

MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

CHAIRPERSON OF COUNCIL REMARKS DURING THE AWARD OF AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF LETTERS OF MAKERERE UNIVERSITY TO DR. AKINWUMI ADESINA AT THE 71ST GRADUATION HELD ON 21ST MAY 2021

Mr Chancellor Sir,

As I present these souvenirs, I also have the honour to congratulate Dr Akinwumi Adesina on being awarded the Honorary Doctor of Letters of Makerere University.

The Council and the University community are incredibly proud that a globally renowned development economist and agricultural expert of Dr Adesina's profile has joined the Makerere Convocation.

Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, we recognise your passionate, selfless and absolute dedication towards the transformation of the African people and unlocking the immense potential of African nations. Your visionary framework for the development of Africa articulated in the High 5 priorities, namely to:

1. Light up and Power Africa
2. Feed Africa
3. Integrate Africa
4. Industrialise Africa
5. Improve the quality of life

are rapidly transforming Africa.

- ◆ We applaud your strong leadership in championing homegrown solutions and domestic resource mobilisation to finance Africa's development needs specifically for youth development, such as the **Youth Entrepreneurship Investment Bank** and the massive investment in ICT infrastructure to provide an enabling environment.
- ◆ In March this year, the prestigious U.S. magazine, **Global Finance**, specializing in financial markets and investment banking, **named the African Development Bank as the “Best Multilateral Financial Institution in the World for 2021”**.

This was in recognition of ADB transforming into a **solutions bank** to help accelerate Africa's development under your leadership.

Ladies and gentlemen, this illustrious son of Africa is now a part of the Makerere Community. Mr. Chancellor Sir, we look forward to working with Dr Adesina as we build for the future, as our motto states.

I now have the singular honour of handing over these souvenirs that should always remind you of Makerere University, which is now your home in the Pearl of Africa.