

Connecting Codes: Conference Programme

June 16–18, 2026 — Nairobi, Kenya



Day 1 is a single track of programs.

Day 2 and Day 3 are mostly concurrent tracks of programs with some plenary sessions.

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Day 1 Overview — Tuesday, June 16

08:30–09:00 | Arrival, registration, coffee, badge pickup, and technology check

09:00–09:30 | Opening welcome: Connecting Codes in Nairobi

09:30–10:15 | Library Leadership in Conversation: AI, Digital Humanities, and the Future of Information
Speakers: Carol Smith (University of Kansas), Peter Gatiti (Kenya Library Association), Sarah Kibugi (Technical University of Kenya), Arnold Mwanzu (Kenya Library and Information Services Consortium). Moderator: Azenath Ateka

10:15–10:30 | Coffee break

10:30–11:45 | Panel A: Decolonising AI: Language, Epistemology, and Knowledge Infrastructure

11:45–12:00 | Presentation: Global Collaboration, Digital Scholarship, and the Work of Libraries
Brian Rosenblum, University of Kansas

12:00–13:00 | Lunch | Networking and informal introductions

13:00–14:15 | Panel B: AI Governance, Ethics, and Epistemic Justice

14:15–14:30 | Coffee break

14:30–15:45 | Shared Challenges and Collaboration Roundtables
Moderators: Courtney Foat & Kodjo Atiso, University of Kansas

15:45–16:00 | Break and transition to reception

16:00–17:00 | Welcome reception

Day 2 Overview — Wednesday, June 17

Note: Sessions run in two parallel tracks from 10:30 onwards.

08:30–09:00 | Coffee and technology check

09:00–10:00 | Welcome and Chief Guest, Keynote Speaker

10:00–10:30 | Coffee break

10:30–11:45 **Track 1** Panel C: AI, Libraries, and Institutional Transformation

Track 2 *Workshop 1: AI Fluency as Workforce Development: Concrete Pathways from Awareness to Application (Mike Broadwell, University of Kansas)*

11:45–12:45 **Track 1** Panel D: AI Readiness, Professional Ethics, and Institutional Capacity

Track 2 Panel E: Human-AI Collaboration : Practice, Productivity, and Professional Transformation

12:45–14:00 | Lunch

14:00–15:30 **Track 1** Panel F: Knowledge Mobilisation, AI-Enabled Systems, & User-Centred Design

Track 2 *Workshop 2: From Idea to Public Web Presence: Designing a Digital Scholarship Project (Brian Rosenblum, University of Kansas)*

15:30–15:45 | Coffee break

15:45–17:00 **Track 1** Panel G: AI, Data, and Health Information Systems

Track 2 Panel H: Information Access, AI Equity, & Inclusive Infrastructure

Day 3 Overview — Thursday, June 18

Note: Sessions run in two parallel tracks from 09:00 to 15:30. The day will end with a plenary session.

08:30–09:00 | Coffee and presenter tech check

09:00–10:15 **Track 1** Panel I: Digital Methods, Spatial Humanities, and Computational Analysis

Track 2 *Workshop 3: Community Engaged Research: Best Practices and Assessment Methods (Amanda Schlumpberger, University of Kansas)*

10:15–10:30 | Coffee break

10:30–11:45 **Track 1** Panel J: Libraries & Digital Heritage: Scholarship, Repositories, Cultural Memory

Track 2 *Workshop 4: Intrapreneurship: Fostering Innovation from Within for Future-Ready Academic Libraries (Courtney Foat & Carol Smith, University of Kansas)*

11:45–12:45 **Track 1** Panel K: Digital Pedagogy: AI Integration, LIS Education, & Capacity Building

Track 2 *Workshop 5: Putting Principles into Practice: Evaluating AI Tools for Evidence Synthesis (Michael Peper and Amalia Monroe-Gulick, University of Kansas)*

