

Sida support to Research at Makerere University
Remarks by the Minister of State for Primary Education

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Ladies and gentlemen

Makerere University continues to metamorphose since 1986 when this government came to power. More so, there have been tremendous changes over the last 9 years, and these have not gone unnoticed by government. Government deliberately supported Makerere University to strengthen the research capacity through Sida/SAREC funded program.

Government recognizes the central role research plays in national development. Research is fundamental not only in the generation of new knowledge but in application of the products of research and innovations towards human resource development to alleviate poverty. Makerere University was identified as the key institution in Uganda best positioned to make a strategic contribution to the overall research capacity in the country.

Sida support to Makerere has indeed been quite beneficial not only to building capacity and improving the environment for research at Makerere but for the entire country. The centers of excellence such as the library, ICT, the Demographic Surveillance Site at Iganga/Mayuge, the biochemistry lab in the College of Health Sciences, the GIS lab in the Faculty of Technology to mention but a few serve researchers across the globe.

On behalf of government, I wish to thank the government and people of Sweden for the continued support to the government of Uganda and Makerere in particular in building research capacity in this country. For God and my Country.