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President Museveni Appreciates Mak Research, Launches Mak@100 Celebrations



Prof. Josephine Nabukenya (Left) explains how the Makerere University Electronic Human Resource Management System (eHRMS) works to President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and the First Lady Hon. Janet Museveni as the Vice Chancellor of Makerere University Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe listens.

The President of the Republic of Uganda and Visitor of Makerere University H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni on Saturday 9th October, 2021 unveiled the Mak@100 Logo and officially launched the year-long Centenary commemoration as part of the 59th Independence Day celebrations held at the Kololo Ceremonial Grounds.

President acknowledged and appreciated the work being done by Makerere University, especially to front research and innovations,



Prior to the launch, the President who was in the company of the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports (MoES), Hon. Janet Museveni toured an exhibition of eighteen (18) projects – twelve (12) funded by the Government of Uganda through Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund (Mak-RIF) and six (6) funded by International Agencies – designed to drive Uganda's development Agenda.

The President and First Lady were received at the exhibition by the Chairperson of Council, Mrs. Lorna Magara, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe and Prof. William Bazeyo, Head Grants Administration and Management Support Unit (GAM-SU) and Chairperson Mak-RIF Grants Management Committee (GMC).

Following his tour of the exhibition, the President acknowledged and appreciated the work being done by Makerere University, especially to front research and innovations, capacity building as well as providing solutions to community challenges.

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Africa Must Step Up! Reflections from World Health Summit Regional Meeting 2021

The President of the Republic of Uganda H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni flanked by the First Lady & Minister of Education and Sports Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni inspect exhibitions at the WHS Regional Meeting Africa on 27th June 2021, Speke Resort Munyonyo, Kampala. Left is President WHS & M8 Alliance-Prof. Axel Pries, 2nd Left is German Ambassador to Uganda-H.E. Matthias Schauer, Right is WHO Country Representative to Uganda-Dr. Yonas Tegegn Woldemariam while 4th Right is the Vice Chancellor-Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe.

Makerere University and the Ministry of Health organized and hosted the World Health Summit regional meeting in Kampala, Uganda from 27th to 30th June 2021. Amidst the acknowledgement of the unfairness of the rich world in hoarding vaccines and neglecting Africa, a consensus emerged on the need for Africa to step up its capacity to deal with, and solve its problems. "Selfishness in the world is bad but also good to wake up Africans." Remarked H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni at the opening of the summit. He continued "Africa should not depend on others for vaccines and essential commodities. We need to invest in Africa. Africa has fought Ebola; it can address its problems." [Read more](#)

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Education Minister **Expresses Readiness to use Scientific Findings** to Revive Sector

The First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni while presiding over the Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund (Mak-RIF) College of Education and External Studies (CEES) Open Day has expressed Government's and her Ministry's preparedness to learn from the scientific evidence generated by research and innovations to guide the sector's recovery from the effects of COVID-19.

The Open Day held physically in the Central Teaching Facility 1 (CTF1) and streamed online to a virtual audience

on 7th October 2021 was based on the theme "**Education Research for Sustainable Development**". It was graced by the Chairperson of Council Mrs. Lorna Magara, Vice Chancellor Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, Chairperson Mak-RIF Grants Management Committee (GMC) Prof. William Bazeyo, University Secretary Mr. Yusuf Kiranda, Principal CEES Prof. Fred Masagazi Masaazi, Deputy Principal CEES Assoc. Prof. Paul Birevu Muyinda, Staff as well as Students.

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Chancellor **Calls for Appreciation of Global Interconnectedness** at 4th Kampala Geopolitics Launch

The Chancellor, Prof. Ezra Suruma while delivering his remarks at the opening ceremony of the Fourth Edition of the Kampala Geopolitics Conference has called for reflection on how COVID-19 demonstrated our interconnectedness as a human race, hence the need to work more closely together. The ceremony held in the Central Teaching Facility 2 (CTF 2) Auditorium on 10th November 2021 marked the beginning of the three-day conference on the theme; **Crisis and Opportunity: Mapping the Geopolitical Importance of Africa.**

“I am delighted to note that we indeed have people from many continents and as I was reflecting on this topic, it became clearer to me that indeed we live in one world. We may have lines drawn on the map and say this is Uganda, this is DRC and this is Egypt but these are lines on paper. In reality, we live in one global world” remarked Prof. Suruma.

He observed that the devastating impact of COVID-19 on the globe and the struggle to combat it through vaccination had led to a rise in vaccine nationalism. Prof. Suruma was therefore happy to learn that this topic would be discussed in depth at the conference.

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The Chancellor, Prof. Ezra Suruma (2nd L) makes his remarks as L-R: Ms. Adekemi Ndieli-UN Women, H.E. Jules-Armand Aniambossou-Ambassador of France to Uganda and Ms. Anna Reismann-KAS Uganda & South Sudan listen on 10th November 2021 during the opening ceremony of the 4th Kampala Geopolitics Conference, CTF2 Auditorium, Makerere University. Photo credit: KAS



