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Africa: Makerere is Best African University Outside South Africa

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Kampala — Makerere University was on Wednesday ranked the best university in Africa outside South Africa. Rankings published under the Webometrics Survey show the country's oldest institution of higher learning improved from the 13th position last July to 10th. The top nine universities are South African-based institutions.

The university has also improved in world ranking by 756 positions from 2,158th to 1,402th.

The rankings, according to the survey are based on web publications, the visibility of a university on the Internet, the volume of its publications, and the general impact of the information published on its web pages.

The university Vice Chancellor, Prof Venansius Baryamureeba, attributed the improvement to changes from within. "Our target in the next five years is to see Makerere as the top university in Africa," he said. The University of Khartoum (24) is the second-best in the region, followed by University of Nairobi (27).

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