



DALILA

Development of new Academic curricula on sustainable energies and green economy in Africa

SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM – FIRST DAY

University and Cooperation for Sustainable Development in Africa

September 16th, 2021

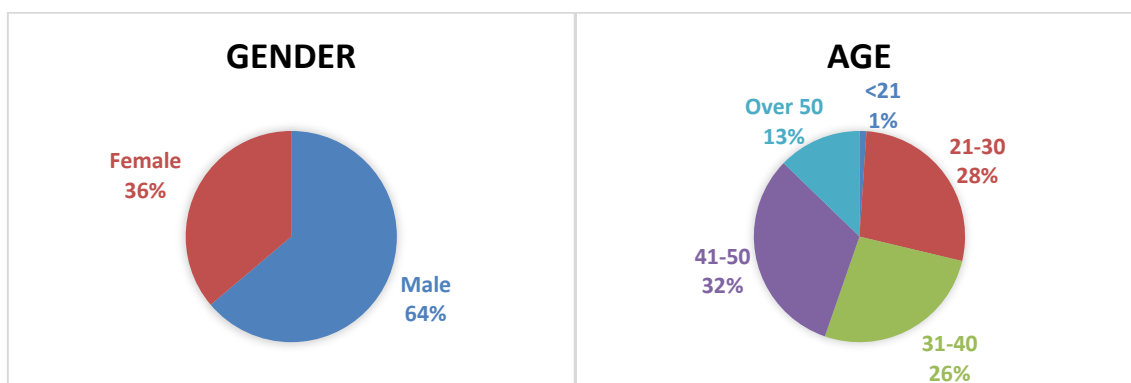
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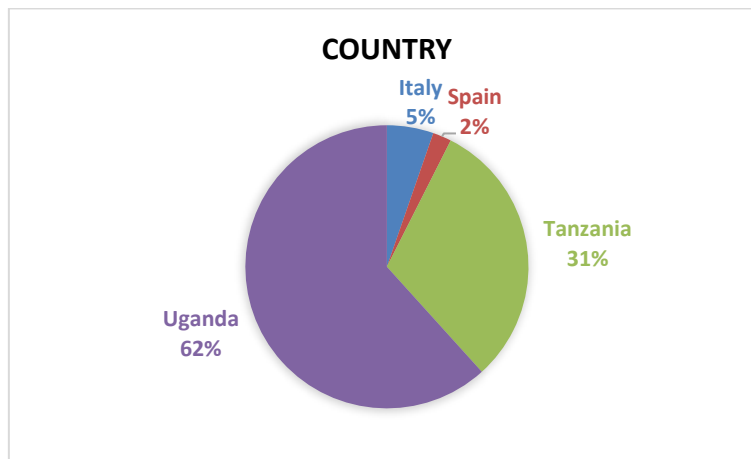
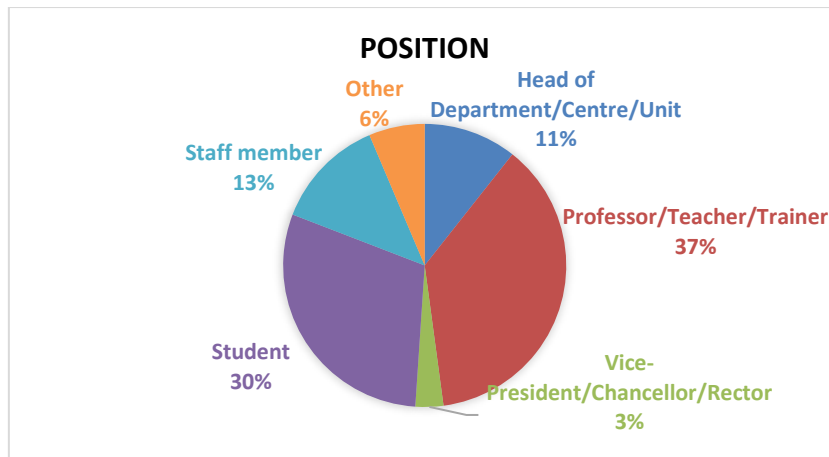
The first day of the Scientific Symposium consisted in an institutional meeting between the representatives of DALILA's Partner Universities, to reflect on the current issues of sustainable development in Africa and to encourage an open discussion on how these can be improved through the collaboration of the African-European high education system.

