chapter'. Below this, it states 'HOST: IASSIST Africa Chapter & EASLIS, CoCIS'. The main topic is 'Reimagining Catalogs and Repositories to Enhance the FAIRness of Research Data', moderated by Dr. Kizito Ongaya. A circular graphic contains the dates and times: 15th July 2025, 3:00pm EAT, 2:00pm CAT, and 1:00pm WAT. The presenters are Dr. John Marcotte and Ms. Kelly Ogden-Schuetz. A Zoom registration link is provided at the bottom.

2025 IASSIST Africa Chapter Webinar Series

TOPIC Reimagining Catalogs and Repositories to Enhance the FAIRness of Research Data

Dates: 15th July 2025
Time: 3:00pm EAT
2:00pm CAT
1:00pm WAT

Moderator
Dr. Kizito Ongaya
Deputy University Librarian,
Makerere University,
Kampala, Uganda

Presenters

Dr. John Marcotte
Data Archivist, Statistician, and
Data Security Expert
ICPSR/University of Michigan,
USA

Ms. Kelly Ogden-Schuetz
Project Associate Manager
ICPSR/University of Michigan,
USA

Zoom Registration link <https://myumi.ch/e3n1n>

Register in Advance: You will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting
Email: secretariat@iassistafrica.org

- i) Reimagining Catalogs and Repositories to Enhance the FAIRness of Research Data.
- ii) Making control of Your Data: Open Source DDI Tools for FAIR Data: *Moderator: Robert Kayiki, Uganda:- Dr. Chifundo Kanjala, Data and metadata specialist, Malawi*

Date: 22nd – 24th October, 2025

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5th IASSIST Africa Regional Workshop

THEME:
Enhancing Data Management for Promoting Continuous Growth and a Sustainable Future for Africa

Venue: Office of Head of Local Government Service (OHLGS) Conference Centre, Accra, Ghana

Our Partners:

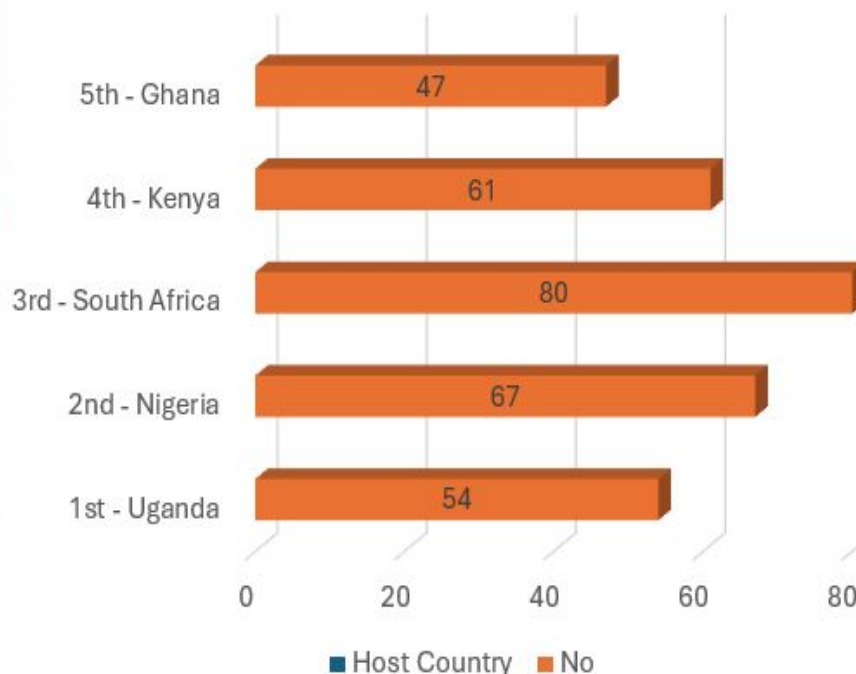
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UNIVERSITY OF GHANA DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION STUDIES

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

CSIR FOR SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

Regional Workshop Participation



Hosted: Head Local Government Service Office

IASSIST Members: 11

Sponsor: DDI Alliance

Best Paper Award: Prof. Fehintola, Nike Onifade & Oyedokun, Siddiqah Olatope

Title:

Enhancing Data Management Through Open Data Policies: Investigating Nigerian University Libraries' Institutional Repositories

6th Africa Regional Workshop – Uganda (Hosted by Makerere University)

