

# **U6+ Consortium 10th International Conference 2026**



**Monday, 7 September 2026 - Friday, 11 September 2026**

**University of Eldoret**

## **Scientific Programme**

**Conference Week Programme****1. Monday, 7th September 2026:**

Arrival and reception of guests and delegates for the African student leadership programme.

**2. Tuesday, 8th September 2026:**

1. Arrival and reception of conference guests and delegates

2. African Student Leaders Workshop/Postgraduate training sessions and evening cocktail

**3. Wednesday, 9th September 2026:**

Official opening and Main conference sessions begin

**4. Thursday, 10th September 2026:**

Main conference sessions

**5. Friday, 11th September 2026:**

Main conference sessions, conference dinner, and closing activities

The U6 Plus Consortium of African Universities International Conference is an annual flagship event organized by a consortium of eleven universities across Africa. The member institutions include the University of Eldoret (Kenya), the University of Cape Coast (Ghana), the University of Ilorin (Nigeria), Cape Peninsula University of Technology (South Africa), Al-Hikmah University (Nigeria), Kwara State University (Nigeria), Vaal University of Technology (South Africa), the University of The Gambia (The Gambia), the Federal University of Technology (Nigeria), the University of Abuja (Nigeria), and the University of Calabar (Nigeria).

The conference will be preceded by two important capacity-building engagements: the African Student Leaders Workshop and the Postgraduate Training Workshop, both designed to foster leadership, research excellence, and academic collaboration among participants.

The event is expected to attract Vice-Chancellors from the eleven member universities, alongside distinguished policymakers, researchers, industry leaders, and development partners. This presents a unique platform for networking, knowledge exchange, institutional partnerships, and collaborative research initiatives.

The University of Eldoret encourages members of staff and their research collaborators to actively participate in this prestigious international conference by submitting and presenting their research findings. To support staff participation, the University will subsidize 50% of the conference registration fee applicable to international delegates for all accepted papers and/or poster presentations.

## **Agriculture & Food Systems**

Precision agriculture, data, and digital platforms

Indigenous farming knowledge and seed systems

Citizen science and agro-ecology for food security

Agri-entrepreneurship and value addition

## **Social Sciences & Community Development**

Social inclusion, equity, and participatory innovation

Governance, policy, and digital citizenship

Cultural heritage, indigenous institutions, and social resilience

Community driven development models

## **Business, Entrepreneurship & Economics**

MSMEs, startups, and innovation ecosystems  
Indigenous enterprises and community based business models  
Digital finance, fintech, and market access  
Sustainable and impact entrepreneurship

## **Science, Technology, Engineering & Innovation**

AI, IoT, robotics, and smart systems  
Frugal and indigenous engineering innovations  
Infrastructure for inclusive digital transformation  
Local manufacturing and technology transfer  
Open science and research cocreation  
Knowledge systems integration  
Research to policy and research to market pathways  
Ethics, ownership, and protection of indigenous knowledge

## **Education & Human Capital Development**

CBET, TVET, and lifelong learning  
Digital learning platforms and open science  
Indigenous knowledge in curricula  
Skills development for youth and women

## **One Health & Well Being**

Digital health systems and telemedicine  
Indigenous and alternative medicine  
Community-based health data and surveillance  
Universal health coverage and equity

## **Natural Resources, Climate Change & Sustainable Development**

Inclusive climate action in Africa  
Biodiversity conservation and ecosystem restoration  
Indigenous environmental stewardship  
Green technologies and circular economy  
Mining, water, forestry, and land governance  
Community participation and benefit sharing  
Digital monitoring and resource management systems  
Sustainable extraction and value addition

# **Law, Peace & Justice**

Governance & Rule of Law

Human Rights & Social Justice

Conflict Resolution & Peacebuilding

Security & Justice Systems

Global & Emerging Issues

Regional / Africa-Focused Issues