



From L to R: Rev. Prof. Dr Hab. Marcin Wysocki, Rev. Prof. Patrick Mwanja – VC/Rector, Tangaza University, Rev. Prof. Dr Hab. Miroslaw Kalinowski – Rector, Catholic University of Lublin, and Dr. Radek Malinoski, Tangaza Faculty.

Tangaza University VC's Visit to Lublin

Rev. Prof. Patrick Mwanja recently visited the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, a city in Poland on a working tour.

The VC had gone to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Polish university and the Tangaza University. The MOU, that had been established in 2015, had expired and needed to be renewed in a collaboration of the two institutions of higher learning. The collaborations, were on two fronts.

The first partnership is on the Erasmus Exchange and Mobility for both the students and the staff of the two universities. The second one is for learning purposes. The European Union (EU), sponsors Erasmus in Europe to support this mobility.



Professor Mwanja further had a meeting with the Rector of Lublin on a possible further collaboration between the two universities. He was accompanied on this trip by Tangaza faculty Dr. Radek Malinoski.

While at Lublin, the VC also participated in the “Staff Week”, where he represented Tangaza, together with other universities under the same arrangement. There are eight universities in total from within and outside Europe that are a part of Erasmus.

The “Staff Week” involves presentations from the participating universities, where they share their common agendas, and learn from each other. Topical issues especially of interest around university teaching, research, and community engagement were the center stage.

Fr. Mwanja describes the week as a learning experience on how best we can improve Tangaza University.

The Professor also visited Germany, where he met with two funding organizations; Missio and Miserior, to enhance their collaboration with Tangaza University.

The Third Annual Alumni Reunion

This year's annual Tangaza University Alumni Reunion was different from those held previously.

Celebrated with pomp and colour, the 2024 gathering was one of the first events held at the university since she became a full-fledged university. The graduates reconnected with old friends, shared experiences, and celebrated their alma mater.

One of the alumnus and the current Deputy Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration Rev. Dr. Leo Simon Mwenda OP, welcomed back the alumni. In his speech, the DVC assured the former students of support from the University Administration.



The keynote address by guest speaker Ms. Wageni Kimani, an alumnus of the Institute for Social Communication, set the tone for the reunion. Reflecting on her journey, she imparted words of wisdom, and inspired those gathered to cherish the Tangaza legacy.

“Forge ahead with passion and purpose”. Wageni counselled them.



During the climax of the event, the former students shared their professional accomplishments and contributions to society.



The session provided the alumni with invaluable opportunities to reconnect professionally and explore potential collaborations. They exchanged business cards, swapped career insights, and forged new connections. It was a day to leverage the power of the alumni network.

One of the attendants and the day's MC Mr. Geoffrey Ngui, who graduated from the School of Education shared a testimony of total transformation from Tangaza. He thanked the School Dean; Br. Prof. Paulos Mesmer, who gave him a scholarship, that enabled him complete his studies.

With promises to stay connected and plans for future reunions in motion, the alumni bid each other farewell, knowing that the bonds forged would endure. The event was a resounding success and fostered a sense of belonging and pride among the graduates.

Empowering Africa: Africa Conference on Social Entrepreneurship

This year's Annual Africa Conference on Social Entrepreneurship (AACOSE), marked another milestone in the social entrepreneurship journey across the continent.

Hosted at Tangaza University, the seventh conference; christened AACOSE7 saw an unprecedented gathering of innovators, thought leaders, and change makers. This huge number of participants solidified its reputation as the largest Pan-African event dedicated to advancing social entrepreneurship.

AACOSE7 drew over 500 participants from 12 countries, an indication of the growing interest and commitment to social entrepreneurship in Africa. This diverse group comprised of representatives from academia, government, (NGOs), social enterprises, and international bodies. This spectrum of participants fostered an environment ripe for collaboration, knowledge sharing, and innovation, and set the stage for impactful discussions and initiatives.



There were over 100 speakers, including experts, practitioners, and thought leaders in their respective fields. They shared their insights and experiences, and enriched the discourse. They also provided diverse perspectives on the challenges and opportunities facing social entrepreneurship in Africa.

Participants enjoyed four masterclasses that offered hands-on learning experiences and direct interaction with experts in various fields. The sessions covered vital aspects like innovative business models, sustainable practices, and the application of technology in driving social change.



The conference saw the birthing of AACOSE's baby; the Network of African Social Enterprises (NASE). This groundbreaking initiative aims to strengthen social entrepreneurs and amplify their impact by unifying them under umbrella bodies. NASE will facilitate collaboration, resource sharing, and advocacy, driving substantial progress in the field of social entrepreneurship across Africa. It represents a major step forward in fostering a supportive and interconnected ecosystem for social enterprises.

Among other activities were the 3 ZERO Youth Festival, dedicated to inspiring and empowering the next generation of social entrepreneurs. This included the Sandbox Art Gallery, where talented young artists showcased their creative works. The conference hosted 32 social entrepreneurs and organizations who exhibited cutting-edge innovations driving impactful systems change in Africa.



AACOSE7 was made possible through the collaboration Tangaza University's Institute for Social Transformation, alongside Social Enterprise Kenya, Social Enterprise Ghana, Social Enterprise Ivory Coast, Social Enterprise Ethiopia, Catalyst 2030, Africa Forward and the Standard media group. It attracted a total of 18 sponsors and 20 partners.

The spirit of collaboration and innovation that defined this year's conference will serve as a beacon for future endeavors in the realm of social entrepreneurship.

The Tangaza University Summer School

The Annual Tangaza University Summer School on Islam and Christianity in Dialogue in Africa is here again.



It is the fifth edition of this remarkable event organized by Tangaza's Institute for Interreligious Dialogue and Islamic Studies.

The program is planned in partnership with the International Institute for Islamic Studies in Qom, Iran, AGIAMONDO, and the Civil Peace Service in Germany. The collaboration has produced this extraordinary program designed to foster understanding, respect, and cooperation between Muslim and Christian communities.



The Tangaza Summer School is a unique, intensive short-term program brimming with diverse and enriching activities. The participants engage in thought-provoking lectures by distinguished Muslim and Christian scholars. The sessions delve into the foundations of both faiths, and provide a robust platform for academic and spiritual growth.

Additionally, participants visit various places of worship, including churches, mosques and even synagogues. The visits are not mere tours. They are opportunities for immersive, firsthand experiences that enhance appreciation of each other's religious traditions and practices.

Ample time is spent on mutual encounters and personal interactions, allowing participants to build meaningful connections and engage in authentic dialogue.

The sessions are interactive and cover a wide range of exciting topics. They include the foundational principles of Islam and Christianity, and critical discussions on gender and interreligious dialogue. They also engage in practical dialogue exercises. The sessions are participatory, to ensure that every voice is heard and every perspective valued.



The Tangaza Summer School is open to all those interested in interreligious dialogue and Christian-Muslim relations. Whether you are a scholar, a student, or someone passionate about fostering peace and understanding. The program offers a unique opportunity to deepen one's knowledge and expand their horizons.

