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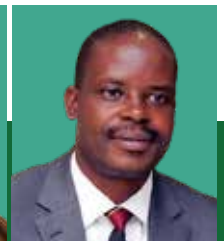
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# Vice Chancellor's Message

## Makerere University to focus on Research for Development

**We** are now living in the era of knowledge-based economies. Those in the know are the ones who develop. Those not in the know will not develop. Knowledge comes from research. Research leads to innovations and it is these innovations that change the world. We have excellently produced human resources for the country and the region for the last 100 years.

However, we don't not only want to be the university that produces good human resources, but also an institution that accelerates national development through research and innovation like many leading universities around the world have done. It is universities through research and innovation that made America what it is today. Universities are no longer places where people produce knowledge for the sake of it, but places where people do research that leads to national development through innovation. That is what we have resolved to do in the next 100 years, starting in 2023.

We must be different. We must be led by research and innovation. Being a research-led university means that all undertakings by our

staff at the various levels are guided by research. When you are guided by research you address current issues.

To enable us to achieve this, our research budget has increased to \$120m from \$30m in the last four years. Subsequently, our research publication output has increased to 1,200 from 600 papers. Most importantly, we have used our research to solve our national problems.

That came out clearly during COVID-19 pandemic when Makerere made enormous contributions to the innovations and guidelines that were being used by the Government to manage the situation. Beyond COVID-19, of course, there have been groundbreaking innovations in agriculture, engineering and

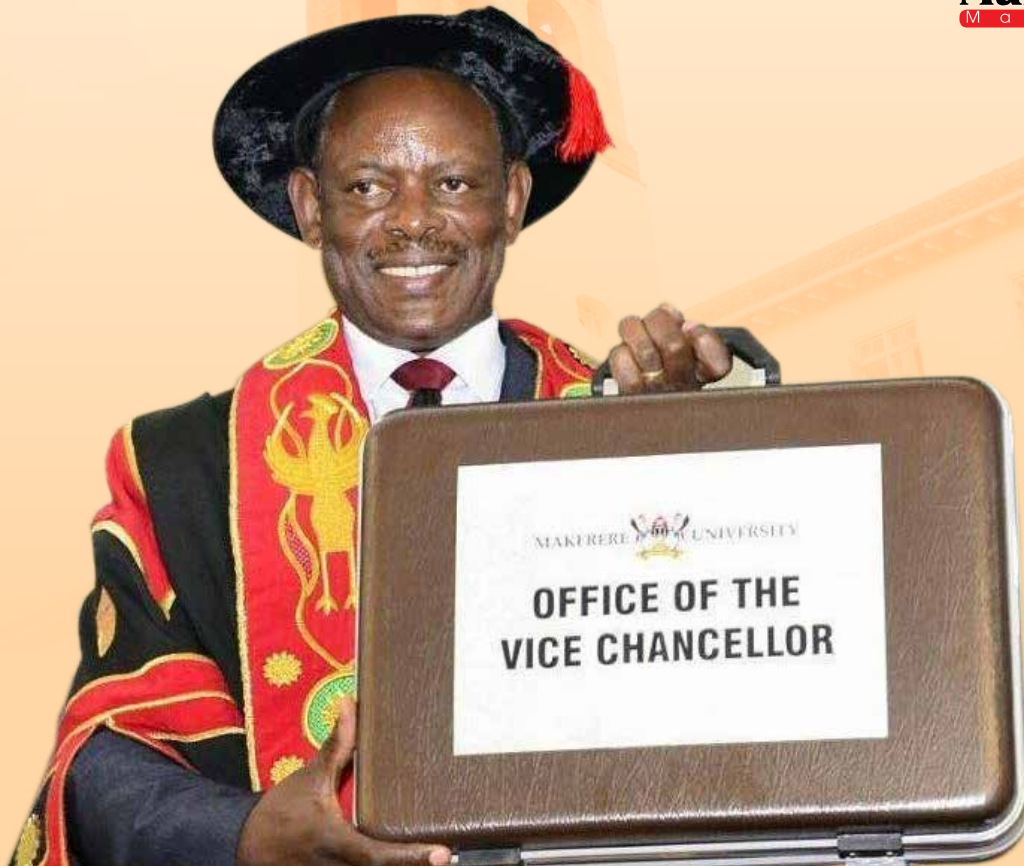
**We are now living in the era of knowledge-based economies. Those in the know are the ones who develop. Those not in the know will not develop. Knowledge comes from research**

other areas including the social sciences. We are fully committed to undertaking new research and innovations in 2023.

**Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe**  
Vice Chancellor







## Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe Re-appointed Vice Chancellor

**O**n 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022, the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Makerere University Council re-appointed Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe as the Vice Chancellor for another five-year term.

"Following the provisions of the Universities and Other Tertiary Institutions Act 2001, and on the recommendation of the University Council, the Chancellor has re-appointed Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe for a second five year term as Vice Chancellor of Makerere University with immediate effect," The University Secretary, Yusuf Kiranda announced.

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we celebrate 100 years," Mr. Kiranda said.

Commenting about the re-appointment, Prof. Nawangwe promised to serve the university and the country at large diligently.