Mak@100 Stakeholder Mobilisation event

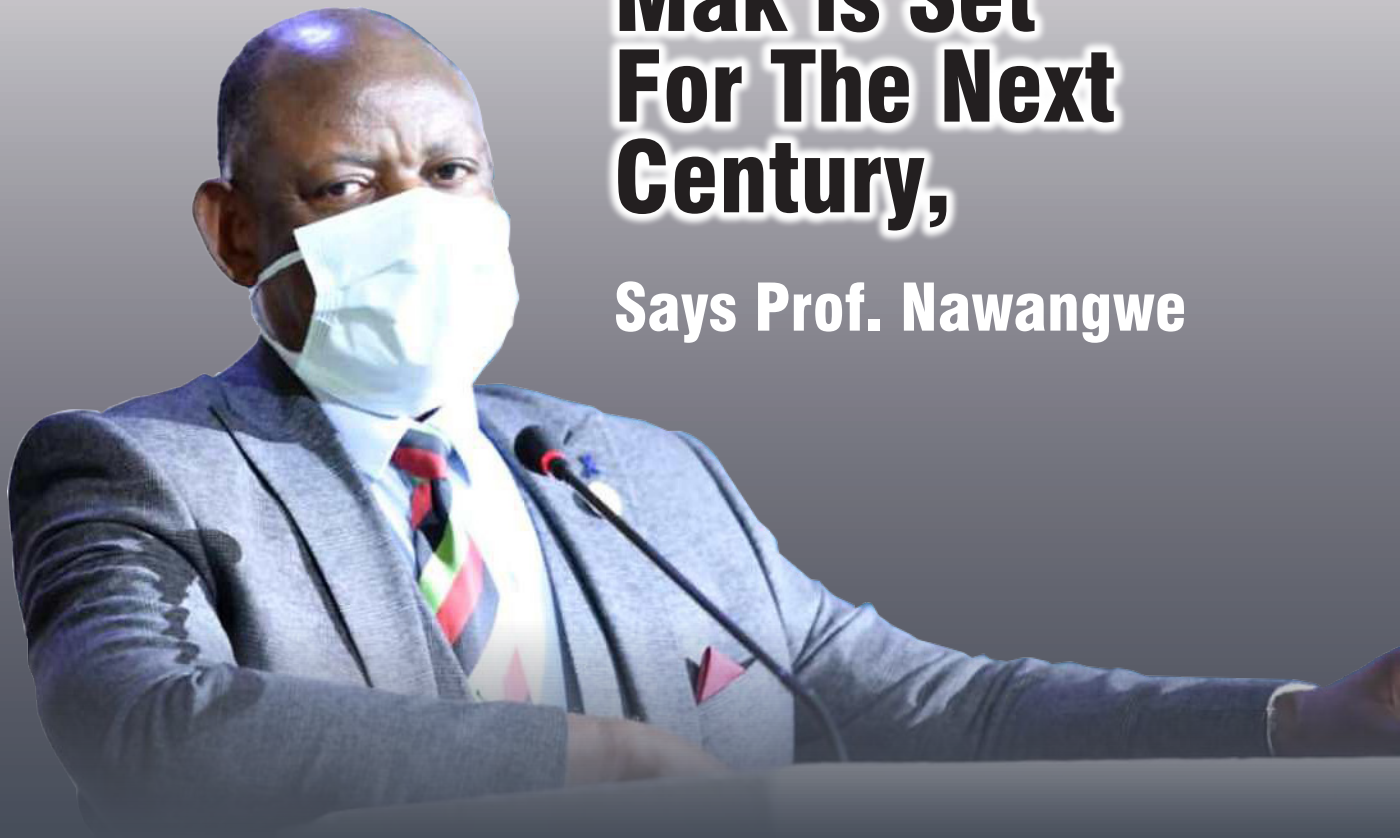


Mrs. Lorna Magara: **A lot of Makerere's Rich History Hasn't Been Told**

Makerere University Council Chairperson Mrs. Lorna Magara on 25th November 2021 during stakeholder mobilisation event highlighted how Makerere's rich history has been documented by notable authors such as Margaret MacPherson and Carol Sicherman. That notwithstanding, she noted that a lot remains to be told, especially of the modern era Makerere.

She nevertheless took note of Prof. Mahmood Mamdani's 2007 book *Scholars in the Marketplace: The Dilemmas of Neo-Liberal Reform at Makerere University, 1989-2005* as one that offers valuable lessons to Scholars and Administrators on undertaking institutional reforms.

Mrs. Magara announced that one of its undertakings of the Makerere@100 Organising Committee through its History, Culture and Future Documentation sub-Committee will be a book project. The publication is planned to be an easy-to-read and well-documented book around six broad themes covering Makerere's 100 year history. [Read more](#)



Mak is Set For The Next Century,

Says Prof. Nawangwe

On Thursday 25th November 2021 as Makerere University kicked off a series of events to mark its centennial anniversary, the Vice Chancellor, Prof Barnabas Nawangwe took the opportunity to reassure stakeholders that the institution is set for the next century of service to humanity.

Prof. Nawangwe said the university has produced cutting edge research and technology such as the electric car—the first on the continent, tuberculosis rapid testing kit which

technology such as the electric car—the first on the continent, tuberculosis rapid testing kit which is used globally

is used globally, the anti-tick vaccine which is undergoing mass production among others. He added the university has produced more than 200 innovations during the pandemic.

In response to the Guest of Honour and Government Chief Whip, Hon. Thomas Tayeewa's challenge to conduct more research that can transform Uganda by bringing more people into the money economy, Prof. Nawangwe said, "We will leverage our successes of the past to solve new societal problems." [Read more](#)

We Welcome You all to Contribute to **Making Mak Great**



Rt. Hon. Daniel Fred Kidega, Vice Chairperson Council & Chair Mak@100 Organising Committee

“ We would like to in a very special way as an Organising Committee to invite all of you to join the University in celebrating its contribution in leveraging the African race and the rest of the world this far. We salute the great effort being implemented by the University Council and Management to make sure this university stays the dream of the founding fathers. We thank you for making this University great.

There are nations in this world or in Africa that cannot gather like we are here to celebrate achievements. So we don't take this for granted. We express our deepest appreciation to the Government of Uganda and the leadership of His Excellency General Yoweri Museveni. I know many people within this beautiful setting and out there are more than committed to dipping their fingers in their pockets, opening their minds, to make this University a great university for this country, for the African continent and

the rest of the world.

On behalf of the Organising Committee, I take this opportunity once again to welcome you all, and please, come with open hands to make your contribution, to make this university, to make this country, to make Africa great. You are most welcome. Thank You.

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Government is Mak's No.1 Partner

The Chief Whip, Hon. Thomas Tayebwa has reassured Makerere University Leadership and Stakeholders of the Government of Uganda's readiness and willingness to ensure that the institution fulfills her mandate. "The Government is Makerere's number one partner" he affirmed.

