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Makerere starts Masters in public works management

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IN SUMMARY

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Speaking at its launch, Acting Vice Chancellor Venansius Baryamureeba said that Uganda like many developing countries have all long been preoccupied by mobilizing financial capacity to support improved service delivery but however such finances are misused which

“It has reached a level where some good degree of resources can be accessible but they are often poorly managed. The leadership and management deficiency continues to be highlighted as the main issue that has led to loss of huge resources earmarked for public sector programmes,” Mr Baryamureeba said.

He added that, “Therefore an important step to address this challenge lies in training and equipping knowledge, skills and attitude in people. We expect this programme to build capacity of the African Public Service through training for professional leadership and excellence in service management provision.”

The launch of the course will come as a handy package for the country which as for long been plunged in a series of corruption tendencies especially from the central government to local government officials.

The above has been highlighted in the 8th and 9th parliament where several government officials have been implicated in diversion of billions of shillings meant for different projects in their respective areas of operation.

In his speech, Acting Permanent Secretary for in the Ministry of Local government, John Walala said that clean to finance is no longer a major constraint but the availability of skilled professionals to successfully manage public infrastructure is the biggest challenge in the country.

“It is therefore my expectation that this program will address these challenges as well as bring innovation in identifying and solving most of the institutional problems that have dogged out country for long,” Mr Walala said.

Background

MPIM is a two year public service capacity building program aimed at providing effective leadership skills to officials in Public service. The course will be hosted in three countries, South Africa and Senegal.