"I am extremely humbled by the confidence put in me by the Chancellor and the University Council in re-appointing me as Vice Chancellor of this great institution for another five years. I pledge total commitment to serve Makerere University and Uganda diligently," Prof. Nawangwe said.

Prof. Nawangwe was in 2017 appointed for five year term as the Makerere University Vice Chancellor replacing Prof. John Ddumba Ssentamu.



## The Achievements of Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe's First Term as Vice-Chancellor, 2017-2022

Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe was appointed Makerere University Vice Chancellor and installed on September 14, 2017 to serve for a five-year term, becoming the 11<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor of one of Africa's most prestigious universities.

**F**ollowing the provisions of Section 31(4) of the Universities and Other Tertiary Institutions Act, 2001 (as amended), and on the recommendation of the University Council, the Chancellor reappointed Professor Nawangwe for a second five-year term as Vice Chancellor, in recognition of his distinguished service.

During his first term of office that ended on August 21, 2022, the Vice Chancellor and his Management recorded a number of achievements that placed the University on the path of a modern 21<sup>st</sup> Century research university. Below we

highlight some of the achievements of Prof. Nawangwe's first term as Vice-Chancellor.

**1** Prof. Nawangwe's resolve in fighting land grabbers who had attempted to seize several pieces of the university's land, including Makerere's prime properties in Makindye and Katanga has kept the land grabbers at bay. The University has plans to utilize her land in diversifying her revenue base and establishing science and technology parks to spur research and innovation.

**2** During Prof. Nawangwe's first term as Vice-Chancellor, the University Council expanded the Female Scholarship Scheme to support 40 girls from disadvantaged backgrounds, with special attention to Uganda's ethnic minorities. The expansion of the scheme addresses the Council's strategy of an inclusive University.

**3** During the same period, the University Council policy on affirmative action for girls in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) was approved and has started bearing fruit. Because of that policy, the enrolment of girls in STEM has



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Onwards: Prof. Barnabas  
Nawangwe, Mrs. Allen Kagina,  
Mrs. Lorna Magara, Dr. James  
Magara, Mr. Daniel Kalimuzo, Mrs.  
Esther Kalimuzo, Rt. Hon. Ruhakana  
Rugunda, Prof. Edward Rugumayo, Mrs.  
Jocelyn Rugunda, Prof. Joy Kwesiga,  
Mr. Yusuf Kiranda and other officials  
at the unveiling of the Frank  
Kalimuzo Central Teaching  
Facility on 23rd June 2022.

increased from 35% to 42%.

**4** Despite the disruptions occasioned by COVID-19, Makerere University under Prof. Nawangwe's leadership, continued on a steady course of transforming into a research-led university in line with the University's Strategic Plan (2020-2030). In 2020 the University's publications crossed the 1,000 mark and the number currently stands at more than 1,500 peer reviewed publications per year.

**5** It was during this term that the University managed to secure UGX 30 billion annual allocation from the Government towards the Research and Innovations Fund (Mak-RIF). Since its inception three years ago, out of 1,200 applications received, more than 700 research grants have been allocated, more than 500 innovations have been

recorded, many of them with potential for commercialization, and several policy briefs and manuals developed.

**6** The first term also witnessed great strides in the improvement of the research infrastructure, including the construction of a level 3 biosecurity lab at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Resources and Biosecurity (CoVAB), one of only three in Africa; installation of a state-of-the-art electron microscope, one of only four in Africa, at the Africa Centre of Excellence in Materials Product Development and Nanotechnology (MAPRONANO) based in the College of Engineering, Design,

The VP  
Sigma 300  
High Resolution  
Scanning Electron  
Microscope at  
MAPRONANO,  
CEDAT, Makerere  
University.





Art and Technology (CEDAT); and establishment of a human organ biobank at the College of Health Sciences (CHS), and many others.

**7** Prof. Nawangwe led Makerere University's internationalization efforts. The results include partnerships with many universities from all over the world, and Makerere's centres of excellence have attracted scholars from more than 40 African countries. At home, the Vice Chancellor's efforts led to increased university-industry linkages. Makerere became the host to Africa's first Rotary Peace Centre, one of only seven around the World.

**8** During Prof. Nawangwe's first term, the Dental School and Hospital, deemed to be the biggest in East Africa was constructed and completed. The completed Central Teaching Facilities 1 and 2 were renamed in honour of Frank Kalimuzo and H.E. Yusuf Lule, the first Vice Chancellor of Makerere as a national university and the first African and only Principal of the University of East Africa respectively. These facilities have greatly alleviated the shortage of teaching and office space. Additionally, the new building for the School of Law that was started during Prof. Nawangwe's first term will enhance research and graduate training in the discipline.

**9** Furthermore, it was during Prof. Nawangwe's first term that construction of the perimeter wall around the University campus was undertaken, leading to increased security for students, staff and property.

**10** During this term the Government fulfilled its pledge to renovate student halls of residence, starting with Lumumba and Mary Stuart halls. Construction of a new building complex to house the School of Public Health commenced during this term.

**11** Facilities were established to enhance the University's research and knowledge transfer partnerships, including the creation of the Grants Administration and Management Support Unit (GAMSU), and the Intellectual Property Management Office (IPMO).