Hon. Tayebwa represented the Chief Guest and Speaker of Parliament Rt. Hon. Jacob Oulanyah at the Stakeholder Mobilisation Event held in the Freedom Square on 25th November 2021. Held as one of the activities to commemorate Makerere University's 100 years of impacting society, the event also offered a chance to lay

strategies to further improve aspects in the teaching and learning environment, as well as research and innovations.

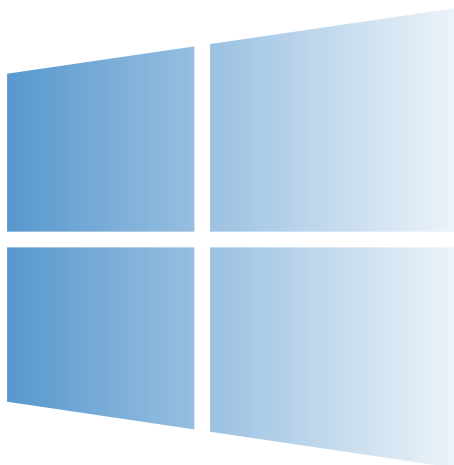
"We need to look at that and the Speaker of Parliament has told me that he will strongly support that element and I can also assure you on behalf of Government that we are going to look at that," Hon. Tayebwa said in reference to the aforementioned aspects of improving Makerere's mandate.

"So, the UGX30 billion for research, we shall be improving on that by adding you more money but we also expect that the more we give you, the more impact you must create as a university," remarked Hon. Tayebwa. [Read more](#)

“Mak is Like Windows,”

It Can No Longer Be Challenged”

Prof. Waswa Balunywa

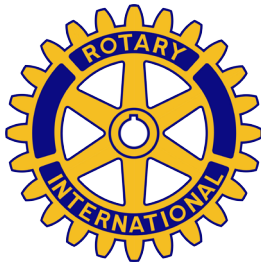


Prof. Waswa Balunywa, the Makerere University Business School (MUBS) Principal speaking on a panel during Makerere@100 stakeholder mobilisation event on November 25th 2020.

Prof. Waswa Balunywa, the Makerere University Business School (MUBS) Principal likened Makerere’s dominant position in Uganda’s Higher Education Sector to the Windows Operating System which is virtually on every computer. He made the candid analogy on Thursday 25th November 2021 during a stakeholder engagement event.

Prof. Balunywa who was on the panel with Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) Executive Director Mrs. Dorothy Kisaka and the University Secretary Mr. Yusuf Kiranda, said that Makerere has mothered all the institutions in Uganda. He thinks the University has set a standard that all other institutions in the country must follow.

“The pricelessness of Makerere must be leveraged to move not only Makerere ahead but higher education and the entire education system in this country. Makerere has this capacity. It needs to be a bit innovative and more free” he added. [Read more](#)



Rotary International President Visits Mak



The Chairperson of Council, Mrs Lorna Magara (L) presents a plaque to Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta in appreciation of his visit and invaluable service, 15th September 2021, CTF1, Makerere University.

At a high level meeting held with the University leadership on 15th September 2021, Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta said his organization was proud to be partnering with Makerere to promote peace on the African Continent

through the Postgraduate Diploma in Peace-building and Conflict Transformation. President Shekhar Mehta, who was on a three-day tour of Rotary projects in Uganda, was visiting Makerere for the first time. Makerere University and

Rotary International on Thursday 9th January 2020 held a signing ceremony marking the official launch of the First Rotary Peace Centre on the African continent. [Read more](#)



The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs)-DVCAA, Dr. Umar Kakumba.
Date Taken: 15th May 2019

ECRLF Helping to Co-create the Future of African Academic Leadership



Makerere University in partnership with University of Pretoria on 14th September 2021 hosted the Future Africa's Early Career Research Leader Fellowship (ECRLF) Dissemination Workshop in the Central Teaching Facility 2 (CTF 2) Auditorium and virtually. ECRLF's aim is to offer an opportunity for development of research leaders who will be able to fill a critical gap in the African research capacity ecosystem. This fellowship program is offered by the University of Pretoria with support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

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School of Law to Construct UGX 7Billion Block



The 6th of July 2021 was a monumental day in the School of Law Makerere University following the laying of the foundation stone for the new office block. The three storied structure will house Lecture, tutorial and seminar rooms, a library, a moot court, a cafeteria and a number of offices. The project to cost Uganda Shillings 7.3 Billion is expected to be completed in a period of eight months with works undertaken by Symbion as the consultants and Ms CK Associates as the Contractor.



The Chairperson of Council Mrs. Lorna Magara (2nd R) flanked by Ag. Vice Chancellor & DVCAA-Dr. Umar Kakumba (R), Ag. VICE-Dr. Josephine Nabukenya (L) and Ag. Principal School of Law-Prof. Christopher Mbazira (2nd L) at the commissioning of construction for the UGX 7Billion School of Law Office Block on 6th July 2021, Makerere University.

While presiding over the ground breaking ceremony at the School of Law, the Chairperson of Makerere University Council Mrs Lorna Magara affirmed the University's commitment in ensuring that the structure is completed in the set time. [Read more](#)

Mak enters Research & Training with Somali National University-



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (L) exchanges the signed MoU with Prof. Hassan Omar Mahadalle, the Rector of Somalia National University (R) after the ceremony on 21st November 2021, CTF1, Makerere University.

Makerere University and Somali National University on Monday 21st November 2021 signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** that will **commence a collaboration** between the two African Universities.

The signing ceremony took place at Makerere University between Professor Hassan Omar Mahadalle, the Rector of Somalia National University and his Ugandan counterpart Professor Barnabas Nawangwe, the Vice Chancellor of Makerere University. The Somali Ambassador to Uganda, H.E. Ali Mohamud Mohamed witnessed the signing. [Read more](#)

Dr. Nabukenya Hands Over DVCFA Office to Prof. Alinaitwe

Dr. Josephine Nabukenya has after one year of service as Acting (Ag.) Deputy Vice Chancellor in charge of Finance and Administration (DVCFA) handed over office to Prof. Henry Alinaitwe, Principal College of Engineering, Design, Art and Technology (CEDAT). Dr. Nabukenya's appointment was with effect from 16th November 2020 to 15th November 2021.