The event was disseminated through the social media and websites of DALILA project and the Partner Universities involved: Sapienza University of Rome (Italy), University of Cadiz (Spain), State University of Zanzibar and University of Dodoma in Tanzania, Uganda Martyrs University, and Uganda Christian University.

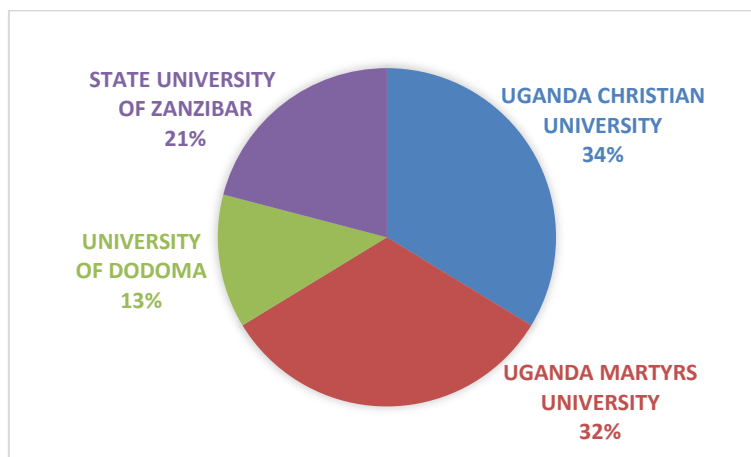
Below is provided an overview of the statistics of the people that registered (94) as well as of those who attended the event (59 people, 63% rate of participation).

Registered people:

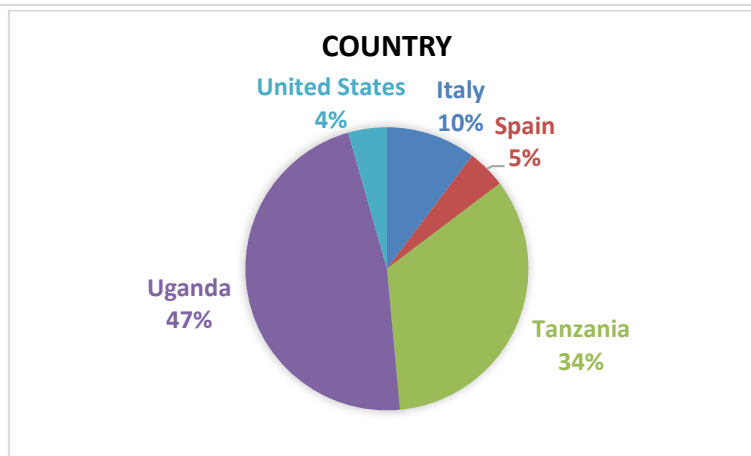
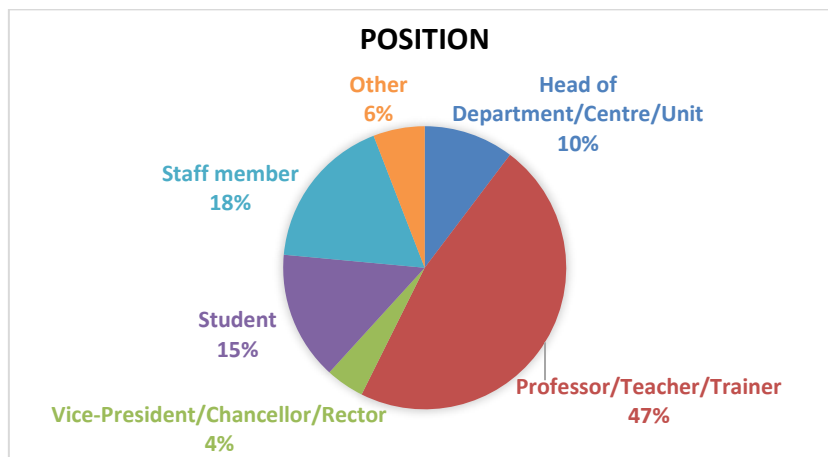
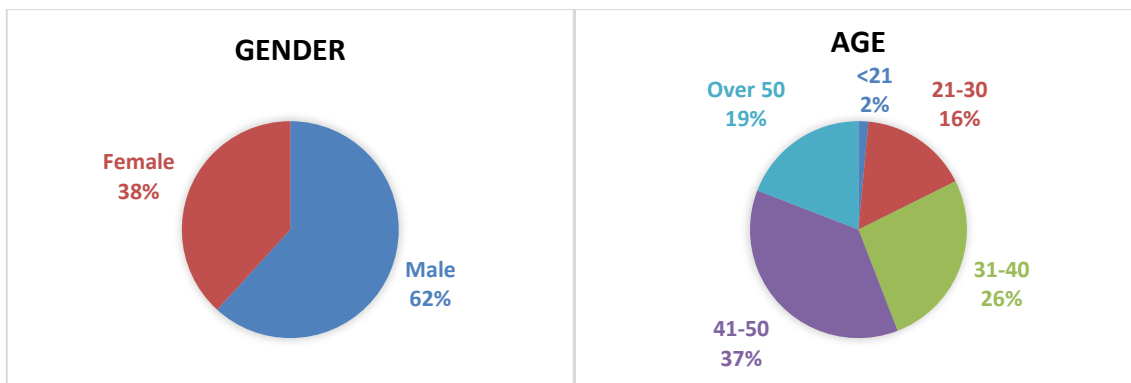