**12** Efforts were undertaken for the full operationalization of the College statute. More academic and financial responsibilities were devolved to the colleges. Furthermore, and in fulfilment of the University Council's digitalization agenda, the University procured and operationalized Integrated Management Information Systems for the academic function (ACMIS), Human Resource Management System (EHRMS), and the electronic voting system (e-VOTE), among others.

In recognition of his exemplary leadership, Prof. Nawangwe was voted the African Educationist of the Year, 2020 by the London-based African Leadership Magazine.

Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (R) witnesses as Mrs. Lorna Magara (C) presents the Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones (L) with a Mak@100 Souvenir during her visit on 2nd September 2022.



A section of the perimeter wall fence under construction by NEC along Sir Apollo Kaggwa Road.



# Mak Appreciates President Museveni's contribution to these milestones

## 1st Symposium on National Transformation

Makerere University hosted the first-ever Symposium on Nation Transformation on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 under the theme: "The role of Universities in responding to Africa's problems and development needs". H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, who was represented by the Vice President, H.E. Jessica Alupo opined that the education system in Africa must empower graduates to transition national economies from dependence on the export of raw materials to integrated, independent and self-sustaining ones.

He added that this new education system ought to have six elements namely: 1) Understand the strengths and weaknesses of the pre-colonial African societies; 2) Understand the creation of the enclave economies that confined themselves into the production of raw materials; 3) Understand the need for change, which includes

manufacturing, expanding of the money economy and expanding of the services sectors; 4) Dealing with the neo-colonial social sciences; 5) Using the education system to instil confidence in the African people; and 6) Study the history of the World, including Europe, to understand how social-economic metamorphosis took place. The keynote address on the occasion was delivered by Professor Vincent Anigbogu, Director General, Institute of National Transformation Lagos Nigeria.

## Flag-off of the Mak@100 celebrations

H.E. President Museveni prominently positioned the Makerere University centennial celebrations on the national agenda by officially flagging off of the Mak@100 celebrations during Uganda's 59<sup>th</sup> Independence

Day commemoration held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds. The President unveiled the Mak@100 logo and toured a befitting display of Makerere University research and innovations.

H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni (3rd R) and First Lady, Mrs. Janet Museveni (2nd R) with Hon. Dr. Monica Musenero (R), Hon. Milly Babirye Babalanda (L), Hon. Dr. John Chrysostom Muyingo (5th L), Mrs. Lorna Magara (2nd L), Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (4th L), Prof. William Bazeyo (3rd L) and other officials at the Launch of Mak@100 celebrations on 9th October 2021 as part of the 59th Independence Day events at Kololo Independence Grounds.







The President, H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni (Centre white shirt) flanked by Rt. Hon. Thomas Tayebwa (To his left) and Mrs. Lorna Magara (To his right) and Members of Council at the Mak@100 Grand Finale



The Chief Guest, H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni at the Mak@100 Grand Celebrations

## The Mak@100 Grand Finale

On 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022, H.E. the President officiated at the Mak@100 celebrations Grand Finale and shared nuggets of wisdom and strategic guidance on what Makerere ought to do to document and preserve our indigenous knowledge, and embrace industrialization. He commissioned the Mak@100 Monument to forever symbolize both Makerere University's 100 years of impactful service to

humanity and readiness to soar even higher.

## Increased Research and Innovations output

The President has played an instrumental role in the implementation of Makerere University's Strategic Plan aimed at transforming Makerere into a research intensive institution. The President is credited for his support that led to the creation of the

Research and Innovations Fund (Mak-RIF) in the 2019/2020 financial year with initial funding of UGX 30 Billion. To date, 826 grants have been issued, UGX 2.7 Billion allocated to commercialize 40 innovative projects and PhD research grants funded in line with Government efforts to develop Uganda's knowledge economy.

## Re-construction of the Perimeter Wall

Makerere University secured funding amounting to UGX 4.3 Billion for the completion of the Makerere University perimeter wall fence project. The current construction works being undertaken by NEC are at about 74% physical completion. The works that commenced on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022 are expected to be completed by August 2023.



## Minister of Education and Sports advises graduating students to have a personal life mission statement

**C**ongratulating the students presented for awards during the 73<sup>rd</sup> graduation ceremony (13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023), the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni encouraged the graduands to use the knowledge and skills acquired at Makerere University to pursue career paths for the betterment of society.

The Honourable Minister urged graduands to each craft a personal life mission statement, which would guide the fulfilment of their purpose here on earth. "If you don't have that life mission, you will be like somebody once said, going to catch a bus or a taxi without knowing where you are going, or why you are

going there. If you don't know where you are going or why you are going there, then it doesn't matter which bus you take or what direction it is going," she said.

She noted that purpose predates conception, that is why in the Bible, God said to Jeremiah (1:5), "Before I formed you in your mother's womb, I knew you, I set you apart, I appointed you as a Prophet to the Nations."

In line with this scripture, the First Lady reminded graduands that each individual life has a purpose. "But until that purpose is discovered, life has no meaning. And please know that if you are not deployed according to God's purpose, that is how you get lured into destructive habits like selling and use of drugs

and all other manner of evil because, your life has no purpose."