In her handover remarks, Dr. Nabukenya thanked the Chancellor, Prof. Ezra Suruma for considering her fit to serve her Alma mater in such a capacity. She acknowledged the support of the University Council as led by the Chairperson Mrs. Lorna



Outgoing Ag. DVCFA-Dr. Josephine Nabukenya (R) presents a copy of her handover report to incoming Ag. DVCFA-Prof. Henry Alinaitwe (L) during the ceremony on 24th November 2021, CTF1, Makerere University.

Magara and Vice Chairperson Rt. Hon. Daniel Fred Kidega as well as the top organ's professionalism in playing it's oversight role over Management.

Dr. Nabukenya equally thanked colleagues in Management for the team spirit and collegial support rendered to her throughout her term as DVCFA. She particularly thanked the Vice Chancellor for his leadership. [Read more](#)

Mak Hospital Embarks on Expansion, to add 10 ICU beds



Dr. Josephine Nabukenya, Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor (Finance and Administration) hands over Makerere University Hospital to the CK Associates on Wednesday 27th October 2021. Photo: Davidson Ndyabahika

As Makerere celebrates 100 years of contributing to societal transformation, the University Hospital has embarked on an expansion program to support Uganda's critical care needs. Construction is currently underway to increase the hospital's Emergency Care Department capacity and ICU bed count.

The plan is to remodel the Doctors' Residence/lower block of the University Hospital into a 10-bed Intensive Care Unit at a cost of approximately Ugx400million. Makerere has engaged the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to support the University's dream of turning the hospital into a high-end provider of health services to the community. [Read more](#)



Hon. Dr. Monica Musenero (3rd L) with the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (2nd L), Principal CEDAT-Prof. Henry Alinaitwe (4th L), college leadership, MAPRONANO's Prof. John Baptist Kirabira (7th L), Kiira Motors' Mr. Paul Isaac Musasizi (R), Kevoton Motions Engineering Team (in white) and other officials at the launch on 19th August 2021, Freedom Square, Makerere University.



Minister Monica Musenero Unveils

Locally-made Diesel Engine



The Minister for Science, Technology and Innovations, Dr. Monica Musenero on 19th August 2021 launched locally-made diesel engines. A team of researchers from the African Centre of Excellence for Material science and nanotechnology (MAPRONANO) partnered with artisans from Kevoton Engineering, to design and assemble the first of its kind diesel engine in Uganda.

It is a single cylinder, 13 horse power, 4 stroke engine that consumes 1 litre of fuel per hour. The engine is able to run a generator and a water pump to facilitate irrigation on farms. The generator is single phase and can therefore be used to power home appliances and small workshops.

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Intentionality Key to Nurturing More Women Leaders

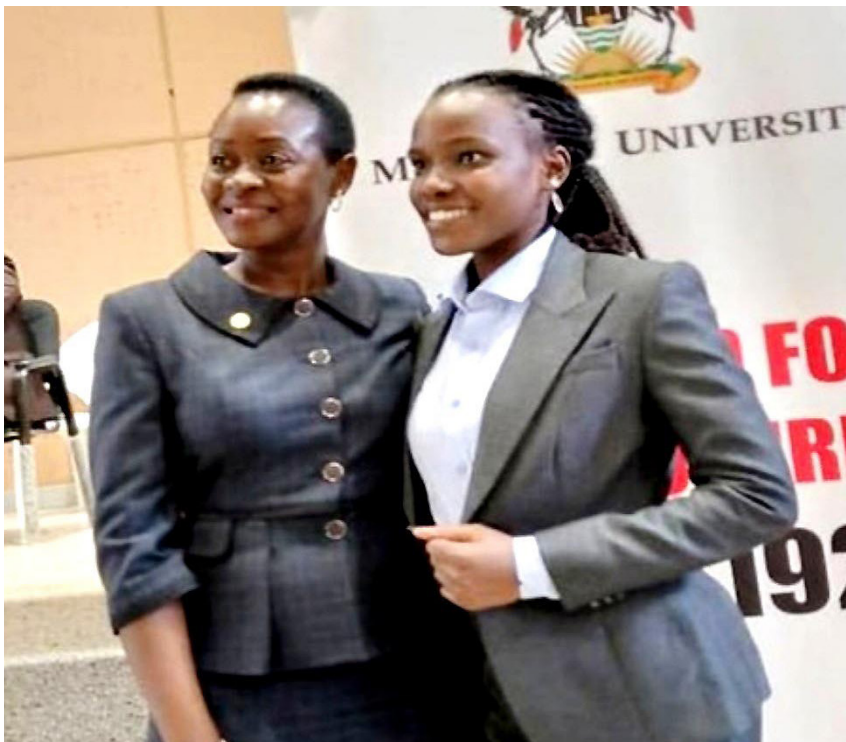
The Gender Mainstreaming Directorate (GMD), Makerere University on 14th September 2021 presented findings from phase one of the study on Enhancing Women's Participation and Visibility in Leadership and Decision-Making Organs of Public Universities in Uganda through Action Research.



The "Enhancing Women's Participation and Visibility in Leadership and Decision-Making Organs of Public Universities in Uganda through Action Research" Phase One Study dissemination poster for the event held on 14th September 2021, CTF1, Makerere University and Online.

Funded by the Government of Uganda through the Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund (Mak-RIF), the study was inspired by the fact that women are persistently

few in numbers as staff, more so in leadership and decision-making organs of Ugandan Public Universities despite various efforts at national and international levels. [Read more](#)



Mrs Winifred Kabumbuli and 87th Guild President Shamim Nambassa during the Swearing in Ceremony. Photo by Alex Mugalu

87th Guild President, GRCs sworn-in



The newly-elected Makerere University Guild President, Cabinet and Guild Representatives were on 26th November 2021 sworn in to effectively commence their duties. The swearing-in-ceremony was presided over by the Dean of Students Mrs. Winifred Kabumbuli who represented the Vice Chancellor Professor Barnabas Nawangwe.