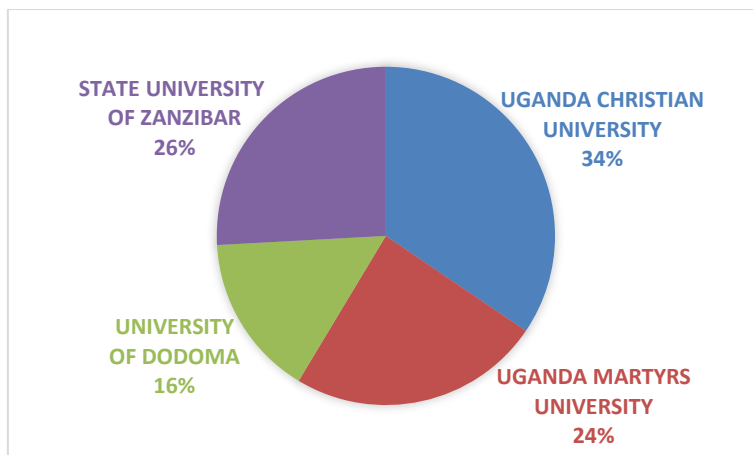
The Ugandan (Martyrs and Christian University) and Tanzanian (State University of Zanzibar and University of Dodoma) Institutions registered to the event as outlined below:



Attendees:



The participation of the Ugandan (Martyrs and Christian University) and Tanzanian (State University of Zanzibar and University of Dodoma) Institutions is outlined below:





Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, this event was an online webinar where all Partner Universities' Rectors, Vice-Chancellors, and other representatives presented their Institutions and highlighted the importance of a transversal collaboration at an academic level to tackle the complexity of the African green energy and renewable energy sector.

Sapienza University of Rome

Graziella Gaglione – Head of Non-EU Mobility and International Education Agreements Unit

The international office at Sapienza University of Rome deals with activities carried out in Europe and beyond: the Institution participates in a wide range of international projects addressing didactics, research, and cooperation with the aim to promote students and staff mobility around the world, also welcoming foreign scholars as visiting professors for research and teaching.