She prayed for the graduands to have the wisdom to prepare with humility through all the processes each individual may require to ensure that they fulfill their God-given purposes.

Underscoring the virtue of character, the First Lady said:

"Your character is what will give meaning to all the work you have done at Makerere University all these years."

She thanked the parents and guardians for believing in their children and for the sacrifices made to support them throughout the educational journey at Makerere.

## Mrs. Lorna Magara, Rt. Hon. Dan Kidega Get Another Four-Year Term



**M**rs. Lorna Magara and Rt. Hon. Daniel Fred Kidega have been re-appointed as the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Makerere University Council respectively to serve a second four-year term.

Mrs. Magara was first elected Makerere University Council Chairperson in 2018 replacing Eng. Dr. Charles Wana-Etyem, who led the council for eight years.

According to Section 38 of the Universities and Other Tertiary

Institutions Act, all public universities are supposed to have a University Council, which formulates policies on behalf of the government that guide the management.

**“I congratulate Mrs, Lorna Magara and Rt. Hon. Fred Kidega on being reappointed Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of Council”,** said Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, Vice Chancellor.

**“We congratulate Mrs. Lorna Magara, the Rt. Hon. Daniel Fred Kidega, and the newly elected Council members on their appointment to serve on the supreme governing organ of Uganda’s premier University,”** the University Secretary Mr. Yusuf Kiranda said.



# First Lady Inaugurates New Makerere University Council 2022-2026



**O**n Thursday 2nd February, 2023, the First Lady and Honourable Minister of Education and Sports (MoES) Janet Kataaha Museveni hosted the incoming and outgoing members of the Makerere University Council at the State House in Nakasero.

The purpose of the meeting was to bid farewell and congratulate the outgoing University Council and inaugurate the new Members.

Officials present in the meeting were Hon. John Chrysestom Muyingo, the State Minister for Higher Education, Hon. Monica Musenero, Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation, the Permanent Secretary, MoES, Ms Ketty Lamaro, the Director for Higher Education, Dr Jane Egau and all members of the incoming and outgoing Makerere University

Council.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe thanked the Hon. Minister of Education and Sports for presiding over the inauguration ceremony of the new Council of Makerere University. He noted that the inauguration was the first of its kind in the history of our great University, moreover on the grounds of the State House.

Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe noted, "Since 2016, the number of undergraduate programmes has been reduced from 250 to 82. We have also begun the strategy of the gradual decrease in undergraduate enrolment and gradual increase in graduate enrolment in fulfillment of our new strategic plan."

He added, "The total enrolment currently stands at 31,000 students, 5,200 of whom are graduate students, representing 16.7%. Our strategy is to reach a ratio of 30%."

The Chairperson of Council, Mrs.

Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni (Centre), Hon. Monica Musenero (3rd Right), Ms. Ketty Lamaro (2nd Left) and Hon. John Chrysestom Muyingo with the members of the New Makerere University Council on 2nd February 2023 at State House Nakasero, Kampala.

Lorna Magara, while addressing the meeting, noted, "The University's current Strategic Plan,

finalized in 2019, establishes Makerere to be a research-led university with a research and innovations agenda responsive to the National Development Plans and, therefore, the national development needs and priorities.

"To be a research-led University, therefore, requires that we run on two rails: on the one hand, be the knowledge hub and on the other serve the needs of society." Mrs. Lorna Magara said.

Mrs. Magara pledged to foster an environment that supports efficiency to deliver the much-needed outcomes from the teaching, learning, research, and innovation mandates of the University through a number of priorities that will be the focus of the new University Council namely;

1. Completion of the restructuring





Left: Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni inaugurates the New Makerere University Council. and right Mrs. Lorna Magara addressing the meeting at State House, Nakasero.

**"I, therefore, challenge the new Council to join me in a campaign dubbed, 'Makerere says no to HIV/AIDS and Corruption.' Together, we need to strive to build the character of the student body of Makerere University,"**

- process.
2. Digitalization of University business processes.
  3. Improved and enhanced student services.
  4. Continuous streamlining of the research and innovations agenda to meet national development needs and priorities.

In a light moment, Hon. John Musingo noted, "I am a proud alumnus of Makerere. However, I didn't know the value of leadership that lies in the hands of women."

"In the entire history of Makerere,

we have had only one female Council Chair, one female Director of Higher Education, and one female Permanent Secretary of MoES. The trajectory of peace in Makerere must be attributed to these great women." Hon. Musingo added before inviting the First Lady to address the meeting.

Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni thanked the outgoing Council members for their service to not only Makerere but also Uganda and congratulated the new council members upon their appointments.

The First Lady urged the new University Council to begin their term with renewed inspiration by taking a stand to reaffirm the position of Makerere in Uganda, and to improve her competitiveness among other Universities. She noted that the graduates of Makerere need to be distinguished and unique in character as Makerereans leaving a mark nationally and globally wherever they go.

"The students of Makerere ought to emulate the example of Joseph who exercised self-control and fled sexual perversion from Potiphar's wife in order to flee from sexual

perversions, HIV/AIDS and corruption," the First Lady noted.

