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Dr. Helen Nambalirwa Nkabala holds a PhD (VID-Stavanger/Makerere University), M.Phil. Theology (University of Bergen), Master of Arts in Peace and Reconciliation Studies (Coventry University), PGDE/ME in Educational Technologies (University of Cape Town) and BA (Makerere University). Helen did the IELTS examination and scored a band 7.5 (British Council). She is an Associate Professor in the Department of Religion and Peace Studies, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, at Makerere University. Helen has extensively published in the fields of leadership, as well as Religion and Peace Studies. She is well equipped with conflict resolution and management Skillsets, relationship building, reconciliation, networking and interpersonal abilities relevant for interacting with different partners. She has won and managed grants with the Mellon Foundation, The Cambridge-Africa Alborada Research Fund, UN Women, Mastercard Foundation, United States Institute of Peace, The Elsie Fund New York, and she is an AHP Fellow and a Paul Harris Fellow. Helen has extensively trained UNMISS staff in Conflict Transformation as well Social Cohesion and the Uganda Police in Conflict Transformation & Peace building. She is the Inaugural Director of the first and so far, only Rotary Peace Center in Africa situated at Makerere University. Helen served as a member of the Makerere University Council and Chairperson of the Student Affairs Committee (2018-2022). She is a mentor on the Mastercard programme. Helen is member of the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), ESEAT, CoLLECT-SIMBA. Currently, she serves on the Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund as a Member of the Grants Management Committee, she is also a member of the Intellectual Property Management Committee of Makerere University and she is a member & the Vice Chairperson of the Steering Committee of the Makerere University Grants Management Support Unit.



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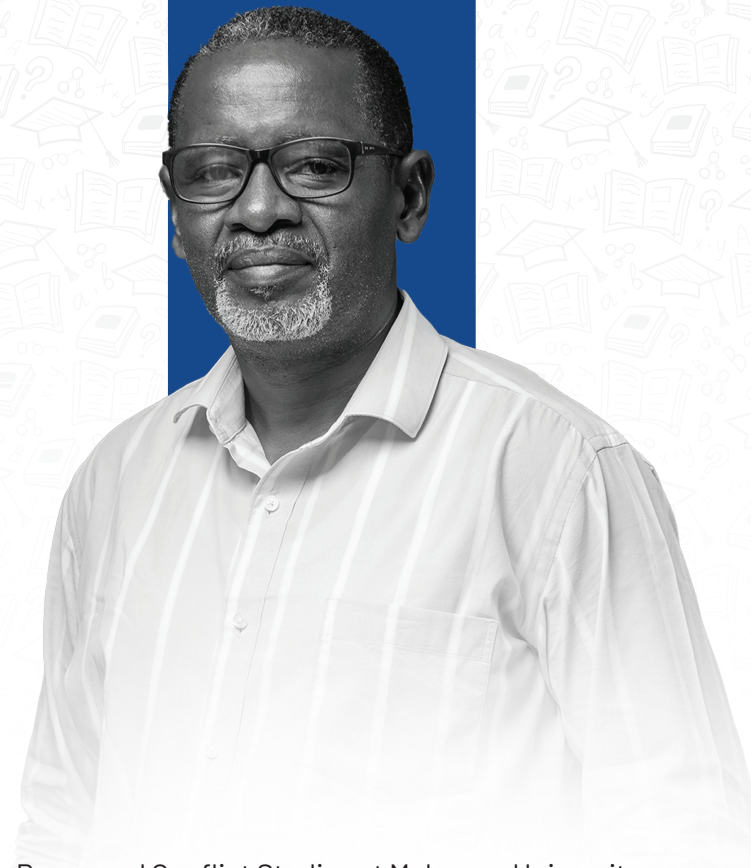
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Dr. Samson Barigye is a Chevening scholar and Lecturer in Peace and Conflict Studies at Makerere University. He is the Academic Coordinator of Makerere University Rotary Peace Centre. His teaching and research areas, as well as community engagement activities are in the areas of conflict resolution and transformation, international humanitarian law, peacekeeping, post-conflict peace-building and post-war reconstruction, reconciliation, humanitarian assistance, humanitarian-development-peace (HDP) coherence. He is an experienced conflict analyst, conflict prevention and mitigation expert with solid competence in conflict sensitivity, community and social cohesion, as well as reconciliation.

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Charlotte Mafumbo holds a Ph.D. from University of Cape Town and a Masters of International Studies of the University of Sydney, Australia. Additionally, she holds a postgraduate certificate in gender and conflict studies from Hannover University, Germany; a postgraduate diploma in social conditions and policies from Copenhagen University; and a BA in History and International Organization from Makerere University in Kampala. She was a Global South Scholar at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva in 2012.

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She is a lecturer in the Department of History, Archaeology and Heritage Studies and teachings on the graduate program in Peace and Conflict Studies as well as at the Rotary Peace Center Program. She has extensive experience in security studies and maintains a very strong partnership with government and nongovernmental agencies. Her current research is the role of women and youth in peace and conflict in the East African Region and terrorism in the Great Lakes Region. She supervises both graduate and undergraduate students.

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