12:45–14:00 | *Lunch*

14:00–15:30 **Track 1** Panel L: Diaspora, Spatial Humanities, and Documentation

Track 2 Panel M: Libraries, Archives, Museums, and Digital Heritage: Equity, Access, and Collaboration

15:30–15:45 | Coffee break and transition to the plenary room

15:45–16:30 | Synthesis and future planning: partnerships, special interest and working groups
Moderator: Brian Rosenblum

16:30–16:45 | Closing wrap-up: reflections, proceedings, and next steps
Moderator: Tom Kwanya

Detailed Panel Assignments and Locations

Panel A: Decolonising AI: Language, Epistemology, and Knowledge Infrastructure

Scheduled: Day 1, 10:30–11:45, Plenary room

Moderator: Kodjo Atiso

- Fixity to Fluidity: Multilingualism and the Politics of Language Infrastructure in India**
Arjun Ghosh · Mode: Virtual
- From the Continental to the Local: AI, Digital Humanities, and the Future of African Languages — Insights from CLAD's Work on Wolof and Senegal's National Languages**
Augustin Ndione & Mame Awa Sokhna · Mode: Physical
- NLP-Driven Kiswahili Information Retrieval in African Libraries: Leveraging an Official Continental Language for Equity**
Joseck Kweya Olala · Mode: Virtual
- AI-Driven Preservation of Indigenous Knowledge in Public Libraries**
Wilson Kabucho Wambui · Mode: Physical

Panel B: AI Governance, Ethics, and Epistemic Justice

Scheduled: Day 1, 13:00–14:15, Plenary room

Moderator: Joel Nakitare

- AI Governance in Kenyan Universities: From Ethical Colonialism to Epistemic Justice**
Maureen Emisiko · Mode: Physical

6. **Ethical Governance of Artificial Intelligence in Knowledge Production in Kenya**
Mercy K. Ayilo, Emma Nyaola, Joseph Menge & Vivienne Nyandokh · Mode: Physical
7. **Framework for Digitising Judicial Library Services in Kenya**
Kizito Muyonga & Ashah Owano · Mode: Physical
8. **Justification For Human-Artificial Intelligence Collaboration in the Kenyan Judicial System**
Emily Lugasi · Mode: Physical

Panel C: AI, Libraries, and Institutional Transformation

Scheduled: Day 2, 10:30–11:45, Track 1

Moderator: Florence Entsua-Mensah

9. **Promoting Ethical and Equitable Use of AI in University Libraries in Kenya**
Stephen Maina · Mode: Physical
10. **Responsible Data Stewardship in Community-Engaged Digital Humanities in Kenya**
Emma Nyaola, Mercy Ayilo, Joseph Menge & Vivienne Nyandokh · Mode: Physical
11. **Academic Librarians as Policy Mediators: Shaping Institutional Guidelines for Ethical AI Use in Scholarly Communication, Kenya**
Benjamin Opicho Kemboi & Sarah Wambui Kibugi · Mode: Physical
12. **Balancing Equitable Access and Data Privacy: A Framework for Trustworthy Digital Library Services at Kenya National Library Service (KNLS)**
Kaltuma Sama, Purity Kavuri & Miriam Mureithi · Mode: Physical

Panel D: AI Readiness, Professional Ethics, and Institutional Capacity

Scheduled: Day 2, 11:45–12:45, Track 1

Moderator: Fred Otike

13. **Assessing AI Readiness Among Kenyan University Librarians**
Jackson Omondi Owiti · Mode: Physical
14. **Professional Ethics and Accountability in AI-Enabled Library Services**
Isaac Nyarigoti · Mode: Physical
15. **Strategic Integration of Artificial Intelligence in Kenyan University Libraries: Human–AI Collaboration and the Future of Knowledge Work**
Laura Atieno · Mode: Physical
16. **Institutional Readiness for Digital Humanities in Kenyan Academic Libraries: Infrastructure, Skills, and Policy Perspectives**
Benjamin Opicho Kemboi · Mode: Physical

Panel E: Human-AI Collaboration: Practice, Productivity, and Professional Transformation

