

# Mak BULLETIN

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## President Museveni Charms Mak Staff and Students



Mak staff and students can now usher in the New Year with hope.

Meeting the Mak delegation at State House on 21st August 2014, President Museveni pledged to increase funding to Mak, increase the remuneration of staff in public universities, and to take over the Mak wage bill in the financial year 2015/2016.

President Museveni reiterated the commitment while addressing thousands of Mak staff and students in the Freedom Square on 12th September 2014.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ddumba-Ssentamu, welcomed the President's pledge saying it would be a great relief to the University. "Mak contributes 42% per month towards the entire wage bill, which draws resources from other university activities, staff and student welfare. Once the Government takes over the entire wage bill, pressure on increase of fees will be reduced. Fees paid by students would cater for other needs of the university," he said.

A well funded Mak will be able to attract and retain highly

qualified and innovative staff; continue to produce high quality and relevant graduates; undertake competitive research and innovations; improve staff and student welfare as well as service delivery.

### Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the first edition of Mak Bulletin!

It is great that the Mak Management and Students' Guild have joined efforts to produce a joint publication aimed at providing dynamic, timely, accurate and engaging information. Starting as a bi-monthly, our

goal is to have monthly issues in the future. This bulletin will act as the bridge between management and the University Community for enhanced information flow.

I appeal to all of us to support this integral Makerere community voice. We appreciate your support and are so happy to have you as a reader. We would like to hear what you think of the bulletin.

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### Vice Chancellor's Message

Dear Reader, I congratulate the Editorial Board on the production of the first issue of this Mak BULLETIN. I wish all our dear students success in their examinations. As you strive for academic excellence, I implore you to read and adhere to the examination guidelines. I also encourage you to be astute time managers during this vital period.

I salute all the people who have contributed to your academic journey. I equally thank the staff for their commitment, support and patience throughout the Semester.

I am happy to share that the University Administration is focused on building a financially stable Mak. We have engaged Government to increase funding effective next financial year; entered into mutually beneficial partnerships with private and public sectors; established the Mak Endowment Fund to involve our alumni in the development of their mother-institution as well as the Mak Holdings Company to generate revenue from assets and properties of Mak.

In the spirit of a strong and vibrant Makerere, I wish you good health, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Prof. John Ddumba-Ssentamu**

## H.E Mwai Kibaki Presidential Library

On 27th November 2014, the third President of Kenya, graciously accepted Mak's proposal to honour him with the H.E Mwai Kibaki Presidential Library that will also house an endowed Chair of Economics.



H.E Mwai Kibaki said:-

- He was greatly honoured by Mak and pledged to raise the money for this initiative.
- He will be proud to represent Mak-his alma mater- as he travels in the region.

The Chancellor, Prof. Mondo Kagonyera, Chair Council, Eng. Dr. Wana Etyem and Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ddumba Ssentamu expressed profound appreciation.

## Mak- Tottori Collaboration Deepens

Following an MoU signed between Mak and Tottori University in 2012, a delegation from Mak visited Tottori University from 29th October to 3rd November 2014.

During this visit, both institutions identified areas of further collaboration:

- The Special program for foreign students in Arid Land Agricultural Sciences Collaborative research in mushrooms.
- Possible areas of research on the effect of dust on livestock and insects found in arid land farming areas in East Africa; dust on human health; dust from smoke in factories/industries.
- Mechanical engineering students to do practical training/ internship at the Innovations Centre.
- Introduction of Japanese language studies.

Mak Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs), Dr. Okello



**Dr. Okello Ogwang Mak DVC (AA)**

Ogwang said:

"A university worth its salt should look for collaborations all over the globe. It is a key component in the internationalization agenda of Makerere University."

Dr. Okello Ogwang also delivered a summit lecture on the Education Systems in Africa – A Case of Uganda to both undergraduate and graduate students.

**See more at:**

<http://news.mak.ac.ug/2014/11/mak-and-tottori-university-strengthen-collaboration-new-areas-research-and-collaboration>

**G**allant Makerereans, I would like to congratulate you upon coming to the end of this semester. I thank God that we have managed to ensure that students' interests have been protected with your support. It is unfortunate that we have lost some students this semester, but we are doing all that we can to ensure security issues are addressed.

