

# CAPREx: A spring board to the skies

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# Outline of the presentation

- The purpose of the CAPREx fellowship
- The objectives of the fellowship
- The output during the fellowship
- The outcomes of the fellowship
- Conclusion(s)

# About the CAPREx fellowship

- ❑ **There were two projects in one fellowship**
  - The documentation and description of Luyaaye; a youth urban language variety in Kampala
  - Analysing the information structures in Luganda

# The objectives

- ❑ To provide a strong theoretical base for the analysis of youth urban varieties in Uganda and beyond
- ❑ Develop and publish a monograph on Luyaaye
- ❑ Publish two journal articles on the information structures in Luganda

# The outline of the monograph on Luyaaye

- ❑ The emergence and transient nature of Luyaaye; a diachronic perspective (an in-depth investigation of the social, political and economic realities that have favoured its evolution and spread amidst stigmatisation and scepticism)
- ❑ The relationship between migration, multilingualism, language contact and change in relation to the emergence and development of Luyaaye in Kampala.
- ❑ The sociolinguistic features and functions of Luyaaye
- ❑ Patterns of linguistic identity construction among the urban youths
- ❑ The nature and social meanings of gestural styles among urban-youth Luyaaye speakers

# The outline continued

- ❑ The phonological features of Luyaaye
- ❑ Nominal and verbal morphology of Luyaaye
- ❑ The effect and influence of Luyaaye on indigenous languages of Uganda specifically Luganda which serves as its base language and English the official language of Uganda

# What happened?

- ❑ Change of plan
  - Instead of a monograph, I was advised to change each chapter into a journal article
  - I, therefore, targeted to write six papers (on Luyaaye) in the period of six months for the fellowship and one on information structure of Luganda. Making a total of 7 papers

# The project(s)output

- ❑ Namyalo, Saudah (2017). The sociolinguistic characterization of Luyaaye and its functions within its community of practice. In A. M. Ebongue and E. Hurst (eds.), *The Study of Linguistic Behaviour as Determined by Socio-cultural Factors in Africa*. Berlin: Springer
- ❑ Jenneke van der Wal and Namyalo, Saudah (2017). The interaction of two focus marking strategies in Luganda. *Contemporary African Linguistics series*
- ❑ Namyalo Saudah (2017). Towards assessing the space of English in Uganda's linguistic ecology: Facts and issues Benjamins Publishing Company
- ❑ Christiane Meiekord, Bebwa Isingoma and Namyalo Saudah (eds), Ugandan English: Its sociolinguistics, structure and issues in a globalising post-protectorate, Benjamins Publishing Company
- ❑ Namyalo, Saudah. (2015). Linguistic strategies in Luyaaye: Word play and conscious language manipulation Mouton de Gruyter

# Outputs continued (in Print)

- ❑ Namyalo, Saudah (to appear) Analysing linguistic variation in contemporary Luganda within the urban space.
- ❑ Namyalo, Saudah (to appear). The comeback-tomorrows disappointed the professor again: understanding youth-urban languages, a case study of Makerere University students' English variety

# Beyond the project's objectives

## □ Presentations

- “Linguistic variation in Luganda spoken in the urban Space”; presented with Cambridge collaborator at African Linguistic Conference (ACAL) at Oregon, US March 2015
- “Focus marking in Luganda”; presented at African Linguistic Conference (ACAL), Oregon, US, March 2015
- “Language change and contact A case of Luyaaye”; presented at World Congress of African Linguistics-WOCAL 8”, Japan August 2015
- “The Professor Hit the Arcade”: Understanding Youth Urban-Language Practices in Uganda; presented at Cambridge-Africa Day 2015
- “The secret life of languages and cultures” presented with Cambridge collaborator at Cambridge Festival of Ideas in October 2015
- “The comeback tomorrows disappointed the professor”; presented at Youth-urban languages in Africa and beyond, Nairobi, Kenya in December 2015
- Towards understanding the phonology of Luyaaye ; Capetown –South Africa 2015

# Trainings received during the CAPREx fellowship

- ❑ Methodology / approaches to research from a disciplinary point of view
- ❑ Presentation and organizational skills
- ❑ Academic engagement and networking
- ❑ Planning for your postdoc and beyond
- ❑ Writing proposal for funding (among others)

# How the CAPREx fellowship opened new doors

- With the skills gained during the fellowship I was able to win three highly competitive research grants
- PI: 2016-2019, Volkswagen postdoc research in Humanities A grammar and bilingual talking dictionary of Luruuli/Lunyara-English dictionary
- P1: 2016-2017, Genographic legacy fund Documentation of Luganda oral literature
- Co-PI: 2018-2019, Maternal health in East Africa

# Increased visibility & networks globally

- The CAPREx fellowship improved my visibility in academic world hence getting not only new networks but networks that matter. Today I collaborate with:
- Researchers on youth languages varieties representing Uganda
- Endangered language and cultures club
- Medical humanities association
- Lexicology and lexicophers researchers
- Fellow Nat-geo (endangered species of the world)
- Bantu phonologists (among others)

# Improved research skills and publication outputs

**The good mentorship I received from my Cambridge partner, my research and writing skills improved:**

## **Articles**

- Scott Myers, Saudah Namyalo, & Anatole Kiriggwajjo (in print), F0 timing and tone association in Luganda
- Riham Abudonia<sup>1</sup> & Saudah Namyalo<sup>2</sup>, Luganda applicatives: a Dynamic Syntax approach<sup>\*</sup>
- Fridah Katushemererwe and Saudah Namyalo, The functions and semantics of enclitics in Ruruuli-Lunyala, Luganda and Runyankore\_Rukiga
- Saudah Namyalo and Jackson Ssekiryango, The Interface between morphology, syntax and phonology in Luganda

# Forthcoming publication cont'ed

## **Books**

- Saudah Namyalo (in print ) A monograph on *'Terminological Modernisation of Luganda in the field of Linguistics*
- Saudah Namyalo et al (in print ) Luruuli/Lunyala – English Luganda dictionary
- Saudah Namyalo et al (in print ) The grammar of Luruuli/Lunyala
- Saudah Namyalo et al (in print ) The dictionary of Luganda proverbs and idioms

# Conclusion

With the achievements registered during and after the CAPREx, I can only conclude by saying that

**CAPREx, was a spring board to the skies**

Thank you very much –the end



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