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Prof. Edward Kirumira  
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One of the contenders for the Vice Chancellor of [Makerere University](#) Prof. Edward Kirumira has promised that if he is elected as the Vice Chancellor of [Makerere University](#), he would bring to an end the incessant wrangles among the staff.

Addressing journalists on Sunday at [Makerere University](#), Kirumira said, "It is dangerous to have camps fighting each other in a University. For a University to do well there must be a positive environment where people are free with each other to encourage more critical thinking and research. I am the best person to unite Makerere because I have never been part of the infighting."

As *The New Vision* keeps bringing you what each of the contenders in the race plans to do, it should be noted that throughout the years, even through the reigns of other Vice Chancellors, [Makerere University](#) has been bedeviled by wrangles among its top dons fighting for top positions.

Asked what unique medicine he will apply to heal this rather chronic disease in Makerere, Kirumira said, "My personality and background will help me to do that. I started in Ankole and in Northern Uganda before joining the university and therefore know how to adjust and deal with people of different backgrounds. I also believe in teamwork."

Kirumira, the current deputy principal for the college of humanities and social sciences, also promises to ensure that the university systems are strengthened.

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“I want to build strong and autonomous systems in the university which the public and the development partners can have confidence in. I will build a financial system especially in terms of accountability and transparency in the operations and finances of the university,” Kirumira explained.

Asked what he intends to achieve in the first year, Kirumira said, “The first thing I will do is to bring back teamwork in the first six months. I have confidence and respect for all the different camps. This is the greatest need for Makerere without which not much can be done.”

Kirumira prides in having been the dean for the faculty of social sciences for over 8 years and left there a legacy of harmony with no single strike or leadership wrangle ever happening in the faculty in his reign.

Born on JULY 15, 1958, in Masaka, Kirumira also said he is offering himself for [Makerere University](#) leadership so that he can improve the relationship between the university and the central government.

“At the moment government does not trust Makerere because we are unable to tell them the actual amount of money we raise from private students. I want to end that and ensure that government becomes more committed to funding the university,” he promises.

Having been the architect of the Makerere’s restructuring programme which led to the creation of colleges and having been the chairperson of the committee that drafted the strategic plan of the university, Kirumira believes he is better qualified more than all his competitors to administer the university in the right direction.

He also promised to bring more donor countries funding research funds, improve the quality of education at the university, and improve the relationship between the staff and students of [Makerere University](#).

The professor of sociology also has a marshal plan for constructing more infrastructure especially buildings to accommodate the now big population of students currently at 4000.

Explaining his plan to turn [Makerere University](#) into the best on the African continent, Kirumira said, “Given its history and quality of education, Makerere has potential to be the best on the continent. If we work on the image, the financial and administrative systems and we give staff the necessary confidence, 5 years from now, we shall on top at least in Sub Sahara Africa.”



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