A. INTRODUCTION

The IGU Commission on African Studies (IGU-CAS) was formed in May 2017. It is headquartered in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Zululand, South Africa. It is a research and scientific body composed of and dedicated to African and Africanist scholars researching on issues around and in Africa, ranging from social sciences to natural sciences, but informed in the main by geographical, multi and interdisciplinary perspectives. This report covers the period 2020-2021. Accordingly, this report focuses on the following, membership, website, meetings, fundraising, networking and publications.

B. WEBSITE

The website of the Commission is: https://igucas.africa/. All events (past, current and planned be displayed in this website).

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NB: It should be noted that these are undercounted totals because, the number 1, only denotes the person in contact, but the activities of the Commission reach the whole country, of which updated numbers are not currently available. For example, Lesotho has been indicated as showing only one person, but the reality on the ground is that the Commission activities have reached the whole country.

G. MEETINGS

i. **IGU COMMISSION ON AFRICAN STUDIES CONFERENCE (10-11 MAY 2021)**
   A conference on the mobilisation of indigenous knowledge systems (IKS) so as to respond to climate change was held at the University of Zululand, South Africa.
This conference was organised by the IGU Commission of Biogeography and Biodiversity, the IGU Commission on African Studies, Uganda Geographical Association, IALE African Chapter, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) as well as local stakeholders in Uganda.

I. NETWORKING

The IGU-CAS has established a collaboration with the IGU Commission Geography of Governance. In 2020, the IGU Commission on African Studies worked with the IGU Commission of Biogeography and Biodiversity, Uganda Geographical Association, IALE African Chapter, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) as well as local stakeholders in Uganda in the organisation of the International Conference on Geographical Science for Resilient Communities, Ecosystems and Livelihoods under Global Environmental Change (GORILLA), 3-5 December, 2020 Kampala, Uganda. In 2021, the IGU Commission on African Studies established collaboration with scholars from Fiji National University. In addition, the Commission also started working with Geographers from Mozambique.

J. PRODUCTIVE USE OF PREVIOUS IGU GRANTS

The IGU grant has been productively used to support young academics. For example, in the second annual conference of the IGU Commission on African Studies in 2019, a workshop was held for post graduate students. In addition to this, the attendance of post graduate students was subsidised.
K. FUTURE EVENTS

The IGU Commission on African Studies, plans to hold its 5th annual meeting in 2021, at the Universidade Eduardo Mondlane, Mozambique.

L. PUBLICATIONS


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30 December 2021