"I, therefore, challenge the new Council to join me in a campaign dubbed, 'Makerere says no to HIV/AIDS and Corruption.' Together, we need to strive to build the character of the student body of Makerere University," she reiterated.

The First Lady acknowledged that the Ministry is aware of the need to invest in human capital development across all universities as a precursor to achieving the goals of the Third National Development Plan. She therefore reaffirmed the Ministry's willingness to continue ensuring the availability of support for higher education.

Lastly, The First Lady declared the New Makerere University Council inaugurated and congratulated Mrs. Lorna Magara and Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe upon their re-appointments as Chairperson of Council and Vice Chancellor respectively, noting that the move was a show of great confidence in their leadership towards lifting Makerere to greater heights in her next century.

## New members of Council 2022-2026

**W**e welcome the new appointees from Government, Council, Senate, MoFPED, MoES, MoICT, MUASA, MASA, Staff with disabilities, Convocation as well as the 89th Guild and Vice Guild President.



**Rt. Hon. Daniel Fred Kidega**  
Government Appointee



**Mrs. Lorna Magara**  
Government Appointee



**Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe**  
Vice Chancellor



**Mr. Edwin Karugire**  
Government Appointee



**Prof. Umar Kakumba**  
Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs



**Prof. Henry Alinaitwe**  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Finance and Admin.



**Mr. Bruce Kabaasa Balaba**  
University Council Appointee



**Dr. J. L. Nkata**  
University Council Appointee



**Mr. George Bamugemereire**  
University Council Appointee



**Prof. Rhoda Wanyenze**  
Senate Representative



**Prof. Sarah Ssali**  
Senate Representative



**Dr. Edward Damulira Sengonzi**  
Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic  
Development Representative



**Mr. Timothy Musoke Sejjoba**  
Ministry of Education and Sports Rep.



**Mr. Silas Ngabirano**  
Ministry of ICT & National Guidance Rep.



**Mr. John Chris Ninsiima**  
National Union of Disabled Persons in Uganda Rep.



**Mr. Amon Muteganda Kabahima**  
Staff with Disabilities Representative



**Dr. Deus Kamunyu Muhwezi**  
Academic Staff Representative



**Dr. Dianah Ahumuza Ateenyi**  
Academic Staff Representative



**Mr. Amany Henry**  
Senior Administrative Staff Representative



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Kampala Capital City Authority Rep.



**Mr. George Mugabi Turyamureeba**  
Makerere University Convocation Rep.



**Mr. Byamukama Jackson**  
Support Staff Representative



**Mr. Robert Maseruka**  
89<sup>th</sup> Guild President, Students Rep.



**Ms. Mariat Namiro**  
89<sup>th</sup> Vice Guild President, Students Rep.



## New Members of Makerere University Management

Congratulations to the following university officials upon joining the Makerere University Management



**Professor Buyinza Mukadasi**  
Academic Registrar



**Professor Edward Bbaale**  
Director of Research and Graduate Training



**Dr. Cyprian Misinde**  
Director of Quality Assurance

## Mak Dons Receive National Medals

During the International Women's Day National celebrations held in Kiruhura District on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023, His Excellency, President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni presented medals to some members of staff of Makerere University.

The National Independence Medal-Diamond Jubilee is presented in recognition of outstanding service and

loyalty the country.

The Distinguished Order of the Crested Crane is presented to those who have distinguished themselves in leadership, and service, public or private.

We congratulate our Associate Professors upon their respective meritorious awards.



**Associate Professor Sarah N. Ssali**, the Dean School of Women and Gender Studies in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUSS), received the National Independence Medal-Diamond Jubilee.



**Associate Professor Betty K. Nanyonga** from the College of Natural Sciences (CoNAS), received the National Independence Medal-Diamond Jubilee.



**Associate Professor Eng. Dorothy Okello** from the College of Engineering, Design, Art and Technology (CEDAT), received the Distinguished Medal of the Crested Crane.

# Prof. Anigbogu addresses Mak Top Management



The Chairperson Council-  
Mrs. Lorna Magara (2nd L)  
and Vice Chancellor-Professor  
Barnabas Nawangwe (2nd Right)  
with Right to Left: DVCFA-Professor  
Henry Alinaitwe, Senior Presidential  
Advisor-Mr. Odrek Rwabwogo,  
Professor Vincent Anigbogu, Mrs.  
Peggy Anigbogu, US-Mr. Yusuf  
Kiranda and Members of  
University Management

**F**ollowing his delivery of the keynote address at the first-ever Symposium on National Transformation held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Makerere University on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 once again hosted Professor Vincent Anigbogu for an in-depth presentation to Top Management.

A holder of a PhD in Analytical Chemistry, Professor Anigbogu taught his specialization for over twenty years at four different universities in the USA before returning to Lagos, Nigeria in 2006 to pursue his passion, “the development of leaders with leadership and management competencies necessary for the transformation of Africa.” As Director General of the Institute of National Transformation (INT), he, together with his wife and partner, Mrs. Peggy Anigbogu has established training centres in Ivory Coast, Kenya, Rwanda, South Africa, and London, UK.

“Everyone that goes through the Institute of National Transformation in Uganda today is passionate about Uganda; they actually give their lives to build Uganda. Is that the typical attitude?” Professor Anigbogu paused to ask before clarifying “It has to be taught, and we teach it (at INT).”