After swearing in, H.E. Nambassa said she is excited as the 5th female Guild President to lead the student body that will usher in Makerere's 100 years of existence celebrations. Mrs. Winifred Kabumbuli applauded the outgoing Guild leadership for the good leadership they have exhibited during their term of service. [Read more](#)

Mak Launches Multimedia Production Hub to Improve Research Dissemination



The Vice Chancellor-Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (L) with L-R: Ag. DVCFA-Dr. Josephine Nabukenya, Principal CHUSS-Dr. Josephine Ahikire, HoD-Dr. Aisha Nakiwala Sembatya & PI-Dr. William Tayeebwa at the 7th September 2021 Launch, Lincoln Flats, Makerere University.



Makerere University through the Department of Journalism and Communication has set up a Multimedia Production Hub to improve research dissemination. Established with funding from the Government of Uganda through the Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund (Mak-RIF), the Hub is intended to equip

Makerere researchers and innovators with practical skills to transform their research and innovations into publicly-oriented multimedia content. It is one of the outputs of a wider research project titled, ***"Harnessing Multimedia Production for increased uptake and visibility of Research and Innovations at Makerere University"***. [Read more](#)

MAPRONANO ACE Acquires VP Sigma 300 Scanning Electron Microscope Equipment



The VP Sigma 300 High Resolution Scanning Electron Microscope unveiled 21st July 2021 at CEDAT, Makerere University.

Africa Center of Excellence in Materials Product Development and Nanotechnology (MAPRONANO ACE), College of Engineering, Design, Art and Technology (CEDAT), Makerere University has acquired a state of the art Vapour Pressure (VP) Sigma 300 High resolution Scanning Electron Microscope for nanomaterial's characterization, Materials sciences research and all Nano scale related fields. This is the first of its kind equipment in Sub-Saharan Africa for nanotechnology research. The VP Sigma 300 Scanning Electron Microscope will be used by the faculty at the Department of Mechanical Engineering, CEDAT, College of Health Sciences (CHS) and other University colleges. [Read more](#)

Mak-RIF Awards 123 Grants in Round 3 2021/2022

The Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund (Mak-RIF) on Tuesday 17th August, 2021 unveiled the 123 recipients of the third round of funding for 2021/2022. The Ceremony presided over by the Chairperson of Council; Mrs. Lorna Magara was also graced by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs), Dr. Umar Kakumba and Ag. Deputy Vice Chancellor (Finance and Administration), Dr. Josephine Nabukenya. Launching the awards, Mrs. Magara said she was confident the awardees would help drive the National Development Plan III (2020/21-2024/25)-NDP III. [Read more](#)



The Chair Council-Mrs. Lorna Magara (3rd R) flanked by R-L: VC-Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, DVCAA-Dr. Umar Kakumba, Head GAMSU & Chair Mak-RIF GMC-Prof. William Bazeyo, Ag. DVCF-A-Dr. Josephine Nabukenya and Mak-RIF's Wilson Abigaba reads from a screen listing Round 3 Award recipients on 17th August 2021, CTF1, Makerere University.

MakCHS Student Innovation shines at HIHA 2021



Ms. Anna Maria Gwokyalya (MBChB IV), CHS, Makerere University (R) receives the 'Student Innovation of the Year' trophy at the Heroes in Health Awards (HIHA) held 12th November 2021 at Kampala Serena Hotel. Courtesy Photo.

A team of students led by Ms. Anna Maria Gwokyalya – 4th year student of Medicine and Surgery at the College of Health Sciences (MakCHS), Makerere University won the award of 'Student Innovation of the Year' at the Heroes in Health Awards (HIHA) held on the 12th November, 2021. Her innovation was a book "The Mugishas' COVID-19 Tale" designed to help children be more involved in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic. [Read more](#)



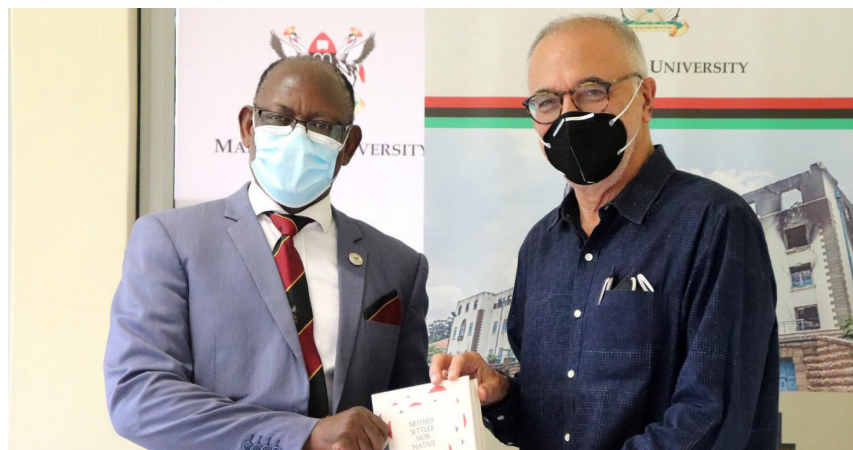
Dr. Martin Alier to Prof. Maggie Kigozi: The Legacy of MakeEF

The Chairperson of Council, Mrs. Lorna Magara (R) hands over a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Barnabas Tumusingize (L) who received it on behalf of Outgoing Chairperson, Dr. Martin J. Alier at the MakeEF Board Inauguration on 30th September 2021, CTF2 Auditorium, Makerere University.

