

DRAFT PROGRAMME

INTERNATIONAL OPEN ACCESS WEEK 2025 20th – 24th October 2025

Global Theme: “Who Owns Our Knowledge?”

Busitema University Theme: “Our Campuses, Our Community, Our Knowledge: Opening Access for Ugandan Solutions”

DAY 1: MONDAY, 20TH OCTOBER 2025 – Engaging Our Community

Time	Activity	Venue	Description
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Official Opening & Knowledge Exchange Fair	Engineering Library, Learning Commons, Busitema Campus	A fair showcasing the two-way street of knowledge. Farmers and community experts share indigenous knowledge with students and researchers. Chief Guest: Representative from Busia District Local Government.
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Panel Discussion: <i>"From Thesis to Action"</i>	Engineering Library, Learning Commons, Busitema Campus	Researchers, alumni, and community leaders discuss how to make Busitema research available to local governments and farmers for practical application.

Events will be broadcast live to all campus libraries via social media channels and TV – [details will follow later through campus Librarians].

DAY 2: TUESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER 2025 – Enhancing Visibility

Time	Activity	Venue	Description
All Day	Research Visibility Help Desks	All Campus Libraries	Library staff will be on hand to help academics and students create and optimize their ORCID, Google Scholar, ResearchGate, and Academia.edu profiles to increase the reach of their work & visibility of the University.

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER 2025 – Amplifying Our Voice

Time	Activity	Venue	Description
All Day	#BusitemaOpenKnowledge2025 Social Media Campaign	All Campuses & Online	A day of live interviews asking our community: "What Ugandan problem does your research solve?" and "Who should benefit from your findings?" Join the conversation online!

DAY 4: THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER 2025 – The Ultimate Quiz Challenge

Time	Activity	Venue	Description
All Day	Inter-Campus Quiz Competition Finals	Engineering Library, Busitema Campus & Live Broadcast	Student teams from all six campuses compete in a thrilling quiz on Open Access, research, and Busitema's impact. Let's celebrate our students' knowledge!

DAY 5: FRIDAY, 24TH OCTOBER 2025 – Building Capacity & Grand Finale

Time	Activity	Venue	Description
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Capacity Building Workshop	Busitema Campus & Online (Zoom)	Session 1: Understanding Creative Commons Licenses. Session 2: How to Publish Your Thesis in BUScholar (Self-Archiving Demo).
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Grand Closing Ceremony & Launches	Busitema Campus	Highlights: Launch of the BU Journal, Self-Archiving Platform, and Research Data Management Portal. Award of prizes to quiz winners and certificates to participants. Chief Guest: Chairperson, University Council.

Note: This is a draft programme. The final version with confirmed speakers and Zoom links will be circulated closer to the event.

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Let's work together to open access for Ugandan Research!