**14th Edition of the Pan African Society for Musical Arts Education (PASMAE) Conference**, **1–4 July 2025 | Kampala, Uganda**

Dear Esteemed Conference Participants,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the **ISME-PASMAE Regional Conference**, taking place from **1st to 4th July 2025** in **Kampala, Uganda**. This prestigious conference proudly hosted by **Makerere University** and **Kyambogo University**, brings together scholars, educators, performers, policymakers, and cultural practitioners from across Africa and beyond to engage in thought-provoking discussions, share groundbreaking research, and celebrate the richness of musical arts education on the continent.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to **Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, Vice Chancellor of Makerere University,** and **Prof. Elly Katunguka-Rwakishaya, Vice Chancellor of Kyambogo University,** for their unwavering support and commitment in making it possible for Uganda to host this prestigious ISME-**PASMAE Regional Conference 2025.** Their leadership and dedication to advancing musical arts education have been instrumental in bringing this event to Kampala

The past PASMAE conferences in Harare, Lilongwe, Pretoria, Kisumu, Maputo, Lagos, Mpumalanga, Gaborone, Seychelles, Lusaka and Cape Coast, have all explored the cultural, technological, and social aspects of musical arts education in Africa. Attracting academics, artists, researchers and industry leaders, the conferences fostered in-depth discussions mapping cultural affirmation in the context of current global educational challenges for musical arts education, and the possible solutions.

This year’s conference promises to be an inspiring gathering, with the theme *‘Revolutionizing African Musical Arts Education: Innovation, Inclusivity, and Cultural Sustainability for Social Impact’*, as well as with **high-profile keynote speakers** who are global leaders in music education and research, including: **Prof. Sheila Woodward**, President of the International Music Council (IMC), **Prof. Patricia Gonzales Merino**, President of the International Society for Music Education (ISME), **Prof. Okaka Opio Dokotum** Deputy Vice Chancellor of Lira University, and **Prof. Geoff Mapaya** from the University of Venda.

The ISME-**PASMAE Regional Conference 2025** provides a unique platform for **networking, collaboration, and professional growth,** with opportunities to **engage** with innovative research and discussions on African and global musical arts education, **participate** in workshops, panel sessions, and practical demonstrations, **discover** new teaching methodologies, performance techniques, and policy directions, and **showcase** your work as well as learn from a diverse community of experts and practitioners.

Beyond the academic and professional engagements, **Kampala, Uganda’s vibrant capital, offers a rich cultural experience,** blending indigenous traditions with contemporary artistic expressions. We encourage you to explore the city’s historical sites, music scenes, and warm hospitality.

Like I always say, you cannot build a conference unless there are people interested in and willing to co-construct it, and that is all of you. We couldn’t have done it without you. To all of you, our sincere thanks for contributing to what we hope will be a very enjoyable and successful conference that attests to the presence and impact of the musical arts education. We are excited to host you in **Uganda, the Pearl of Africa**, for what promises to be a **transformative and impactful ISME-PASMAE Regional Conference 2025**!

**Warm regards,**

**Dr Benon Kigozi**

**Chair and Convenor**

**Secretary General and Honorary Presiden**