The Outgoing Chairperson, Makerere University Endowment Fund (MakeEF) Board of Trustees, Dr. Martin J. Alier in his handover speech reported that the Inaugural Board grew the onshore fund from scratch to UGX 1.2 Billion by the end of their tenure in 2019. This was at a function presided over by the Chairperson of Council, Mrs. Lorna Magara on 30th September 2021 in the Central Teaching Facility 2 (CTF2) Auditorium to inaugurate the new MakeEF Board. In her acceptance speech, Prof. Maggie Kigozi admitted that it was a great honour to serve as the second Chairperson of Board of Trustees of MakeEF, following in the footsteps of Dr. Martin J. Alier and the commendable work done by his pioneer Board. [Read more](#)

Prof. Mamdani voted No.3 of World's 'Top 50 Thinkers'

Prof. Mahmood Mamdani, Executive Director of the Makerere Institute of Social Research (MISR) has been voted number three from a list of the world's 'top 50 thinkers' compiled by the editors of Prospect magazine (UK). The list first published in July 2021 gave readers the chance to vote for their top thinker of the world, the results of which were published on 1st September 2021. He was profiled based on his book **Neither Settler nor Native: The Making and Unmaking of Permanent Minorities**. [Read more](#)



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (L) receives a copy of the book - *Neither Settler nor Native: The Making and Unmaking of Permanent Minorities* - from Prof. Mahmood Mamdani (R) on 1st April 2021, CTF1, Makerere University.



Council Chairperson-Mrs. Lorna Magara (C), Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (5th R), DVCAA Dr. Umar Kakumba (R), Ag. DVCFA Prof. Josephine Nabukenya, (2nd L) and US-Mr. Yusuf Kiranda (L) pose for a photo with the Chairperson-Mr. Christopher K. Musoke (5th L) and members of the New Board of Mak Holdings Ltd after inauguration at CTF2 on 9th September 2021.

Mak Holdings Ltd New Board Inaugurated Upon a Firm Foundation

“On behalf of Management, I would like to thank the Outgoing Board led by Mr. Charles Mbire, for the firm foundation on which the Incoming Board will surely build,”

lauded Prof. Nawangwe in his remarks at the inauguration. Mak Holdings was set up by the University Council in June 2014 to improve both the University’s financial position and the nature and extent of services offered to students, personnel and the general public. The first board was inaugurated on 31st August 2014. In his acceptance remarks, the Chairman Board of Directors Mak Holdings Mr. Christopher K. Musoke thanked the Outgoing Board for laying a foundation upon which they could now build. “I know a little bit about building and if the foundation is not right, whatever you do above ground is a waste of time; something will break.” [Read more](#)

NATIONAL POLICY FORUM ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION (STI) ADVANCEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

Theme: *Positioning STI to address emerging threats to national development*

Chief Guest

Hon. Dr. Monica Musenero

Minister in charge of Science,
Technology and Innovation



Convener

Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe

Vice Chancellor
Makerere University



Academia Encouraged to Take Lead in the National STI Ecosystem

Makerere University through the College of Natural Sciences (CoNAS) organized, hosted, and virtually held the 1st National Policy Forum on

1st National Policy Forum for Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Advancement for Development was organised by the College of Natural Sciences (CoNAS), Makerere University, 26th - 27th August 2021.

Science, Technology, and Innovations (STIs) Advancement for Development on 26th and 27th August, 2021 under the theme

“Positioning STI to address emerging threats to national development”.

The forum was officially opened by Hon. Dr. Monica Musenero – Minister for Science, Technology and innovation. She thanked the Vice Chancellor, Makerere University and CoNAS for taking lead in the direction of STI especially during the Covid19 pandemic which has greatly affected nations. [Read more](#)

Mak Listed in 19 of 60 Projects to be Funded under NORHED II

Makerere University has been listed in 19 out of 60 projects awarded funding under the NORHED II programme set to run from 2021 to 2026. NORHED is Norway's flagship programme on higher education and research for development. According to the announcement, 199 applications were submitted to the call, out of which 60 will be funded to the tune of NOK 1.1 billion. [Read more](#)





Rotary to Fund Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centre at Makerere

[L-R] Rotarian Fredrick Kitakule, May Virji, Hon. Mike Kennedy Sebalu and Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe after the meeting at the Office of Vice Chancellor on 8th October 2021.

The Rotary Clubs of Uganda have partnered with Makerere University to establish an Early Childhood Development (ECD) Center worth millions of shillings. PDG Mike Kennedy

Sebalu revealed that the initiative will focus on basic education and promoting literacy. He thanked Makerere University for partnering with Rotary Uganda to establish the Center. [Read more](#)



CoVAB Open Day Showcases Research and Innovations

The College of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Resources and Bio Security (COVAB) with support from the Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund (Mak-RIF) held an open day during which a number of research outputs and innovations were disseminated. The Minister of



Minister for Science Technology and Innovation -Hon. Dr. Monica Musenero (L) chat with Vice Chancellor Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe. In the centre is MakRIF Chairperson - Prof. William Bazeyo

Science, Technology and Innovation Dr. Monica Musenero who presided over the Open Day commended the leadership at the college and the University as a whole for the flexibility and outlook that has enabled the

realigning of university business to the National development Plan III which she said emphasizes science-led economic social transformation. [Read more](#)



The Vice Chancellor-Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (L), Executive Secretary IUCEA-Prof. Gaspard Banyakimbona (2nd L) and PAVC-Mr. Gordon Murangira (R) with the Chairperson-Hon. Namara Dennis (3rd L) and some Members of the EALA General Purpose Committee upon arrival at CTF1, Makerere University on 9th September 2021.

EALA General Purpose Committee Commends Mak ACEII Projects

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe has today September 8, 2021 hosted members of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) on a fact finding mission about the two World Bank-funded African Centers of Excellence hosted by Makerere University. The EALA General Purpose Committee, led by Hon. Dennis Namara commended the two centres, Makerere University Regional Center for Crop Improvement (MaRCCI) and the African Centre of Excellence for Material Science and Nano Technology (MAPRONANO) for the enormous research, innovation and contribution to food production and development of the country. [Read more](#)



Dr. Edith Natukunda - Togboa, the Head, Department of European and Oriental Languages, CHUSS, Makerere University.

