

MUBS, Busitema top East Africa university rankings

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A Kenyan firm has rated Makerere University Business School (MUBS) as the region's best institution in usage of information and communication technologies. CPS International ranked 100 universities in the region and found that MUBS led the field in using its website and other ICT materials to impart knowledge on students and faculty.

CPS regional director Dann Mwangi explained that they used ICT to rank the universities since, "the best universities worldwide have been discussed in many fora as those enabling both the students' and the faculties' access to the knowledge-rich ICT resources."

It is believed that ICT enables particularly third-world universities to deal with the imbalance in academic resources. The researchers looked at each university's ICT policy, infrastructure and facilities, faculty's use and access to ICT tools, students' use and access to ICT tools, use of ICT tools in teaching, use of ICT in structural organisation and use of ICT in the finance department.

The top five universities are: MUBS, Strathmore University (Kenya), Busitema University, Rwanda's School of Finance and Banking and Kenya's Multimedia University College.

The results show how much some of the more famous universities may still have to do to become ICT-compliant. Makerere University, for instance, came seventh – just behind the Muyenga-based African Virtual University.

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