

# ***European Development Days 2022***

## ***Overview of sessions***

A **general impression** of the European Development Days 2022 (21 and 22 June) is available here:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/195861120@N04/albums/with/72177720299992754>

### **Session 1. E-learning Online & Offline with Cultural Literacy**

#### ***Strengthening Peace-Education Resilience of Vulnerable Youths***

21 June 2022 – Brussels Expo

This session focused on **innovation in digital online/offline education** to strengthen the **resilience of vulnerable youth** in the digital era. The discussion highlighted the relevance of **cultural literacy** in preparing such programmes, to make online/offline education meaningful to each place.

The session presented results from two projects of which **Tilburg University** is the lead supporting partner, that foster online education to enhance employment for vulnerable youth and women in Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan and Ethiopia. The partners in the project have created the **Digital Innovation and Skills Hub (DISH)**, a network of Learning Management Systems to support hybrid learning for vulnerable youth and women. The short and low-threshold education programmes developed under this project are now being implemented, and they include programmes on peace building and trauma treatment education. The projects are funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the Orange Knowledge Programme, managed by Nuffic.

Organised by **Kampala International University (KIU)**, also a lead supporting partner in DISH, the session was opened by Vice Chancellor of KIU, Prof. **Mouhamad Mpezamihigo**. The session was moderated by Prof. **Mirjam van Reisen**, who also leads the projects on behalf of Tilburg University. The first speaker, **Kokob Gebru**, highlighted the key experiences of implementing DISH in Tigray, Ethiopia, highlighting the relevance of the hybrid systems in the context of conflict, where total internet shutdown and education system collapse are causing students to no longer participate in education. However, through DISH, students can be reached through content that is relevant and adjusted to their context. Tilburg University PhD graduate and member of the Globalization, Accessibility, Innovation and Care (GAIC) network Dr. **Selam Kidane** commented on her experience of developing two of the courses in DISH; A full three-month course on training of community mental healthcare workers, as well as a short horizontal course for all DISH students on management of trauma.

**Marc Vlek de Coningh** from Nuffic was also present to comment on the key relevance of education for youth in programmes such as DISH.

Several other initiatives were presented in the session: the ICC TFV approach to Peace Education, and the ACP-EU Culture programme on cultural and creative approaches to the socio-economic development of ACP countries. Other speakers reflected on their experience in the context of sharing initiatives on cultural literacy in e-learning.

The session explored ways of bridging the digital divide by providing equal access to digital technology, skills and employment for students in the Horn and the other ACP regions, with a culturally sensitive design.

This session heard from a range of speakers:

Prof. Mirjam van Reisen (Tilburg University, Leiden University), VC Mouhamad Mpezamihigo (Kampala International University), Kokob Gebru (Mekelle University), Selam Kidane (University of West London), Abdramane Kamaté (ACP-EU Culture Programme), Akati Khasiani (ACP-EU Culture Programme), Franziska Eckelmans (Trust Fund for Victims at the ICC), Naomi Stocker (Ghent University), Mark Vlek de Coningh (Nuffic), Francisca Oladipo (University of Lokoja, Nigeria), Diederik van Iwaarden (University of Utrecht), Helen Tesfay (Medical Doctor).

- Session link: <https://eudevdays.eu/community/sessions/5292/e-learning-online-offline-for-vulnerabl-e->
- Video of Kokob Gebru: <https://youtu.be/HJiCZYhSHSI>
- PowerPoint: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1WwU2YIjm44DBnR0QoHuB6q2RRpUqNbU/edit?usp=sharing&oid=113622833347599344648&rtpof=true&sd=true>
- Recording link: [https://youtu.be/\\_GTKDQDb5dE](https://youtu.be/_GTKDQDb5dE)





## Session 2. Black Holes in the Internet

### *Victims Without Recourse to Justice*

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This session aimed to engage the audience to discuss how victims that cannot be reached by digital means, can access justice and how atrocity crimes can be prevented.

In the digital era, it is assumed that anyone can be reached. However, in many instances, victims of international crimes cannot be reached, and they cannot reach out to the institutions that provide mechanisms **for the protection of victims and prosecution of grave international crimes**. Perpetrators of international crime may isolate the victims and prevent persecution. This also prevents victims **from receiving assistance. It stops justice and prevention of atrocity crimes**.

The session highlighted the research of two Tilburg University Department of Culture Studies PhD students, **Klara Smits** and **Morgane Wirtz**, on the role of digital technology in human trafficking of refugees. Smits highlighted how communications technologies are used in the networks, and how this is used as a deliberate structure of control on migration routes. Wirtz highlighted the situation for refugees and migrants in Libya.

This session highlighted the digital isolation of victims in Libya, Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Central African Republic.

This session heard from a range of speakers:

Pieter de Baan (Trust Fund for Victims at the ICC), Cristina Ribeiro (Office of the Prosecutor at the ICC), Franziska Eckelmans (Trust Fund for Victims at the ICC), Sara Creta (Dublin University), Klara Smits (Tilburg University), Morgane Wirtz (Tilburg University), Nataliia Vdovychenko (Tilburg University), Helen Tesfay (Medical Doctor).

- Session link: <https://eudevdays.eu/community/sessions/5333/black-holes-in-the-internet>
- PowerPoint: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1AmDkKAVm8fkqpBB5y8QghwsbQNd3JLFj/edit?usp=sharing&oid=113622833347599344648&rtpof=true&sd=true>
- Recording of the session: <https://youtu.be/KImi4SrezMw>





## Session 3. Treatment of Trauma on Mobile Phone

### *The Importance of Self-Help Therapy for Traumatised Communities on the Move*

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The session engaged the audience in innovation of digitally based psycho-social support of trauma in Northern Uganda. Rethinking trauma treatment, the session looked at examples of **rehabilitation in Northern Uganda, education for trauma treatment and trauma treatment via mobile phones**. In addition, the situation of traumatised persons on the move, such as refugees, was highlighted.

