



EAST AFRICA

# GIRLS LEAD SUMMIT

 APRIL 23-24, 2024

 NAIROBI LEADERSHIP  
ACADEMY

## PROGRAM

# DAY ONE



**TIME (EAT) DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY April 23, 2025**

07:30 – 08:00 **ARRIVAL+CHECK-IN**

08:00 – 10:00 **OFFICIAL WELCOME & OPENING CEREMONY (MAIN ROOM)**

The 2025 E.A Girls Lead Summit will kick off with an Official Welcome & Opening Session under the theme - **Rising Above**. The opening segment will not only be an inspiring kick-off to the summit, but also a call to action and a commitment to catalyze a sustainable future.

**Speakers**

1. **Mercy Wanjau**, Secretary To the Cabinet Ke.
2. **Karen Austrian**, Director, Girl Center, Population Council
3. **Kanyi Mwangi**, Communications Director, East and West Africa, Mastercard
4. **Nyabiya Syekei, 13yrs old**, Singer and Actor.
5. **Vivian Achayo, 14years old**, 2025 Girl Up Project Awardee.

<b>08:00 - 08:10 am</b>	MC
<b>08:10 - 08:20 am</b>	National Anthem( E.A ,Kenya)
<b>08:20 - 08:30 am</b>	Performance
<b>08:30 - 08:40 am</b>	Welcome - Summit Organisers
<b>08:40 - 08:50 am</b>	Nyabiya Syekei
<b>08:50 - 09:00 am</b>	Vivian Achayo
<b>09:00 - 09:15 am</b>	Kanyi Mwangi
<b>09:15 - 09:30 am</b>	Karen Austrian
<b>09:30 - 09:55 am</b>	Mercy Wanjau

***Summit officially declared open***

10:00 – 10:50 **TEA/SNACK BREAK & JOINING SIDE EVENTS**

11:00 – 13:00 **CONCURRENT SIDE EVENTS SESSIONS**

These concurrent side event sessions are designed to foster engaging, discussions, providing an intimate setting where summit attendees can interact and collaborate.

***Format:***

Each session will feature a combination of expert-led intergenerational discussions, interactive Q&A segments, and collaborative group activities, allowing girl attendees to actively contribute their ideas and insights.

13:00 – 13:50 **LUNCH + EXHIBITIONS**

14:00 – 16:20 **CONCURRENT SIDE EVENTS SESSIONS**

16:20 – 16:30 **END OF SESSIONS**

# DAY TWO



**TIME (EAT) DAY 2 - THURSDAY April 24, 2025**

07:30 – 08:00 **ARRIVAL+CHECK-IN**

08:00 – 10:00 **CONCURRENT SIDE EVENTS SESSIONS**

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10:00 – 10:50 **TEA/SNACK BREAK**

11:00 – 13:00 **“IMPURE FILM” SCREENING**

The screening of IMPURE FILM will be followed by a conversation led by girl attendees, focusing on raising awareness about period shaming as part of the Flow with Pride campaign. The discussion will tackle the stigma surrounding menstruation and encourage open dialogue. The girls will guide the conversation, inviting both girl and general attendees to share their insights, challenge societal taboos, and explore ways to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for menstruation. This session aims to empower participants to embrace menstruation with pride and break down the shame often associated with it.

13:00 – 13:50 **LUNCH + EXHIBITIONS**

14:00 – 15:30 **FEEDBACK SESSION**

The Feedback Session will provide a platform for each side event to present key takeaways and resolutions discussed during their sessions. A girl representative from each event will share the actionable outcomes, insights, and commitments that emerged, ensuring the voices of young attendees are highlighted.

15:00 – 16:30 **CLOSING SESSION**

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