



THE SIGNING CEREMONY OF MAKERERE UNIVERSITY-SIDA SPECIFIC AGREEMENT ON RESEARCH COOPERATION, THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2010, COUNCIL ROOM

Vice Chancellor's points:

- Honourable Minister of State for Primary Education, Dr. Cos Kamanda Bataringaya, Representing the Minister of State for Higher Education
 - H.E. The Swedish Ambassador to Uganda-Andres Johnson
 - The Deputy Ambassador/Sida Country Director-Ms Christine Johansson
 - Policy Specialist, Research Team Uganda, Sida-Dr. Cristina de Carvalho Eriksson
 - Economist, Swedish Embassy, Uganda-Ms Gloria Kempaka Mugambe
 - University Management
 - Deans and Directors
 - Members of Stat
 - Media
 - Ladies and Gentlemen
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-Makerere University and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) represented by the Embassy of Sweden Signing the Specific Agreement on Research Cooperation to support research for the next four years (January 2010 to June 2014).

-The support to research is worth **180 million Swedish Kronor**, equivalent to Uganda **shillings 48.57 billion**.

-Makerere University and Sida have long term partnership. Sida is indeed a partner in building for the future. Sida has supported Makerere University as highlighted below:

-Makerere University has been implementing the bilateral collaborative research program supported by Sida since 2000 with one planning phase (2000-2001), Phase I (2001-2005) and Phase II (2005-2009). This has been by far the largest program to support research at Makerere University. The level of support is outlined in the table below (Million SEK/USD \$):

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)**

- The grant has supported over 150 PhD students registered at Makerere or in Sweden or both over the 7 year period (2003-2009). Of these, 70 students have graduated with PhDs and the rest are pursuing their studies.
- This collaboration initiated the first joint degree program between Makerere and Katolinska Institutet where six PhD students have benefited under this special arrangement.
- Support to the library has strengthened capacity in terms skilled human resource and infrastructure for management and availability of e-resources. The library is now a regional center of excellence in library and e-resources serving both national and regional universities.
- The support to ICT enabled the laying of a campus-wide fibre optic network with units establishing Local Area Networks (LANs). The ICT infrastructure has improved significantly the landscape of research and teaching at Makerere.
- 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.

-I thank the government and the people of Sweden for the continued support to strengthen supervisory capacity and the research culture at Makerere, and I pledge that the funds will be put to good use for the benefit of the two peoples as 'We build for the Future'.

Sincerely: Professor Venansius Baryamureeba, Acting Vice Chancellor, MAK