He emphasized that it is only individuals who are passionate about Uganda that will transform the nation into ‘The Pearl of Africa’s Crown’, as stated by the third stanza of the National Anthem. Further unpacking the anthem, Professor Anigbogu could not help but appreciate how rich and embodying it is of Uganda’s vision.

Professor Anigbogu therefore urged all faculty in the room to make it their responsibility to teach students values such as Godliness, Unity, Hard work, Peace and Friendship as espoused by the National Anthem. “If you are to talk about changing education and you don’t understand national transformation, you will not be useful.”

Turning to Vision 2040 that

aspires to create “A transformed Ugandan society from a peasant to a modern and prosperous country within 30 years”, Professor Anigbogu stressed that it is Makerere’s responsibility to provide holistic education that produces graduates who are passionate enough to build the nation. “Who is producing the Presidents? Who is producing the Members of Parliament?” he questioned to illustrate his point.

Citing the Global Trends 2025 report produced by the National Intelligence Council USA, Professor Anigbogu noted that the current rise of China, India and other nations, the shift of wealth and economic power from West to East, and rapid population growth among others were predicted close to twenty years ago. “Of what value is education that’s not given in the context of anticipated challenges and opportunities?” he asked.

To achieve the much-anticipated national transformation, Professor Anigbogu noted that it was important for Makerere to produce graduates with the farmer rather than the hunter mentality. He explained that whereas we are all essentially hunters at birth – selfishly





Professor Anigbogu (Right) interacts with Members of Management during his presentation

craving attention and loudly demanding that all our needs are instantly met, it was important for institutions such as Makerere to mould us into farmers – who are selfless, patient nurturers that regard every opportunity (seed), not as an answer to their immediate need (food) but as holding great potential for the future (a forest).

Sharing his experience as a farmer that processes and markets his products, Mr. Odrek Rwabwogo outlined four interventions that should be undertaken in order to sail through the post-COVID headwinds. Firstly, he noted that venturing into international markets ought

not to be done blindly, but rather informed by market research conducted by trade representatives.

Secondly, he underscored the need to comply with market standards, which some countries employ as non-tariff trade barriers. Thirdly was the need for the necessary infrastructure to support both present and future investments as well as bring costs of utilities further down. And fourthly, the need for export credit funding to de-risk entry of Ugandan products into foreign markets.

These four interventions, he said, are hinged on research, and the private sector is keen to connect with Makerere University and tap into the resources and expertise herein to generate it. He reiterated that scientists and scientific findings have a strong advocate in the person of the President and Makerere partnering with the private sector would go a long way in amplifying both parties' critical role of working with Government to reduce poverty.

Following the presentations and interactive discussions, the Vice Chancellor Professor Barnabas Nawangwe thanked Professor Anigbogu for sparing time to share great insights with the Makerere

Top Management. He observed that some of the pertinent issues touched on needed further deliberation and expressed the University Management's readiness to go into a retreat and deepen the conversation.

Furthermore, he observed the need to continue the conversation on the central role of the private sector and academia in national transformation. "In addition to initiatives such as setting up incubation hubs and reviving the Makerere University Private Sector Forum, we shall find a framework through which to continue this discussion until the next annual symposium on national transformation."

Concluding the day's discussion, the Chairperson of Council Mrs. Lorna Magara admitted that although Makerere continues to produce a lot of research, there was need for increased engagements with Government and the private sector to increase uptake and utilization of findings.

"We want to invite the private sector to come and see what Makerere is doing in the different colleges" she concluded.

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# Mak Honours Its Former Top Leaders



Left  
-Right: Mrs.  
Christine Kiganda, Eng.  
Dr. Charles Wana-Etyem,  
Deputy Vice Chancellor Prof.  
Umar Kakumba, Mrs. Lorna  
Magara, Prof. Mondo Kagonyera  
and Hon. Mathew Rukikaire in a  
group photo at the celebration  
of a Legacy of Leadership  
on 17th March 2023,  
Kampala Serena  
Hotel.

**D**awn broke to a cold and overcast morning on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023. As if sensing the impending downpour, motorists and pedestrians alike made haste to get to their respective destinations; not a soul willing to add wetness to an already cold morning. But, not to be outdone, mother nature had other plans.

The skies opened up, and down came the rain, nothing thunderous or menacing but steady nevertheless. And then it let up, but after a few minutes, resumed in earnest, continuing the pattern intermittently as the traffic slowed to a crawl, occasionally grinding to a halt.

So continued the trend until the gates of the Kampala Serena Conference Centre came into view. Security checks cleared, the teardrop banners were hard to miss; drenched to the core but still standing tall, their various messages welcoming guests to a celebration of Makerere University.

Parking slots secured, the sighs of relief were unmistakable as guests finally made it into the quiet cavernous foyer of the Conference centre.

The vocals and melodies by Dr. Milton Wabyona and his ensemble ushered guests into the hall and kept them entertained.