I beseech Management to ensure that issues of security are addressed very expeditiously. Furthermore, the speed limit of 25km/hr needs to be enforced effective next semester.



### Guild President's Message

I wish the students success in their examinations and thank the lecturers for their cooperation.

**H.E Bwowe Ivan**



### Guild Information Minister's Note

**Great Makerereans,**

I am honored to present to you the maiden copy of the Mak BULLETIN, a new innovation and a brain child of the

80th Guild Cabinet and University Management. It aims at bridging the gap between students and Management in a balanced, consistent and convenient way.

We thank the Makerere Fraternity for the incredible trust you put in us as your leaders and we believe with you, Makerere's legacy shall continue to reign. We wish you success in examinations, a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Enjoy your copy,

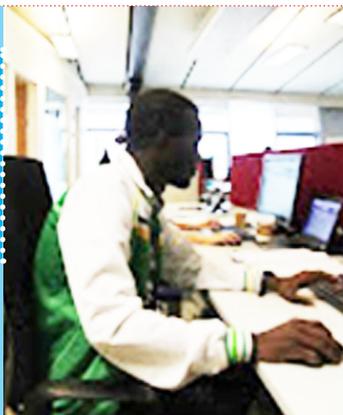
**Hon. Byamaka Musa**

## Mak Comes Third In Africa Moot Competition



**T**he winners of the national inter-university moot competition; Ms Edline Murungi, Mr Elijah Enyimu and Mr Donald Massa represented the university in an all Africa University Moot competition in Arusha at the end of November in which they were ranked third. The team ably represented the university and pledged that with the stewardship of Mr Ngabirano Dan, they will be able to bring more awards home as he has been able to revive the mooting spirit in Makerere Law School.

## Makerere Wins Sanger Prize Competition



**F**or the first time an African won the Sanger Prize Competition organized by the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute. Mr Walusimbi Bridgious is currently in Cambridge University on a three months attachment as a "Visiting Scientist" assisting in research in identifying the genetic variants underpinning differential viral response phenotypes.

# Makerere wins big at TechCon 2014



**[Front row]** Dr. Roy William Mayega, RAN Deputy Chief of Party (2nd Left); Dr. Ticora V Jones, Division Chief USAID (3rd Left); Prof. William Bazeyo, Dean Makerere University School of Public Health and RAN Chief of Party (4th Left); Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, Makerere University Deputy Vice Chancellor in charge of Finance and Administration and RAN Patron (5th Second row)

The Higher Education Solutions Network (HESN) second annual technical convening, TechCon 2014 held on November 8-10, at the University of California Berkeley, USA, showcased over 40 innovations from USAID's HESN Development Labs ([www.usaid.gov/hesn](http://www.usaid.gov/hesn)) and partners.

The Makerere University team was led by Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, the Deputy Vice Chancellor in charge of Finance and Administration and ResilientAfrica Network (RAN) Patron.

"Innovation is the way to go and Makerere University has been committed to supporting and nurturing innovations

since 1922, the ball is in your courts to make use of available opportunities to develop solutions for the most pressing challenges," he said as he challenged student innovators drawn from across the Resilient Africa Network.

The climax of TechCon 2014 was an Innovation Marketplace that showcased innovations from University students and start-ups addressing Global Development challenges.

Eight teams of innovators from Makerere University-RAN ([www.ranlab.org](http://www.ranlab.org)) with projects in the domains of Agriculture, Health and Engineering participated in the Innovation Marketplace,

competing with thirty seven other projects from the US.

One of the projects from Makerere University College of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Resources and Bio-Security titled; **Hydroponic Fodder Production for Livestock**, emerged amongst the top three winners and the best project from the HESN Universities, evidence of the global potential and competitiveness of the locally developed solutions.

#### See more at:

<http://news.mak.ac.ug/2014/11/makerere-university-leading-innovations-higher-education-solutions-network>

## UPCOMING EVENT

Mak-Sida International Research and Innovations Dissemination Conference

**Date:** April 20-21, 2015

**Theme:** Community Transformation through Research, Innovations and Knowledge Translation

**Target:** To showcase Mak's research outputs and innovations that are advancing knowledge, impacting society and livelihoods to over 500 participants

**Deadline for submission of abstracts:** January 30, 2015

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