Scheduled: Day 2, 11:45–12:45, Track 2

Moderator: Courtney Foat

17. **Human–AI Collaboration and the Future of Knowledge Work in Africa: Empirical Evidence from Nigeria**
Okoro Caroline Amarachi, Victor Wagwu & Promise Chinyere Awa · Mode: Physical

18. **Designing Resilient Knowledge Ecosystems: Integrating Human Expertise and AI in Information Institutions**
Wycliffe Omanywa · Mode: Physical
19. **Adoption of Robotic Technologies in Rivers State University Libraries**
Vivien Oluchi Emmanuel · Mode: Physical
20. **Mapping Artificial Intelligence Ethics Research in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Meta-Analysis**
Lucy Kibe · Mode: Physical

Panel F: Knowledge Mobilisation, AI-Enabled Systems, and User-Centred Design

Scheduled: Day 2, 14:00–15:30, Track 1

Moderator: Phil Cunningham

21. **User-Centered AI and Digital Humanities for Transforming Knowledge Mobilisation in African Public Research Libraries**
Dinah Wafula & Henry Hongo · Mode: Physical
22. **Reimagining Knowledge Mobilisation Through User-Centred AI and Digital Humanities Approaches**
Irene Oburu & Lucy Kibe · Mode: Physical
23. **Reimagining Systems Librarianship: Skills and Competencies for AI-Enabled Knowledge Systems in Academic Libraries**
Dan Owang' & Naomi Mwai · Mode: Physical
24. **Libraries, Archives, Museums and Digital Literacy**
Jane Caroline Nyarumbwa Ndung'u · Mode: Physical

Panel G: AI, Data, and Health Information Systems

Scheduled: Day 2, 15:45–17:00, Track 1

Moderator: Amanda Schlumpberger

25. **Adoption and Use of Big Data Technology Among Public Health Personnel in Nigeria**
Professor Owolabi Kehinde Abayomi · Mode: Physical
26. **Analyzing the Impact of Digital Literacy and Technological Tools on Elderly Health Information Practices**
Philomena K. Mwirigi & Caroline Lenosingran · Mode: Physical
27. **Pain, Blame, and Digital Memory in Nigerian Sickle Cell Narratives**
Sunday Adesoye Adegbenro · Mode: Virtual
28. **Pricing Weather Derivatives Based on Temperature Indices and Performance for Listing on the Nairobi Securities Exchange Using AI in SDG Perspective: A PRISMA-Based Systematic Review**
Fredrick O. Anyanga Oloo · Mode: Physical

Panel H: Information Access, AI Equity, and Inclusive Knowledge Infrastructure

Scheduled: Day 2, 15:45–17:00, Track 2

Moderator: Michael Peper

29. **What Comes Before the Algorithm? Information Access as a Prerequisite for Inclusive AI in Africa**
Afline Awuor & Ashah Owano · Mode: Physical

- 30. **Integration of AI-Based Transcription in Improving Literacy Levels Within Communities in Kenya**
Moses Kiprono Bullut & Christine Cheronno · Mode: Physical
- 31. **Navigating Digital Misinformation: AI and Contextual Knowledge Systems for Women Entrepreneurs in African Social Media Ecosystems**
Esther Kathure Mwiti · Mode: Physical
- 32. **Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Institutional Repositories in Ghanaian Technical Universities: Perceptions, Opportunities, and Challenges**
Patience Emeфа Dzandza Ocloo, Adjowa Opokua Nyamekye & Asare Perpetua Sekyiwa Dadzie · Mode: Virtual

Panel I: Digital Methods, Spatial Humanities, and Computational Analysis

Scheduled: Day 3, 09:00–10:15, Track 1

Moderator: Brian Rosenblum

- 33. **Who Gets to Compute the Past? Equity, Reproducibility, and Open-Source AI in the Emotion Analysis of Colonial Nigerian Newspapers**
Nozomi Sawada · Mode: Virtual
- 34. **LLMs as Deixis Machines: Linguistic Typology and Cross-Linguistic Prompt Design in AI Simulation**
Denisa Reshef Kera & Simbiat Ajao · Mode: Virtual
- 35. **Active Learning for Low-Resource African Neural Machine Translation**
Juliet Rushambwe · Mode: Virtual
- 36. **Cultivating Irreplaceable Human Skills in the Library: A Perspective of Human–AI Collaboration and the Future of Knowledge Work**
Ephygrace Okendo · Mode: Physical