Research on trauma treatment in the Globalization, Accessibility, Innovation and Care (GAIC) network at Tilburg University was at the forefront of the session. Tilburg PhD graduate Dr. **Selam Kidane** spoke about the self-help and low-cost programme, which she designed as part of her PhD, called the Trauma Recovery Understanding Self-help Therapy (TRUST). Tilburg PhD graduate Dr. **Primrose Nakazibwe** and PhD candidate **Jimmy Ben Forry** spoke about the NWO WOTRO project on community and trauma treatment in Northern Uganda, in cooperation with Tilburg University in the Netherlands and Ndejje University in Uganda.

This session heard from a range of speakers:

Cornelia Toelgyes (AfricaExpress), Selam Kidane (University of West London), Ilse Derluyn (Ghent University), Cheikh Fall (Trust Fund for Victims at the ICC), Jimmy Ben Forry (Kampala International University), Primrose Nakazibwe (Ndejje University, Mbarara University), Bertin Bishikwabo (Trust Fund for Victims at the ICC), Pauline Kamau (American Friends Service Committee).

- Session link: <https://eudevdays.eu/community/sessions/5396/treatment-of-trauma-on-mobile-phone>
- PowerPoint: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1JV8iZtdXOjV3uGO93s74tb6a49QTM96V/edit?usp=sharing&oid=113622833347599344648&rtpof=true&sd=true>
- Recording of the session: <https://youtu.be/vNVJH0uL8JE>
- Video of Bertin Bishikwabo: [https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1dj7wYZFT3r0MwHfawDED2Y\\_Z\\_mErdldo](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1dj7wYZFT3r0MwHfawDED2Y_Z_mErdldo)
- Video from COOPI: <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1pvNNzXV0iVUFkV6Nm6v7k9Kbx4-pNQnx>





## Session 4 – Healthcare During Connectivity Blackouts

*Experiences of providing healthcare during conflict from Tigray, CAR, and DR Congo*

22 June 2022 – Brussels Expo

This session considered the question of providing support to victims as reparations of Rome Statute Crimes. During situations of widespread crimes against humanity, sexual violence and war crimes, civilian victims may struggle to access adequate healthcare.

If such situations are combined with widespread shutdowns of communications technology, basic needs and aid, **how can barriers to assist victims of these crimes be overcome?** This session discussed such experiences, hearing from healthcare workers in Ayder Hospital in Northern Ethiopia (Tigray), the Central African Republic, and in DR Congo who have faced such struggles, as well as organisations trying to assist them.

Dr. **Amanuel Haile**, speaking remotely from **Ayder Hospital** of the College of Health Sciences, Mekelle University, is a partner in the DISH projects, two projects of which **Tilburg University** is the lead supporting partner, that foster online education to enhance employment for vulnerable youth and women in Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan and Ethiopia. Ayder Hospital thanked its partners for their support in helping to overcome the ongoing struggles to provide basic healthcare needs to civilians.

This session heard from a range of speakers:

Elien Spillebeen (\*MO), Pauline Kamau (American Friends Service Committee), Helen Tesfay (Medical Doctor), Franziska Eckelmans (Trust Fund for Victims at the ICC), Amanuel Haile (Ayder Hospital, Mekelle University)

- Session link: <https://eudevdays.eu/community/sessions/5616/healthcare-during-connectivity-blackouts>
- PowerPoint: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18yh7iFy9EoOAjxD9ypY-MoAWHMzRoEjD/edit?usp=sharing&oid=113622833347599344648&rtpof=true&sd=true>
- Recording of the session: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsGPGMzRhAY>
- Video of Dr Amanuel Haile: [https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1dj7wYZFT3r0MwHfawDED2Y\\_Z\\_mErdldo](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1dj7wYZFT3r0MwHfawDED2Y_Z_mErdldo)





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## Session 5. Social Transformation and Experience of Overcoming Internet Shut Outs

### *Experiences in Kenya and Timbuktu*

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This session looked at how **religious and community leaders, including women's leaders**, are working with internet-based communication to create awareness of situations where **atrocities are committed on vulnerable communities in informal settlements**. The sessions heard from examples in Nairobi (Tangaza University) and Timbuktu. The discussion focused on intra-religious and community dialogue in the digital era.

Social transformation is one of the key topics in the Globalization, Accessibility, Innovation and Care (GAIC) network at Tilburg University, led by supervisor and Social Transformation lecturer at Tangaza University, Dr. **Reginald Nalugala**. The research is supported by GAIC PhD students focused on the role of community leaders and religious leaders in social transformation processes.

This session heard from speakers:

Gorden Simango (All African Conference of Churches), Dr. Reginald Nalugala (Tangaza University, input provided through Mr. Simango), and Adeline Bedoucha (Trust Fund for Victims at the ICC).

- Session link: <https://eudevdays.eu/community/sessions/5607/social-transformation-and-experiences-of-overcoming-internet-shut-outs>
- PowerPoint: [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1-walsmtXhea\\_IJ3mT8-FLhg3ZTkZLba3/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=113622833347599344648&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1-walsmtXhea_IJ3mT8-FLhg3ZTkZLba3/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=113622833347599344648&rtpof=true&sd=true)
- Recording of the session: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKsUGE1b\\_uY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKsUGE1b_uY)