The development cooperation unit promotes international aid development programs and partnerships, participating in international and European funding programs, such as EuropeAid and Erasmus Mundus ACP project, funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Martina Vizzani – Non-EU Mobility and International Education Agreements Unit

Bilateral Agreements for Student Exchange is an understanding between Sapienza University of Rome and a non-EU institution aimed at exchanging Bachelor, Master and PhD students for study and/or thesis research (from a minimum of 90 days to a maximum of two consecutive semesters).

Prof. Marcella Corsi – Coordinator of Minerva Lab

Minerva Lab is a laboratory on Diversity and Gender Inequality that carries out multidisciplinary research activities, promoting the contamination between different research fields. It promotes various international projects (in Uzbekistan, India, Brazil, Tanzania and Uganda, Argentina, etc.), where the topics of major interest concern labour market discrimination, intersectionality, care economy, women and power, gender statistics.

University of Cadiz

Prof. Rafael Jimenez – Vice-Rector of International Affairs

Michel Remi Njiki – Director of Internalization Office

The University of Cadiz is the closest European university to Africa. This proximity is seen as an opportunity to raise the level of academia and meet the challenges of current times. They are especially interested in promoting cooperation and international mobility of students and staff between Spain and Africa, offering different programs supported by non-EU mobility, Master and PhD programs. Currently, cooperation and mobility arrangements are active in Ivory Coast.

In January 2022 a Staff Week event will be organized by the University of Cadiz to promote new international agreements for the advancement in cooperation and mobility, and for the sustainable development of high education institutions. As part of the New Mobility Agreement, they want to promote staff and student mobility between Africa and Europe, as well as doctoral theses in different research projects.

State University of Zanzibar

Dr Zakia Aboubakar – Vice-Chancellor



State University of Zanzibar is open to collaborate with DALILA partners on various topics in the green sector, share experiences, and built academic capacity. They see an opportunity of growth in exploring the renewable energy sector in Zanzibar. For these reasons, they showed a strong interest in international collaboration.

University of Dodoma

Prof. Donald Mpanduji – Deputy Vice Chancellor Planning, Financing and Administration

Dr. Rehema Kilonzo – Director of Collaboration and Internationalization

Prof. Said A. H. Vuai – Principal, College of Natural and Mathematical Sciences

Working together towards the goals of DALILA project will strengthen the opportunities of a collaboration between African and European universities, opening new academic opportunities for students and staff. They highlighted the importance of improving the transcontinental cooperation in the education sector, by developing new curricula in renewable energy and market-oriented green technology.

The internationalization office at the University deals with collaborations with high education institutions in US, Europe, and Africa, exchanging academic experiences with these Continents.

Uganda Martyrs University

Rev. Dr. Christopher Mukiidi – Vice Chancellor

DALILA project is an opportunity to an innovative and international vision for the advancement of knowledge, to positively contribute to the nation and to the world. They target quality education, with a strong sense of moral responsibility to form individuals that excel in their field. They are committed to promote justice, respect, solidarity, equality, and environmental protection in their community and society in general. They focus on delivering programs that meet local and international standards, and are especially interested in forming strategic partnerships between Uganda Martyrs University and other organizations, such as ONGs, Governments, associations, and Universities around the world.