Mak launches MA in French Language studies



Robert. The main objective of the Master in French Language Studies (MAFLS) is to build professional capacities in the mastery of the French Language, develop skills in the pedagogy of French and impart knowledge on the cultural and political relations of the Francophone world. The programme is hosted by the French Section of the Department of European and Oriental Languages, under the School of Languages, Literature and Communication, College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUSS). [Read more](#)

Makerere University on 15th September 2021 launched a new Masters programme in French Language Studies. The programme was officially launched by the Deputy Director, Directorate of Research and Graduate Training (DRGT) at Makerere University, Dr. Wamala

Prof. Annet Nakimuli wins US\$1m



Associate Professor Annetee Nakimuli, Dean School of Medicine, College of Health Sciences (CHS), Makerere University.

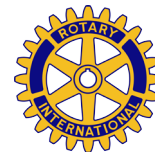
Associate Professor Annetee Nakimuli, Dean – School of Medicine has been awarded US\$1M grant for Maternal Health Research from the Gates Foundation Calestous Juma Science Leadership Fellowship. The five-year grant, entitled

**“Enhancing prediction
of adverse pregnancy
outcomes in Africa
through partnerships
and innovation”**

will focus on Great Obstetrical Syndromes (GOS), such as pre-eclampsia, preterm birth, stillbirth, intrauterine growth restriction; to help develop context-relevant interventions for prevention and treatment. [Read more](#)



Director of the International Rotary Peace Centre at Makerere University, Dr. Helen Nambalirwa Nkabila with colleagues at a meeting.



TRF Canada Announces Endowment for Mak Rotary Peace Centre

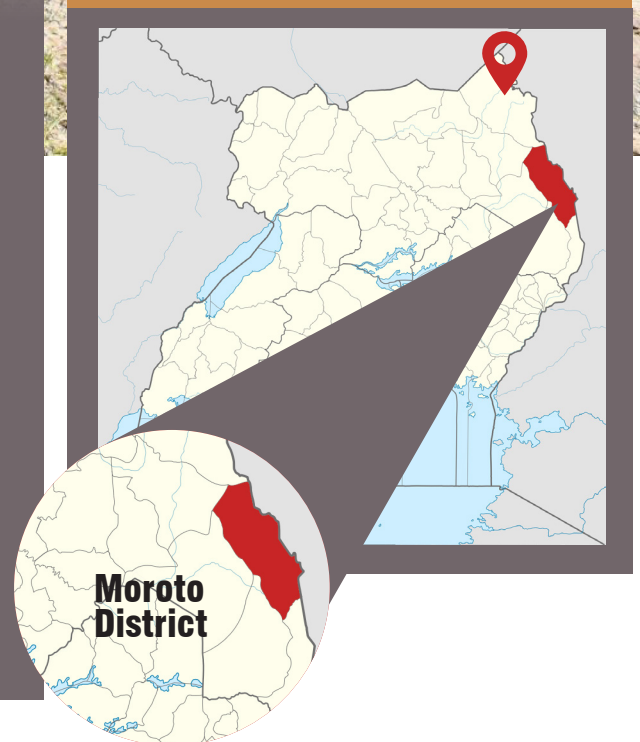
The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Canada on behalf of Canadian Rotarians in September 2021 announced an endowment fund to support the annual capstone seminar at Rotary’s newest Peace Centre at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. The endowment was established with a gift of CAN\$125,000.00 (US \$100,000) to The Rotary Foundation. The seminar is an opportunity for peace fellows to reflect and report on their social change initiative efforts to an audience of peers, Rotarians, and experts in the field. [Read more](#)



Mak Secures another 10 Hectares in Moroto District for Livestock Café

Makerere University on 24th October 2021 secured an additional 10 hectares of land from the pastoralist community in Rupa Sub-County, Moroto District for establishment of a livestock café. The allocated land comes with a valley tank and cattle crush. This was the Drylands Transform project's second land offer in the Karamoja sub-region following the first in Poron Sub-County, Napak District on 23rd October 2021. Livestock cafés will be the experimental sites to study forage productivity, establish novel co-learning and knowledge exchange centers and create opportunities for milk and fodder value chains. [Read more](#)

District Local Government officials, Village and Sub-County leaders and the Research team pose for a group photo after the site handover in Rupa Sub-County, Moroto District on 24th October 2021.



Leveraging Drone Technology in the COVID-19 Rapid Response in Rural Areas of Uganda

The Infectious Diseases Institute at Makerere University, with funding and technical assistance from the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), officially launched a project to pilot the use of medical drone technology in the West Nile districts of Moyo and Adjumani. This project will support surveillance mechanisms, early reporting of any health threats or outbreak indicators within the systems, including rapid response to COVID-19. [Read more](#)



An IDI staff demonstrates how the medical drones will work. Photo credit: UNCDF

Mak-Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), India discuss collaboration

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The DVCAA-Dr. Umar Kakumba (Left) receiving a souvenir from Mr. Rahul Varma (Centre). Right is Mr. Harshit Aggarwal

Makerere University on Monday, 15th November 2021 hosted a delegation from the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Odisha – India as a precursor to collaboration especially in the areas of health sciences and engineering. The two-man delegation consisting of Mr. Rahul Varma the Assistant Director International Relations and Mr. Harshit Aggarwal were received by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs), Dr. Umar Kakumba at his office in the Senate Building. [Read more](#)



Mak Leadership Commends MURBS Fund Value Growth ahead of 11th AGM



Assoc. Prof. Sarah Ssali (5th L) who represented the Chairperson Council with Members of Council, US-Mr. Yusuf Kiranda (6th L), URBRA's Mrs. Ritah Nansasi Wasswa (4th L), Chairperson MURBS BoT-Dr. Godwin Kakuba (7th L), MURBS Trustees, Representatives of Management as well as the Chairman MUASA and Representatives of Staff Associations at the presentation held on 19th October 2021, Senate Building, Makerere University.

The University Council and Management have commended the Makerere University Retirement Benefits Scheme (MURBS) Board of Trustees (BoT), Service Providers and Secretariat on the Scheme's fund value growth from UGX 209 Billion to UGX 255 Billion during the Financial Year 2020/21. The commendations were delivered on Tuesday 19th October 2021 in the Telepresence Centre, Senate

Building at the presentation of MURBS' performance for the aforementioned period.