Seeking approval of the President to attend the next Workshop in Uganda

Continuous maintenance of the website

- There have been continuous updates, hosting, and maintenance by the Website Master

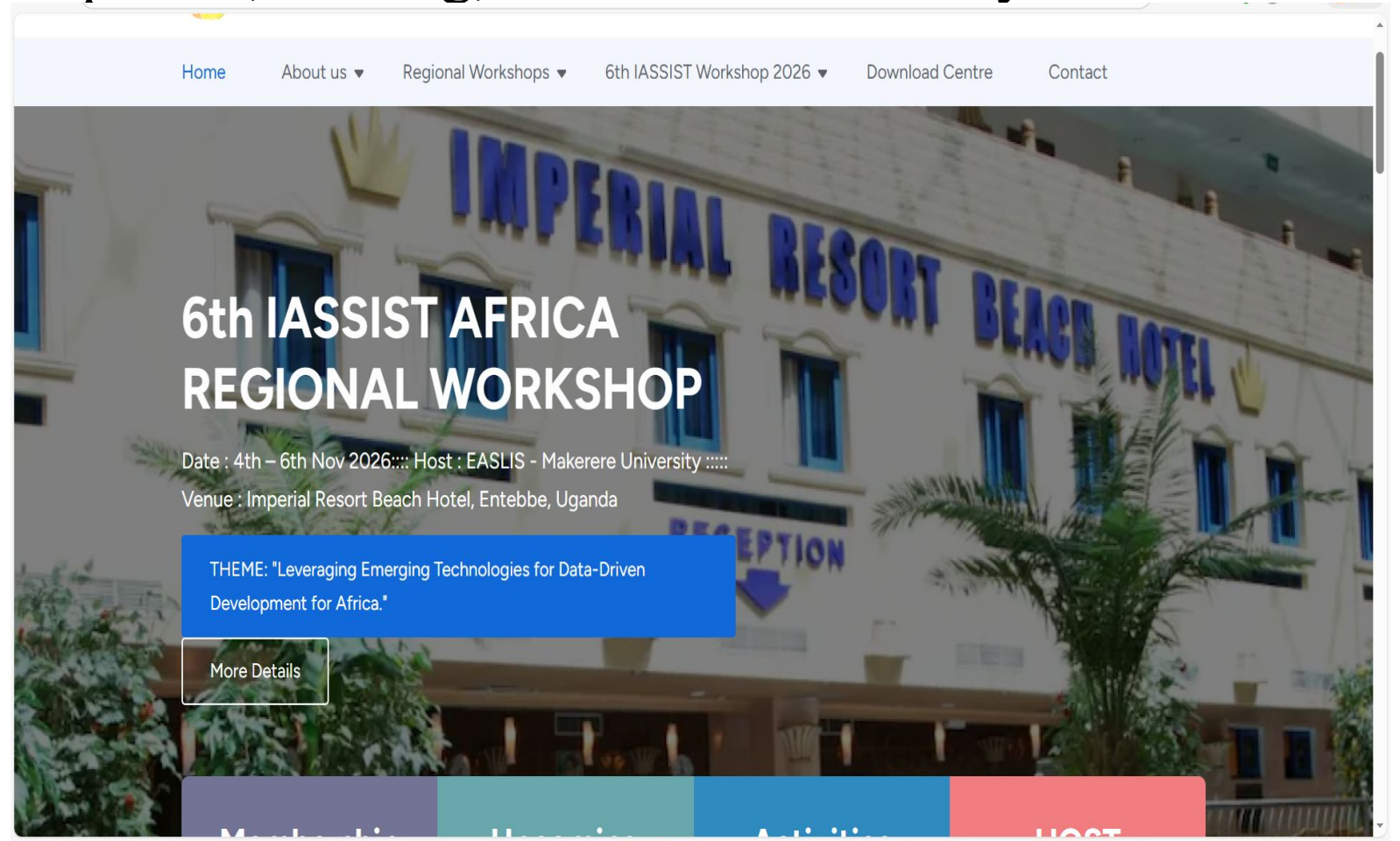
<http://iassistafrica.org>

Submissions:

Presentations:78

Posters - 5

Workshops-2



Other activities:



Some of the Workshop participants at Makerere University

Through the membership committee's event sponsorship program,

- Supported Parliament of Uganda – Workshop on *"Data Literacy for Law Librarians"*

Planned Activities for 2026

Professional Development (Webinars)	The chapter will continue with regular professional engagements on topical issues in Data and related conceptual/professional issues
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