

THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

The Department of Food Science and Technology started in 1989. It is mandated to spearhead training of professional for the food sector. Since its' inception, the Department has produced 480 graduates. These graduates are mainly employed in these sectors:

- Foods and Beverage Industry
- Ministry of Health as Nutritionists
- Non Government organizations
- International Agencies
- Pharmaceuticals
- Academic Institutions as lecturers and researchers
- Banking sector
- Entrepreneurs

MISSION

To catalyze development and vitality of the food sub-sector by providing quality teaching, carrying out innovative and demand driven research and offering professional services.

SERVICES

- Analysis of food to determine nutrient composition, safety and other quality parameters
- Feasibility studies for food related businesses.
- Consultancy services
- Research and outreach
- Product and technology development and transfer
- Nutrition education
- Staff recruitment

20 YEARS CELLEBRATIONS OF

Department of Food Science and Technology is marking 20 years of service. The celebrations will provide a platform to:

- Showcase the achievements in the last 20 years
- Plan for an even more prominent future contribution of the Department of Food Science & technology to national development
- Mobilize friends, alumni and well wishers to contribute to the equipment for the research and teaching laboratory facilities.
- Strengthen partnerships with stakeholders

ACTIVITIES FOR THE 20 YEARS CELEBRATIONS

The major activities include:

Fund raising walk to take place on Saturday 26th September 2009

- The proceeds from the fundraising walk to equip the nutritional Science laboratory. Good nutrition is a low cost practical way of preventing and treating many diseases and ailments, including obesity, protein energy malnutrition and lifestyle diseases such as cardiovascular, cancers and diabetes. The Department of Food Science and Technology is committed to playing a leading role in nutritional research and training for the benefit of all Ugandans. This requires laboratory facilities. A walk from Makerere University to Kampala city council grounds is planned to raise funds for the laboratory equipment. A total of Shs. 65,280,000 is required for the key equipment required.

Exhibition to take place on the 30th September to 2nd October, 2009

- Food Industry is the fastest growing sector in Uganda. The exhibition will provide an opportunity for the industrialists and Researchers to show case the innovations in the food industry and to network between themselves and other stakeholders. Exhibitors will provide the general public the opportunity to see and appreciate the varied food products on the market.

Dialogue to take place on the 30th September to 1st October, 2009

- A dialogue will be held between food industry stakeholders. The aim of this dialogue is to reflect on the performance of the food industry sector and develop strategies for its' strengthening.

Opening of the Food Technology & Business Incubator

- Opening ceremony for the food business and technology incubator will be presided over by His Excellency the President of Uganda. The incubator to be opened will provide support services to small food processors to enhance their chances of success. Incubation is a proven mechanism for enterprise development. The Department of Food Science and Technology at Makerere University is taking a lead in provision of incubation services for the food sector.