"It is quite remarkable that 200 University employees have crossed into the group having over UGX 200 million in savings in a space of one year!" exclaimed the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe in his remarks.

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CEES to offer Soft skills Training to Police Officers

The PI, Dr. Badru Musisi (Front Row Centre) with members of the research team and participants during the training, 30th November 2021.



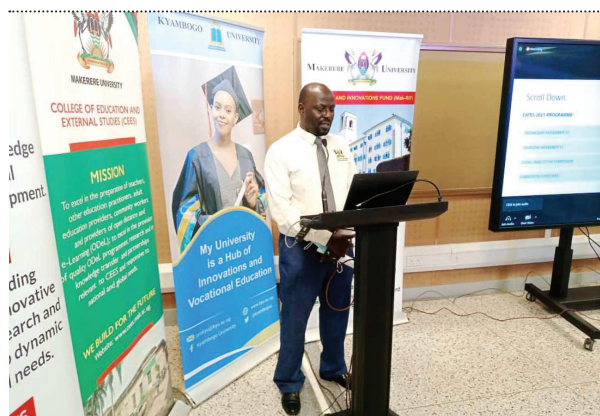
The College of Education and External Studies (CEES) is to start equipping Uganda Police Force (UPF) officers with soft skills. The training will be conducted by a team of researchers led by Dr. Badru Musisi and Dr. Joyce Bukirwa Rebecca. The project; **Promoting Community Policing by Integrating Soft-skills in Uganda Police Training Programs**, is funded by the Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund (RIF). The project seeks to augment Community Policing by integrating Soft Skills in Uganda Police Force training programs. [Read more](#)

Mak Researchers Skilling Roadside Plant Nursery Owners on Business Management

A multi-disciplinary team of researchers from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES), College of Natural Sciences (CoNAS), and the College of Business Management (CoBAMS) have embarked on activities to build business management skills and sustainable plant nursery management practices among roadside plant nursery owners, operators, and workers. The project is supported by the Government of Uganda through the Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund (Mak-RIF). [Read more](#)



The Principal Investigator, Dr. Edward Nector Mwavu (Standing) during the skilling of roadside plant nursery owners on business management and sustainable practices on 11th November 2021 in Kawanda.



The Principal Investigator and Deputy Principal of CEES, Assoc. Prof. Paul Birevu Muyinda addresses stakeholders at the CABUTE Project Launch on 10th November 2021 in the Multimedia/E-Learning Room, CTF1, Makerere University.

CEES Launches Teacher Education Project to offer Masters & PhD Scholarships

The College of Education and External Studies (CEES) on 10th November 2021 launched a project intended to support the implementation of the National Teacher Policy. The project, Capacity Building for Research-Based Teacher Education (CABUTE), is based on collaboration between Makerere University, Kyambogo University, Uganda National Institute of Teacher Education and University of Bergen. The project will offer 16 masters scholarships, 8 PhD scholarships and 4 post-doctoral fellowships for researchers in the field of teacher education. [Read more](#)

CoNAS Proposes Amendments to Fisheries & Aquaculture Bill, 2021

On 2nd November 2021, members of staff from the Department of Zoology, Entomology and Fisheries Sciences at Makerere University, together with their counterparts from Busitema University and the Fisheries Training Institute, Entebbe presented amendments to the proposed Fisheries and Aquaculture Bill, 2021 before members of the Sectoral Committee of Parliament on Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries led by Abim District Woman MP, Hon. Janet Akech, and Ngora Woman MP, Hon. Stella Apolot Isodo. In their submission, the team noted that the Bill was silent on a number of issues including capacity building, the role of training



Dr. Jackson Efitre (C), Dr. Eric Sande (R) and Dr. Juliet Nattabi Kigongo (L) during the presentation at Parliament on 2nd November 2021.

and research institutions in sustainable fisheries and aquaculture management, research and innovations in all aspects of fisheries and aquaculture, as well as the protection of wetlands that play crucial roles in water purification, act as breeding sites for fish and provide refuge for threatened fish species. [Read more](#)

Mak & UHTTI Sign MoU to Boost Research in Tourism Sector



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (R) and Mr. Cephas Birungi Kagyenda (C) sign the MoU on behalf of Makerere University and UHTTI respectively as Director Legal Affairs, Mr. Javason Kamugisha (L) witnesses on 22nd October 2021, CTF1, Makerere University.

Makerere University and Uganda Hotel and Tourism Training Institute (UHTTI) on Friday 22nd October, 2021 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance collaboration between the two institutions. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe and Mr. Cephas Birungi Kagyenda signed on behalf of Makerere University and UHTTI respectively. The Department of Forestry, Biodiversity and Tourism at the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES) is the implementing unit in Makerere University.

Under the MoU, the two institutions will; exchange of scientific, academic and technical information; share training space and facilities; organise and participate in joint academic activities like seminars and conferences; conduct research and training in the tourism and hospitality sector; exchange staff/students; engage in staff development and collaborative projects; and identify opportunities for commercialization of innovations. [Read more](#)

Humanities Indispensable – Experts



Prof. Paul Tiyaambe Zeleza, Vice Chancellor, United States International University – Africa, Nairobi, Kenya delivers his Keynote address during #HumanitiesCon2021 on 11th August 2021.

Addressing participants at the Opening Ceremony of the National Humanities Conference held on 11th August 2021, the keynote speaker and Vice Chancellor United States International University – Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, Prof. Paul Tiyaambe Zeleza, underscored the relevance of the humanities and social sciences despite the continued attacks. In his keynote address titled ***“Rethinking the Place of Humanities and Social Sciences in the Post-COVID-19 Academy”***, Prof. Tiyaambe emphasized the strong linkage between the humanities and other branches of knowledge.

He called for interdisciplinarity as one of the measures to revitalize the humanities and social sciences, and make them more relevant to the concerns and interests of the contemporary world. [Read more](#)