

Universities in Action: Global Perspectives on University-Community Partnerships

International mid-term conference



Oct 21 2025, Freetown, Sierra Leone

Venue: FBC Campus, Freetown, Sierra Leone (Multi-purpose hall)

Registration	9.30-10.00
Opening (FBC Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Andrew C.M. Baio)	10.00-10.10
What are Erasmus+ and ENHANCE-GSL all About? (Nato Chikhladze, University of Georgia, Georgia)	10.10-10.30
<i>Beyond the Classroom Walls: Community-Engaged Learning for Social Justice</i> Prof. Bojana Čulum Ilić, University of Rijeka, Croatia (lecture/presentation)	10.30-11.00
<i>Bringing Academia and Community Development – Strengthening University-Community Partnerships for Sustainable Impact</i> Dr. Judith Pete, Senior Lecturer and Service Learning Regional Hub: Africa Coordinator At Tangaza University, Langata, Nairobi Uniservitate presentation (online)	11.00 - 11.30
<i>Presentation of Community Engagement in Higher Education Manual</i> Prof. Bojana Čulum Ilić (University of Rijeka, Croatia) & Prof. Alžbeta Brozmanová Gregorová (Matej Bel University, Slovakia)	11.35 - 11.50
<i>European University Alliances: Examples of Community-engagement in YUFE & EMERGE alliances</i> Prof. Bojana Čulum Ilić (YUFE) & Prof. Alžbeta Brozmanová Gregorová (EMERGE)	11.55 - 12.25
<i>Caritas Sierra Leone Makeni's Approach to Community Participation</i> Mr. Alhaji Kargbo, Caritas Makeni, Sierra Leone	12.30 - 13.00

Break	13.00 - 14.00
<i>Innovative Strategies in Promoting University-Community Partnerships - Impact on Students, Local Communities and Institutional Development</i> Candelaria Ferrara, CLAYSS, Argentina (online)	14.00 - 14:30
<i>Community Engagement Example from Matej Bel University - Service-learning Projects in the Prison</i> Prof. Alžbeta Brozmanová Gregorová & Prof. Zuzana Heinzová Matej Bel University, Slovakia	14.30-14.50
<i>UNIMAK's Perspective of University–Community Engagement</i> Mr. Unisa Patrick Kamara (PhD Candidate) Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Makeni, Sierra Leone	14.50-15.10
<i>FBC Perspective on University-Community Engagement</i> Dr. Leonard Bangura, University of Sierra Leone, Fourah Bay College	15.10-15.30
<i>SSOU Perspective on University-Community Engagement</i> Shorena Parunashvili, Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University, Georgia	15.30-15.50
<i>UG Perspective on University-Community Engagement</i> Archil Jangirashvili (PhD Candidate) & Dr. Tinatin Chitorelidze University of Georgia, Georgia	15.50-16.10
Closing	16.10-16.30



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