



**SPEECH
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**AT
THE SPECIAL CONGREGATION FOR THE CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DOCTOR
OF LAWS (HONORIS CAUSA)**

UPON

**H.E. YOWERI K. MUSEVENI
THE PRESIDENT OF UGANDA**

AND

**H.E. RASHID MFAUME KAWAWA (POSTHUMOUS), FORMER 1ST VICE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA**

DATE: 12TH DECEMBER 2010

AT

VENUE: FREEDOM SQUARE, MAKERERE UNIVERSITY, KAMPALA

Your Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda
The First Lady, Hon Janet K. Museveni, MP
The Family of His Excellency Late Rashid Mfaume Kawawa
Your Excellency, Professor Gilbert Bukenya, Vice President of Uganda,
Right Honorable Professor Apolo Nsibambi, Prime Minister of Uganda,
Your Excellencies Ambassadors and High Commissioners
Honorable Ministers and Members of Parliament
Professor Venansius Baryamureeba, Vice Chancellor,
Our Special Guests from Egerton University, Kenya, & the Pan African Agribusiness
& Ago Industry Consortium, (PanAAC), Kenya,
Members of the University Council
Members of Senate
Distinguished Guests
Members of Staff
Ladies and Gentlemen

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all, once again, to this special congregation of Makerere University in the Freedom Square.

Your Excellency, allow me once again to thank you very much for having me the great honor of heading the great Makerere University.

This is a historic occasion for me as the first Chancellor of Makerere University to confer the Honorary Doctorate Degree upon His Excellency President Yoweri K. Museveni, who is also the Visitor of Makerere University.

I must also express my appreciation of the fact that busy as you are now, you have found time to personally honor this occasion.

INTRODUCTION

As Chancellor, I shall constitute a special congregation of Makerere University to confer the Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) upon H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, and H.E. Rashid Mfaume Kawawa (posthumous), former 1st Vice President of the United Republic of

Tanzania. The late Kawawa passed away on 31st December 2009. The family of the late Rashid Mfaume Kawawa will receive the Award.

Why the special ceremony for the Awards?

H. E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and H.E. Rashid Mfaume Kawawa were awarded Honorary Doctorates during the 60th Graduation ceremony held 18th-22nd January 2010, in recognition of their distinguished and outstanding public service.

However, one of the recipients, H.E. Rashid Mfaume Kawawa, had passed away on 31st December 2009. Both the family of late H.E Kawawa and H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni--a great friend of the late Kawawa--were still mourning his death.

In light of this, H. E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni together with the family of the late requested Makerere University to organize a special ceremony for them to receive these prestigious Awards.

BACKGROUND TO THE AWARDS

This is in accordance with Makerere University Statute 13 on Honorary Awards Guidelines, and Section 47 of the University and Other Tertiary Institutions Act, sub section (i), which states that *the University may consider conferring an Honorary Degree upon any person who has excelled in any sector of life as it may deem fit on the recommendation of an Honorary Degrees Committee established jointly by the Senate and the University Council.*

The decision to award H.E. Yoweri K. Museveni and H.E Rashid Kawawa successfully passed through all the vetting procedures. The Honorary Degree Awards Committee vetted the

proposal and forwarded its report to Senate. Senate then discussed the report, and having been satisfied with its work, recommended the proposal to the University Council.

At its 117th meeting held on 17th December 2009, Council studied Senate's recommendation and unanimously approved the proposal to honour H.E. Yoweri K. Museveni and H.E Rashid Kawawa with **Honorary Doctor of Laws**.

H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, in particular, successfully qualified for this Award based on his track record of excellence and outstanding achievements in the field of public affairs as outlined in the Oratory of Excellence.

MAKERERE UNIVERSITY AND HER LUMINAR ALUMNI!

Established in 1922 as a humble technical college, Makerere University has grown over the years to become East Africa's oldest and premier University! Your Excellency, Makerere University is a public funded institution, which has continued to prosper from age to age.

Makerere is proud of her distinguished alumni spread all over the globe. Makerere's Alumni have greatly contributed to the development of Uganda, East Africa, Africa and the world at large. Notably, Makerere University has trained leaders who have been and still are at the helm of national, political and economic leadership of their respective countries. Some of these include:-

Sir Frederick Edward Mutesa II (RIP), first Head of State and President of Uganda; Dr. Apollo Milton Obote (RIP), twice President of the Republic of Uganda; Professor Yusuf Kironde Lule (RIP) and Godfrey Lukongwa Binaisa (RIP), also former Presidents of the Republic of Uganda; H.E Mwai Kibaki, President of the Republic of Kenya; Jaramogi Oginga Odinga (RIP), the first Vice President of Kenya; H.E Joseph Kabila, President of

Democratic Republic of Congo DRC; H.E Benjamin Mkapa, former President of Tanzania; and the great Mwalimu Julius_Kambarage Nyerere (RIP), founding Father and President of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Makerere has produced Central Bank Governors such as our own Emmanuel Tumusiime-Mutebile, former Students' Guild President, and Governor, Bank of Uganda; Charles Kikonyogo (RIP), Governor, Bank of Uganda; and Phillip Ndegwa (RIP), Governor, Central Bank of Kenya.

Makerere has produced Chief Justices such as Justice Egonda Ntende, current Chief Justice of the Seychelles, Justice George Masika, former Chief Justice of Uganda, Benedicto Kiwanuka (RIP), Chief Justice of Uganda, and Justice Kitili Mwendwa (RIP), Chief Justice of Kenya.

Makerere has also produced Cardinals and Archbishops, such as, Emmanuel Cardinal Wamala; and Archbishop of York, The Most Rev Dr John Sentamu and his wife, Mrs. Margaret Sentamu. Dr John Sentamu became the first Black Archbishop of York, the second highest See in the Church of England, after the See of Canterbury.

Last but not least, Makerere has produced great African writers and authors such as Professor Ngugi Wa Thiongo and many others.

These are part of the great cloud of Makerere University Convocation.

And by virtue of conferment of the Doctorate of Laws (Honoris Causa) today: Your Excellencies Yoweri K. Museveni and Rashid Mfaume Kawawa (RIP) have become part of this great cloud of Makerere University Convocation! Congratulations!

Therefore, as Chancellor, I now mandate you to start playing your part by supporting Makerere Convocation; and contributing to making Makerere grow from strength to strength!

Your Excellency, this function has come soon after I returned from Doha where I attended the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE), a conference at which very prominent people made presentations that can have far reaching effects on improving education in our country. I hope to have an opportunity to brief you on this matter.

CONCLUSION

I wish to conclude my brief remarks by thanking Your Excellency, President Museveni, and the Government of Uganda for the support you have given to Makerere University.

I am especially grateful for Your Excellency's personal commitment to supporting scientific and technological innovations at Makerere University.

The evidence in the "Kiira-EV"—Uganda's first ever designed car is clear to all.

Last but certainly not least I want to wish you a successful campaign and continued leadership of our country.

Thank you all