As one started to wonder if they were in the right place, a look to the right revealed a clue, a pull-up banner, beckoning guests upstairs. Steps cushioned by the deep red carpet, another clue beckoned on the ascent, a soft interplay of adungu and tube fiddle interwoven with song melodiously pouring out of a room at the end of the corridor. As one drew closer, the singing voices became more distinct, particularly that of Dr. Milton Wabyona as he effortlessly led the vocals of one of many traditional songs.

Katonga Hall was bathed in soft light, abuzz with warm greetings and laughter, as long lost friends

and colleagues caught up, the total opposite of mother nature's cold display on the outside. The host and Chairperson of Council,

Mrs. Lorna Magara, assisted by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe and members of Management was on hand to welcome her guests, freely mingling, beaming with appreciation as Makerere University celebrated a Legacy of Leadership. The University Secretary, Mr. Yusuf Kiranda and day's emcee too worked his way across the room, ensuring that there was not letting up on celebratory mood, and that all went according to schedule.

Commencing the formalities, Prof. Nawangwe thanked the Chairperson of Council, Mrs. Lorna Magara for bringing the idea of celebrating Makerere's past leadership to life. He noted that it was important to pay homage to the gallant men and women, both living and deceased, that had sacrificed



their lives to serve and protect Makerere, especially during turbulent political times.

On this note, he made special mention of Owek. Martin Luther Nsibirwa, Makerere's first Vice Chancellor, Mr. Frank Kalimuzo and Ms. Theresa Nanziri Bukenya the warden of Africa Hall as some those that lost their lives because of the values they stood for. "These are celebrated great sons and daughters of Uganda who made Makerere not only thrive but also progress."

Prof. Nawangwe equally thanked the celebrants for sparing time to attend the event as well as the families of those who had since passed on for honouring the University's invitation.

An event of this distinction would be incomplete without a moving address. And none was better placed than one who previously served Makerere as Guild President in 1962 and as Chairperson of Council for two successive terms, an author in his own right, 70 Years A Witness of Uganda's pre and post-independence struggles, the Honourable Mathew Rukikaire.

Hon. Rukikaire had the audience feeding right out of the palm of his hand, with every sentence well articulated with poise as he expertly knitted the histories of Uganda and Makerere together. One could easily tell how passionately he felt about his alma mater. "...so were

Makerere's fortunes adversely affected; yet, mercifully, its star was one of those that remained shining in that dark night" cited one example, in reference to the dark period following Mr. Frank Kalimuzo's abrupt disappearance in 1972. "As they say, stars shine brightest when the night is darkest. Makerere continued to shine in Uganda's darkest hour" he added reverently of his Alma mater.

Hon. Rukikaire nevertheless had a few pointers on what he thought ought to be Makerere's role, in the next two to three decades. Earlier, he had made reference to Africa's exploding population and the apparent lack of jobs for its youth combined with the slow pace of development of its mineral resources as "the greatest demographic upheaval in history".

He however expressed hope that in prioritizing three things; Education, Regional Integration and Macroeconomic Stability, Africa still had opportunity to tap into the potential of its youth and reap the demographic dividend.

"I propose that Makerere as the oldest university in East Africa spearheads the search for and propose solutions to these problems by establishing a faculty or a specialized department to deal with these in Sub-Saharan Africa, covering economic integration, population

and demography, environment and related technical training to support these efforts", he submitted.

Hon. Rukikaire opined that by hosting such a centre, Makerere "would be able to attract global support and financing, because its impact and ramifications would be global."

Delivering the day's concluding remarks, the Chairperson Makerere University Council, Mrs. Lorna Magara thanked Hon. Rukikaire for an address she termed as "insightful and passionate", noting that it was a great indicator that Makerere's former leaders "are still passionate and concerned for its growth, progress, and impact on our society."

Mrs. Magara added that the day's celebration was not only aimed at honouring past and continuing diligent service of Makerere's leaders but also cherishing the contributions of those who selflessly served the institution but have since passed on. "It is our humble gesture as the current leadership of this great institution to demonstrate that we remember and sincerely appreciate their respective contributions and influence long after their departure."

"Makerere has had 100 years of being fed, empowered, nurtured and supported. The next 100 must be years of coming out of the University and impacting society; Makerere must be relevant to the nation, the nations around us, and to Africa" she emphasized.

She concluded her remarks by extending an open invitation to Makerere's elders to a fireplace conversation, where the younger generation can ask questions, hear their stories, and receive wisdom. "There is so much more that we lose if we don't connect with our elders," she politely added.

Formalities done, it was time for the elders to once again mingle with the audience and share fond memories. The delight on their faces as they read the wording on their certificates of recognition and souvenirs said it all, it had been a morning well spent.

Hon.  
Mathew  
Rukikaire  
delivers his  
keynote  
address.



## Pictorial of Award Recipients



Seated L-R: Prof. Livingstone Luboobi, Prof. George Kirya, Prof. Umar Kakumba, Mrs. Lorna Magara, Ms. Phyllis Kalimuzo & Mrs. Betty Mugoya Kajubi. Standing L-R: Mr. Daniel Kalimuzo, Mr. Martin Mwanje & Ms. Samalie Kajubi.



