



THE 2025 DLIS 5TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

THEME: STRENGTHENING INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT PARADIGMS IN THE ERA OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES, 9th – 11th April 2025



FIRST SPEAKER

Professor Tom Kwanya
School of Information and Social Studies
Technical University of Kenya

KEYNOTE TITLE

Harnessing Human-AI Synergy for Resilient Knowledge Systems in the Quantum Era

BIOGRAPHY

Tom Kwanya is a professor of Information and Knowledge Management at the Technical University of Kenya. He previously served as the Director of the School of Information and Social Studies for seven years and as the Chairperson of the Department of Information and Knowledge Management for three years at the same university. In these roles, he led the development and implementation of the school's strategic plan, oversaw the restructuring of the department to align with industry trends, and contributed to the university's policy decisions on research and knowledge management. His university teaching experience spans 18 years, during which he has been engaged as full-time faculty at the Technical University of Kenya and previously as an adjunct faculty member at leading public and private universities in Kenya. As faculty, he has designed, developed, and delivered diverse courses

at the Certificate, Diploma, Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD levels and supervised numerous postgraduate students.

Prof Kwanya is also an accomplished and prolific researcher. His current research publication portfolio includes 62 articles in peer-reviewed journals, two monographs, four edited books, 31 book chapters, and 92 conference papers. In addition, he has delivered 11 keynote addresses at international conferences. His research interests include social informatics, big data analytics, bibliometrics and scientometrics, disruptive technologies, artificial intelligence, intelligent systems, knowledge sharing and diffusion, research productivity trends and patterns, research data management, intellectual property rights management, indigenous knowledge management, research collaboration and social network analysis, personal data and privacy management, as well as knowledge mobilisation, networking and uptake. He has also published on information ethics and responsible artificial intelligence.

Before joining the Technical University of Kenya full-time, Prof Kwanya spent 17 years in industry, gaining invaluable experience as a Webmaster, Knowledge Management Specialist, E-Communications Manager, and Communications Technical Advisor. He also worked as a consultant and expatriate on public information and knowledge management for the World Bank and multiple donors in the Horn of Africa, Southern Africa, and Western Africa. This extensive industry experience, which spans various roles and international contexts, provides a practical perspective to his academic work and informs his research, allowing him to confidently address real-world challenges in information and knowledge management.

Prof Kwanya's commitment to his professional development is unwavering. He actively contributes to the field as a member of several professional associations, including the Kenya National Academy of Sciences (KNAS), International Council on Knowledge Management (ICKM), Knowledge Management Professional Society (KM Pro), Computer Society of Kenya (CSK), Public Relations Society of Kenya (PRSK), and the Kenya Library Association (KLA). His active involvement in these associations helps him stay connected to the latest developments in the field and expand his professional network.



SECOND SPEAKER

Associate Professor Proscovia Svärd
Department of Information systems and Technology
Faculty of Science, Technology and Media

KEYNOTE TITLE

An Information Management Landscape with Opportunities and Challenges: Are Information Professionals Equipped?

BIOGRAPHY

Proscovia Svärd is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Science, Technology and Media, Department of Information Systems and Technology, Forum for Digitalization, Mid Sweden University. She is also a Research Fellow at the Department of Information Science, University of South Africa (UNISA) in Pretoria. She carried out her Post-doctoral Research at the School of Interdisciplinary Research and Postgraduate Studies, University of South Africa, in 2016 until 2017. She has worked as an Archivist at the Nordic Africa Research Institute in Uppsala, Sweden, Research Administrator for the Program on Post-Conflict Transition, the State and Civil Society, Project-Co-ordinator for a Nordic Documentation Project on the Liberation Struggles in Southern Africa (www.liberationafrica.se). She completed her PhD at the University of Amsterdam. She has a Licentiate Degree in Data and Systems Sciences, BA and MA in Archives and Information Science from Mid Sweden University, Sweden and a BSc in Media and Information Science from Uppsala University, Sweden. Her research interests include; enterprise content management, records management, information culture, e-government development, Public Sector Information (PSI) and Open Data, long-term preservation of digital information, truth and reconciliation commissions and their documentation processes, the role of archives in enhancing accountability and transparency in government institutions, information access and the link to democracy and development and New Public Management and its impact on the management of government information and the use of LLMs and automated decision-making in the Public Sector. She is the author of a book entitled “Enterprise Content Management, Records Management and Information Culture Amidst e-Government Development and co-editor of Svärd, P. and Ibhawoh, B. (Eds) (2025). Documentation from Truth and Reconciliation Commissions Routledge.

**THIRD SPEAKER**

Professor Collence Takaingehamo Chisita
Department of Information Science
University of South Africa (UNISA)

KEYNOTE TITLE:

Remodelling AfricPublic Library Systems Into Stunning Venues For Multi-Voices: Towards An Indigenous-Centric Approach To Service Delivery.

BIOGRAPHY

Collence Takaingehamo Chisita holds a PhD in Library and Information Science. He has been working with the Department of Information Science at the University of South Africa (UNISA) as a Research Fellow in Pretoria, the Durban University of Technology, Department of Information Systems and the University of Johannesburg (Methods laboratory) in South Africa. His publications include book chapters and scholarly articles, in addition to co-authored and co-edited books. Chisita is the legatee of the National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa (C2) rating for research excellence. He has navigated the globe as a presenter and contributed to LIS through in-person presentations and webinars. He is a Standing Committee member of the IFLA Indigenous Matters Section (IFLA-IMS) and Secretary of the African Library and Information Associations and Institutions (AFLIA) Library Education & Training Section (LETIS).