

MAKERERE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND EXTERNAL STUDIES

MEDIA DAY 15 DEC 2011

THEME: *UNVEILING THE INNOVATIVE POWER AT MAKERERE UNIVERSITY*

The Makerere University College of Education and External Studies will on Thursday 15th December 2011 at 12p.m hold a press briefing and exhibition to showcase its latest innovations to the media and general public.

PRESS BREIFING

Venue: Principal's Office College of Education and External Studies

Time: 12 p.m.

Project to be highlighted

Mobile Distance Learning

The Department of Open and Distance Learning at Makerere University with funding support from the Uganda Communications Commission and Makerere University is undertaking research aimed at developing applications employing the pervasive mobile phones to support the great student numbers wishing to pursue university education. ICTs play three canonical roles in education, namely: 1) communication/information; 2) support; and 3) access to study materials. Already, the Department of Open and Distance Learning has implemented a mobile broadcast system which provides one way asynchronous communication

Currently, the Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) is funding a mLearning project at the Department aimed at enhancing communication and collaborative and cooperative learning amongst distance learners. The UCC funded project is to develop three mLearning components, namely: – a virtual mobile learning notice board (VmNoB), collaborative virtual mobile learning (Colla VmLearn) and cooperative virtual mobile learning (Coop VmLearn). More financial resources are being sought from Makerere University to support a postdoc research aimed at implementing a component for accessing and utilizing learning objects on mobile phones, procuring mLearning equipment and training at least one masters student in the area of mLearning applications development. The integrated mLearning applications will be implemented across the Department's four programmes namely; Bachelor of Education External (BED), Bachelor of Science External (BSX), Bachelor of Commerce External (BCOX) and the Commonwealth Youth in Development Work Diploma Programme (CYP).

EXHIBITION

Venue: College of Education and External Studies/ CCE grounds, University road near the main gate

Time: 12noon – 3.p.m.

Projects to be exhibited include:

Mobile Distance Learning (see above for more information)

E- Learning at Makerere University

How Makerere University through the College of Education and External Studies is championing online learning. A number of courses are now offered online at Makerere University.

E-Learning and Teacher Education products. (ELATE)

Free and easily accessible learning materials incorporating job related life skills have been developed and disseminated to build the capacity of teachers. The ELATE products are aimed at secondary school users including teachers, teacher trainers and trainees, students, parents, policy makers. The materials can be accessed on the ELATE website: www.elateafrica.org or on CD-ROMS and hardcopy format for areas with no computer access

Students will showcase

1. Solar panel system made out of organic material
2. Teaching of Science in the Digital Age
3. Innovative teaching materials
4. Distance Education study materials

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