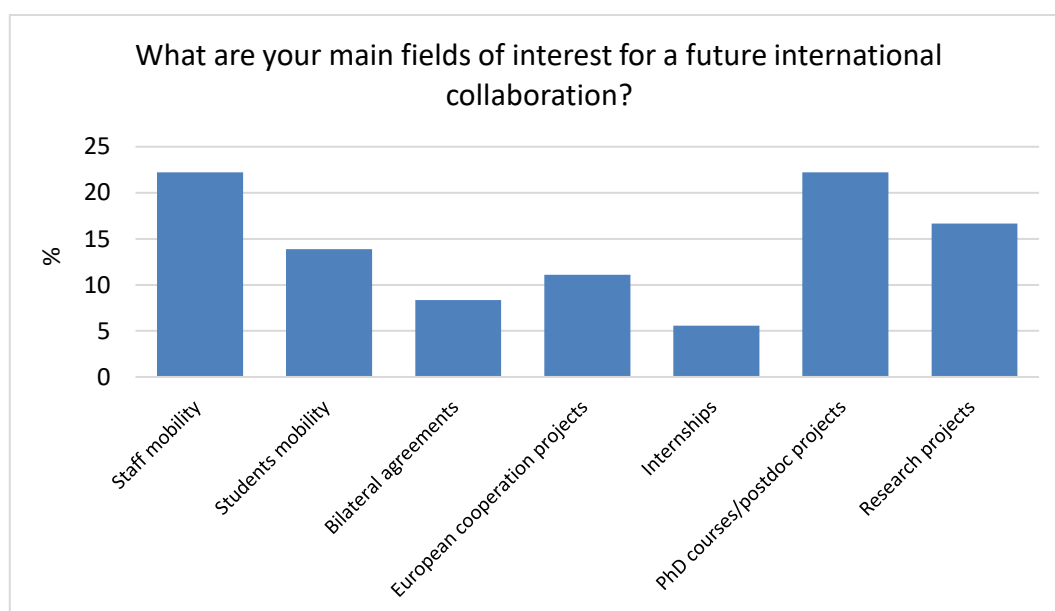
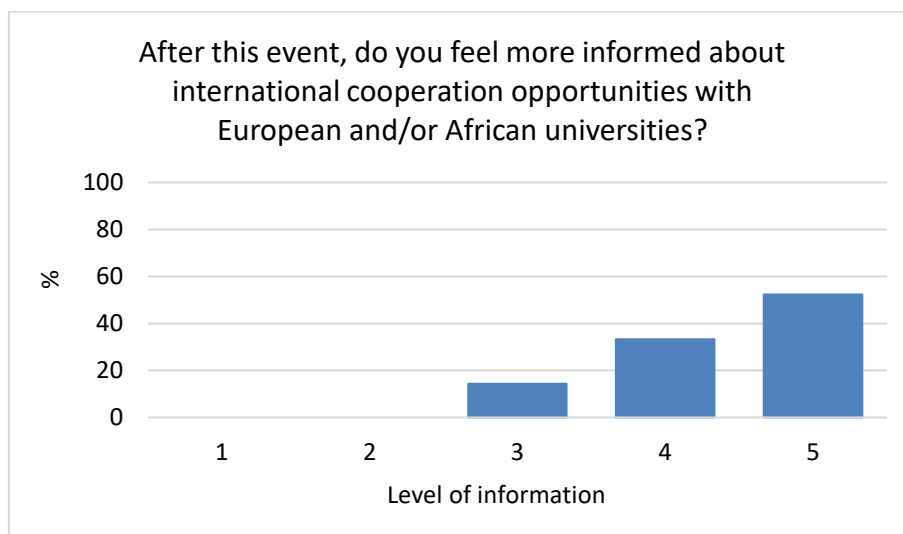
Uganda Christian University

Prof. Aroon Mushengyezi – Vice Chancellor

The national council for high education approved and accredited the courses created by DALILA project for the African universities, and this is a big advantage for students who want to learn about renewable energy and green topics. This will set the ground for future teamwork related to energy solutions for business and entrepreneurship. The high unemployment levels, together with the issues related to the climate crisis, will benefit from this type of interventions that deal with renewable energy. DALILA courses are tailored to further prepare students to entrepreneurial work and engagement in the 21st century.



Final survey



If you selected "research projects", please specify below your main areas of interest:

- Sustainable development in rural areas
- Sustainability in business practices/Innovation and entrepreneurship
- Renewable energy/Finance in renewable energy
- Food security and Livelihoods
- Marine biology, aquaculture, fish business and aquatic conservation
- Medical Sciences/Physics
- Environmental Sciences
- Gender Based Violence/Gender studies



After joining this webinar, what are the concrete actions that you wish that your university, as well as Partner universities, undertook?