Panel J: Libraries and Digital Heritage: Scholarly Trends, Institutional Repositories, and Cultural Memory

Scheduled: Day 3, 10:30–11:45, Track 2

Moderator: Mike Broadwell

- 37. **Libraries at the Intersection of AI and Digital Humanities: A Scoping Review of Literacy Interventions and Emerging Frameworks**
Monica Mensah Danquah & Kodjo Atiso · Mode: Physical
- 38. **LIS Trends and Scholarship in Ghana: A Bibliometric Study**
Kodjo Atiso, Edward Mensah Borteye & Jenna Kammer · Mode: Physical
- 39. **Artificial Intelligence Transforming Higher Education in Africa: A Bibliometric Prognosis for Zimbabwe**
Farai Sebastian Mutindindi · Mode: Virtual
- 40. **Documenting Tacit Knowledge in Digital Humanities: A Scoping Review of Practices, Methods, and Challenges**
Florence Odarkor Entsua-Mensah, Tom Kwanya & Monica Mensah Danquah · Mode: Physical

Panel K: Digital Pedagogy: AI Integration, LIS Education, and Capacity Building

Scheduled: Day 3, 11:45–12:45, Track 1

Moderator: Carol Smith

- 41. **A Framework for Digital Humanities Skills Among African Library and Information Professionals**
Aflin Awuor & Ashah Owano · Mode: Physical
- 42. **Reimagining Digital Pedagogy in LIS Education: Integrating AI for Future-Oriented Learning in Africa**
Julia W. Kiarie · Mode: Physical
- 43. **Library Pedagogy for Sustainable AI-Driven Information Services for Teaching, Learning and Research Among Academic Libraries in Kenya**
Lynette Wambui Njogu, Francis Macharia, Laura Atieno, Alphonse Kilonzo, Christine Mukoya, Jackson Kimani & Ephygrace Okendo · Mode: Physical
- 44. **When AI Forgets Us: Learning Design Responses to the Marginalisation of African Knowledge Systems**
Azenath Ateka · Mode: Physical

Panel L: Diaspora, Spatial Humanities, and Documentation

Scheduled: Day 3, 14:00–15:30, Track 1

Moderator: Kodjo Atiso

- 45. **The African Literary Mapping and Spatial Humanities**
Akua Agyeiwaa Denkyi-Manieson · Mode: Virtual
- 46. **Exploring African American Diasporic Information Needs for the Motherland**
Kodjo Atiso & Jenna Kammer · Mode: Physical
- 47. **Mapping Eurocentrism: Digital Cartographies and the Coloniality of AI Knowledge Systems**
Samuel David Zepeda López · Mode: Virtual
- 48. **Africana Collections at the Library of Congress**
Florence Nthiira Mugambi · Mode: Virtual

Panel M: Libraries, Archives, Museums, and Digital Heritage: Equity, Access, Collaboration

Scheduled: Day 3, 14:00–15:30, Track 2

Moderator: Amalia Monroe-Gulick

- 49. **Advancing Equity in Digital Humanities in Ghana: The Role of Libraries, Archives, and Museums**
Lenin Commodore, Florence Odarkor Entsua-Mensah, Monica Mensah Danquah, Earvin Kofi Okyere & Paul Asante · Mode: Physical
- 50. **Connecting Codes, Creating Stories: Digital Heritage and Participatory Curation in Ibalí**
Sanjin Muftić · Mode: Virtual
- 51. **Historical Collections as Opportunities for Collaboration and Public Outreach**
Phil Cunningham & Kodjo Atiso · Mode: Physical