



THE DICTS WIRELESS HOT SPOTS LAUNCH, TUESDAY 30TH MARCH 2010, AFRICA HALL DINNING

Vice Chancellor's talking points:

- H.E. The Swedish Ambassador to Uganda-Andres Johnson
- The Director, DICTS
- University Management
- Deans and Directors
- Members of Staff
- Media
- Ladies and Gentlemen

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-Makerere University and Sida recently signed a Specific Agreement on Research Cooperation for the next four years (January 2010 to June 2014) valued at **180 million Swedish Kronor**

-Makerere University and Sida have long term partnership. Sida is indeed a partner in building for the future since 2000.

Phase	Amount (SEK) (Millions)	Amount USD \$ (Millions) (1US= 7SEK)
Preparatory Phase (2000-2001)	15.0	2.14
Phase 1 (2001-2005)	104.1	14.8
Phase 2 (2005-2009)	181.0	25.9
Total (2000-2009)	300.1	42.8

Benefits realized so far (from 2000 to 2009)

150 PhD students registered at Makerere or in Sweden or both, 70 students have graduated with PhDs and the rest are pursuing their studies. [Of these 6 PhDs under DICTS, one complete so far]

Six PhD students have benefited under special Makerere and Katolinska Institutet arrangement.

Support to the library has strengthened capacity. Library is now a regional center of excellence in library and e-resources serving both national and regional universities. [Involves the OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog) system, Subscription to 13,000 online journals]

The support to ICT enabled the laying of a campus-wide fibre optic network with units establishing Local Area Networks (LANs). [16km of single-mode optical fiber, Two Network Operation Centers]

The gender terrain is improving with the support to the gender mainstreaming division.

Additionally, Sida continues to support ongoing efforts by the university to reform her administrative, financial, research and teaching & learning process to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in her functions.

As such, Sida funding for ICT projects at Makerere University has helped fulfill a comprehensive and cohesive strategy that the University adopted in 2001 and the launch of the wireless hotspots today heralds yet another milestone, thanks to the generous support of the Government and people of Sweden.

Sincerely: Professor Venansius Baryamureeba, Acting Vice Chancellor, MAK