



Annual Meeting

Year 4: 2026

OL4D VLIR-UOS Team-project: Storytelling and Young People Coping with Crisis:
Oral Narratives and Crisis Management in Kenya and Ethiopia

Website: <https://www.ol4d.ugent.be/>

Venue : TK Hotel and Resort, Bishoftu and Ethiopia

Dates: 25-05-2026 – 30-05-2026.

PROGRAMME

Monday 25-05-2026

+ Arrival at TK Hotel and Resort, Bishoftu, Ethiopia. Check-in.

Evening Session (OL4D)

20:30 – 21:00: Welcome Drinks & Dinner by Teshome Mossissa

Tuesday 26.05.2026

+ 07:00 – 08:30: Breakfast

Morning Session (OL4D) – **Moderator** –Alemayehu Fekede- **Rapporteur** - Megersa Regassa

08:30-09:00: Registration

09:00 – 9:10: Introduction by Teshome Mossissa- OL4D JU Hub Promoter and Host

09:10- 9:20 : Welcome speech by Dr. Ashenafi Adugna–Director, Institute of Oromo Studies

09:20 – 9:35: Project Overview & Updates by Inge Brinkman (UGent) - OL4D Promoter

09:35 – 9:50: UoN OL4D Project implementation update by Peter Wasamba (UoN)

09:50 – 10:05: JU OL4D project implementation update by Teshome Mossissa (JU)

10:05 - 10:15: Group Photo by Gerti Wouters

+ 10:15-10:30: Tea break

Morning Session (OL4D) – **Moderator** – Nega Jibat- **Rapporteur** – Terefe Mitiku

10:30 – 11:40: Introduction (research focus, interests of participants, < 4 min pp)

11:40 – 12:00: Introduction: Book writing -Inge Brinkman

+ 12:00 – 13:00: Lunch break

Afternoon Session (OL4D) – **Moderator**-Ashenafi Belay. **Rapporteur** –Deressa Debu

13:30 – 14:10: Ph.D. Presentation with mentoring – Session on Domain: Gender hierarchies:

1 – Megersa Regassa: “Monsters in Oromo Oral Narratives from a Gender Perspective”

14:10 – 14:50: Ph.D. Presentation with mentoring – Session on Domain: Gender hierarchies:

2 – Tsehay Dinsa: “Change, Continuity and Resistance: the enduring entanglement of Basketry as presented in women’s oral genres in East Wollega, Ethiopia”

+ 15:00 – 15:30: Coffee/tea break

14:50 – 16:30:Ph.D. Presentation with mentoring – Session on Domain: Ecology,

3 – Milkessa Edae-Tufa “Plants characters and characterization: Re-framing vegetal world as agential co-actant”

16:30 – 17:00: Book Publication update -by Inge Brinkman

+ 17:00 – 18:00: Health break

+ 18:00 – 19:30: Dinner

Wednesday 27.05.2026

+ 07:00 – 08:30: Breakfast

Morning Session (OL4D) – **Moderator** – Inge Brinkman. **Rapporteur** – Milkessa Edae

09:00 – 09:40:– Presentation with mentoring –Session on Domain: Ecology,

1 – Terefe Mitiku “Human and Non-Human Primates: An Eco-Critical Analysis of Monkeys and Apes in Oromo Folktales.”



09:40 – 10:20: Ph.D. Presentations with mentoring – Session on Domain: Ecology,
2 – Mark Obure-Morang’ a, “Digo oral narratives and ecology” Presentation with
mentoring- PhD Progress,
3. Dereje Asfaw “Cultural Resonance: Exploring Oromo Folksongs as Indigenous
Communication Strategies for Social Development”
+ 10:20 – 10:50: Coffee/ Tea break
10:50 – 12:30: Key Issues and milestones for sustainability – Inge Brinkman & Teshome
+ 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch and health break
Afternoon Session (OL4D)-**Moderator**-Alemayehu Fekede -**Rapporteur** - Megeresa Regasa
14:00 – 16:00: Sustainability of the collaboration of OL4D team: (IOS plan) and
Department of Oral Literature of UoN (plan) and Tharaka University (plan)
1. Ashenafi Adugna
2. Peter Wasamba
3. James Wachira
+ 16:00 – 16:30: Coffee/ Tea break
16:30 – 17:00: Gerti Wouters “A comparison between western, Oromo and Gikuyu folktales”
+ 17:00 – 18:00: Health break
+ 18:00 – 19:30: Dinner
Thursday 29.05.2026
+ 07:00 – 08:30: Breakfast
9:00 – 11:00: Meeting of the Coordinator and Promoters/ Health break for other participants
Morning Session (OL4D) - **Moderator** – Alemayehu Fekede. **Rapporteur** – Dereje Afaw
11:00 – 12:00: Online exhibition titled 'Stories, Objects, and Ecologies from Eastern Africa'
Vicky Van Bockhaven
+ 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch & health break
13:30 – 14:30: : Online exhibition titled 'Stories, Objects, and Ecologies from Eastern Africa'
Vicky Van Bockhaven
14:30 – 15:00: Tea break
16:30 – 17:30: Online exhibition titled 'Stories, Objects, and Ecologies from Eastern Africa'
Vicky Van Bockhaven
+ 18:30 – 19:30: Dinner
Friday 29.05.2026
+ 07:00 – 08:30: Breakfast
Morning Session – **Moderator** – Nega Jibat-**Rapporteur** – Tsehay Dinsa
09:00 – 9:30: Round table on Experiences on Translation of Oral Texts – Inge Brinkman, Peter
Wasamba, Vicky Van Bockhaven, Gerti Wouters, James Wachira, Ashenafi Belay, Alemayehu
Fekede, Deressa Deu, Nega Jibat, Kimingichi Wabende, & PhD Students
+ 9:30 – 10:00: Coffee/ Tea break
10:00 – 12:30: Performance by General Tadesse Biru Secondary School students’ Club
+ 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break
Afternoon Session (OL4D): **Moderator** – Teshome Mossissa-**Rapporteur**:Terefe Mitiku
13:30 – 15:30: Discussion on the Performance by General Tadesse Biru Secondary School
students’ Club
15:30 – 16:00: Tea break
16:00- 17:30 : Visit to Hora Harsadde
17:30 – 19:30: Dinner
Saturday 30-05-2026
+ 6:00 – 6:50: Breakfast for all participants



+7:00- 10:30 Check-out and departure of, Prof. Inge, UoN team & JU (flight 10h30 Bole International Airport)

Saturday 30.05.2026

+ 12:30 – 13:30: Lunch for Gerti ,Vicky and Teshome

+ 14:00 – 14:30: Check-out and departure of Gerti and Vicky (flight 00h35 Bole International Airport)

Participants:

Invited Guests

- 1 Vicky Van Bockhaven - UGent (self sponsored)

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