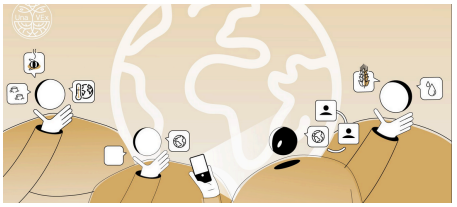
VIRTUAL BRIDGE
BETWEEN EUROPEAN & AFRICAN STUDENTS
FOR SUSTAINABLE FUTURES



5th UnaVEx Virtual Exchange Week Schedule

at 14-17 Bologna, Kinshasa, Leuven
at 15-18 Helsinki, Johannesburg
at 16-19 Nairobi

1st VE day Tuesday 24.11.2026: Introduction to UnaVEx
Host: Hanna Lappalainen, University of Helsinki
Technical Host: Mikko Kulmala,University of Helsinki
Keynote speech: Kairos Futura (video)
The virtual exchange starts with an introduction to organizing universities and going over the course instructions (UnaVEx Global Sustainability Advocate, Sustainability Action task, assignments and getting credits, communication and collaboration in online settings). Guest speech: Kairos Future. You will also meet your UnaVEx small group and starting the small group activities.

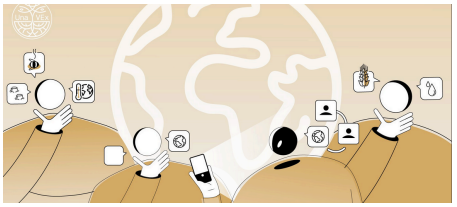
14.45 Hosts ready **at *Helsinki, Johannesburg time !***
15.00 Welcoming words Hanna Lappalainen, Univ.Helsinki
15:05 Introduction to UnaVEx partners: UH, UNIBO, KUL, JU, UoN and UNIKIN
15.15 UnaVEx Global sustainability advocate, Solomon Derese, Univ.Nairobi
15.30 "Sustainability Action Task", Laura Riuttanen, Univ. Helsinki
15.45 Reports & credits, Aleksi Vauhkonen
16.00 "VE communication & working in groups", Anouk Van Obergen, KU Leuven
16.15 "Guest speech: Kairos Futura", Introduced by Francesco Spampinato, Univ. Bologna
17.00 "Zoom Break-out rooms", Mikko Kulmala, Univ. Helsinki
18.00 Enda of the Day-1

2nd VE day Wednesday 25.11.2026
Host: Anouk Van Obergen, KU Leuven
Technical Host: Aleksi Vauhkonen, Univ. Helsinki
Keynote speech: Prof. Dr. Huib Huyse,, KU Leuven
The second VE day starts with going over the program of the day, followed by the **guest speech:** Prof. Dr. Huib Huyse. Brief instructions for the group activities and break-out rooms. The rest of the meeting happens in small groups where you will work on the sustainability action task.

14.45 Hosts ready **at *Helsinki, Johannesburg time !***
15.00 Welcoming words, Anouk Van Obergen
15:15 Guest Speech: "Who Pays the Price? Work, Sustainability and Responsibility in Global Value Chains " Huib Huysei Introduced by Anouk Van Obergen.
16.00 Instructions for the group activity & break-out rooms, Anouk Van Obergen & Mikko Kulmala
16.15 Sustainability action task in small groups
18.00 End of the Day-2

3rd VE day Thursday 26.11.2026
Host: Lee-Ann Modley, University of Johannesburg
Keynote Speech: Solomon Derence, University of Nairobi

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The third VE day starts with going over the program of the day, followed by the **guest speech given by** Solomon Derece**.** Brief instructions for the group activities and break-out rooms. The rest of the meeting happens in small groups where you will work on the sustainability action task.

14.45 Hosts ready
15.00 Welcoming words Lee-Ann Modley, University of Johannesburg
15:15 Guest speech: Solomon Derece Introduced by Lee-Ann Modley, University of Johannesburg
16.00 Instructions for the group activity & break- out rooms, Anouk Van Obergen & Mikko Kulmala"
16.05 Sustainability action task in small groups
18.00 End of the Day-3

4rd VE day Tuesday 1.12.2026
4th Host: Solomon Derese, University of Nairobi
Technical Host: Mikko Kulmala
Keynote speech: Saara Lilja, Emergenssi Ltd.

The fourth VE day starts with going over the program of the day, followed by the guest speech given by Saara Lilja. Brief instructions for the group activities and break-out rooms. The rest of the meeting happens in small groups where you will work on the sustainability action task.

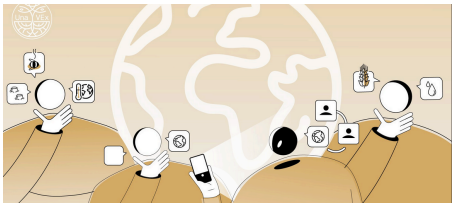
14.45 Hosts ready
15.00 Welcoming words: Solomon Derese, University of Nairobi
15:15 Guest speech: Saara Lilja, Emergenssi Ltd.”Planetary Well-being – Building a Culture of Sustainability through the Interplay of Sciences and Arts”
16.00 Instructions for the group activity & break- out rooms", Anouk Van Obergen & Mikko Kulmala"
16.05 Sustainability action task in small groups
18.00 End of the Day-4

5th VE day Wednesday 2.12.2026
Host: Laura Riuttanen, University of Helsinki
Technical Host Mikko Kulmala, University of Helsinki
Student Presentations

The fifth and final VE day starts with going over the program of the day. You will meet with your group for the final time and finalize your sustainability action presentation. The exchange will close with going over every group’s action in the joint plenary session and feedback.

14.45 Hosts ready
15.00 Welcoming words, Laura Riuttanen,University of Helsinki

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15:05 Instructions for the group activity & break-out rooms, Laura Riuttanen & Mikko Kulmala, University of Helsinki
15.20 Finalizing the sustainability action Miro in small groups
16.00 Sustainability Action Task Miros in the joint session
17.50 Credits and certificates, Aleksi Vauhkonen, University of Helsinki
18.00 End of Day-5

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