Prof. William Bazeyo, Prof. Lillian Tibatemwa-Ekrikubinza, Prof. Umar Kakumba, Mrs. Lorna Magara, Prof. David Bakibinga & Prof. S.S. Tickodri-Togboa



Prof. Mondo Kagonyera (L) shares a light moment with Eng. Dr. Charles Wana-Etyem (R).



Prof. Opio Epelu (2nd L) shakes hands with H.E. Jessica Alupo at the Symposium for National Transformation on 30th March 2023.



Prof. George Kirya, Mrs. Betty Mugoya Kajubi and Ms. Samalie Kajubi.



Prof. Mondo Kagonyera, Prof. Umar Kakumba, Mrs. Lorna Magara, Ms. Juliet Nsibambi Kasujja & Ms. Violet Nsibambi



Mr. Daniel Kalimuzo, Ms. Phyllis Kalimuzo, Ms. Samalie Kajubi, Dr. Euzobia Mugisha Baine, Mrs. Lorna Magara, Assoc. Prof. Amanda Tumusiime & Mrs. Betty Mugoya Kajubi.



Dr. Byatike Matovu (L) receives his certificate from Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (R) on 18th April 2023.

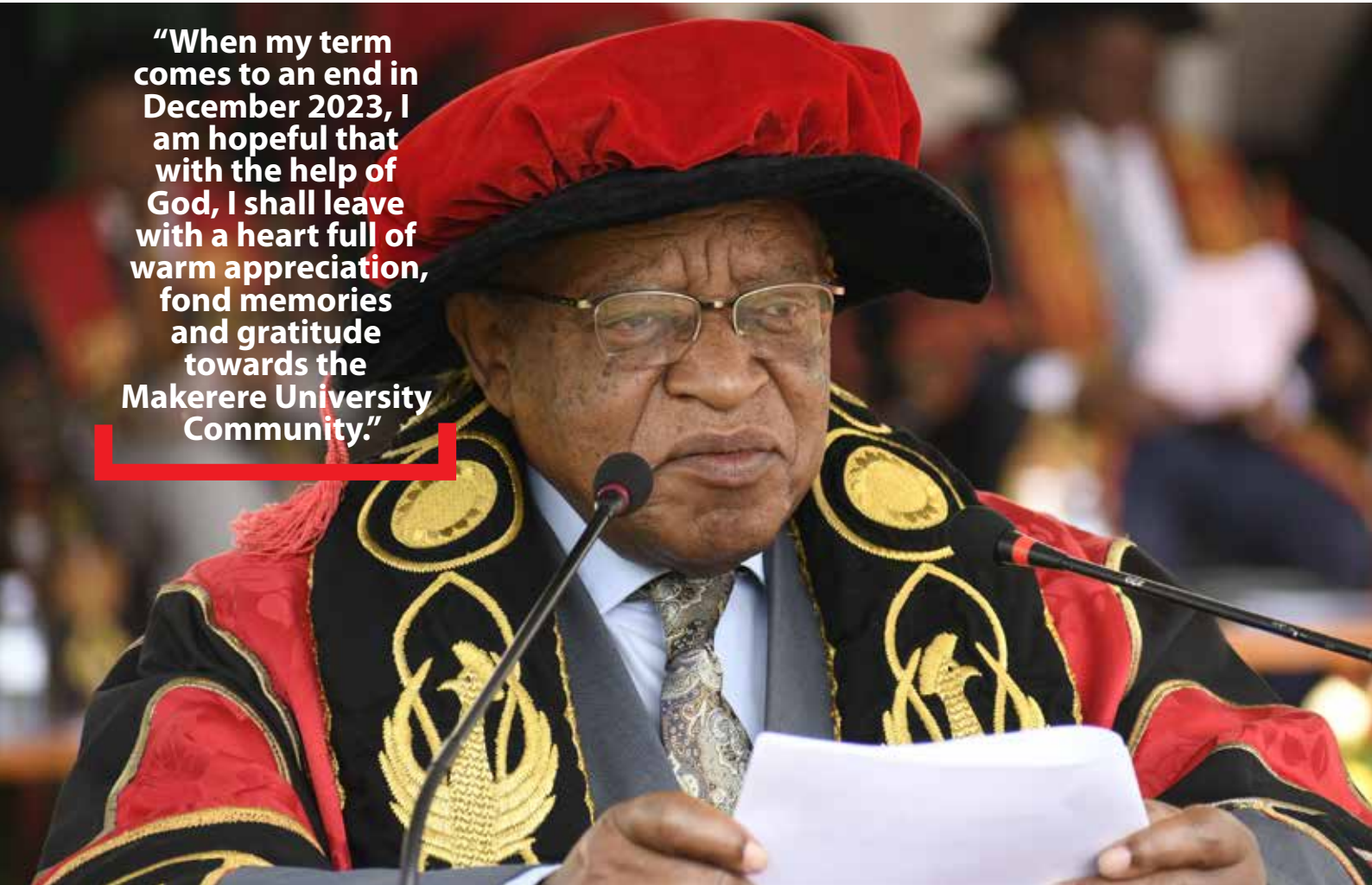


# Chancellor Suruma

## shares an account of his life's journey

- Highlights the importance of institutions
- Preaches a message of faith, hope and trust

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**D**uring the 73<sup>rd</sup> graduation ceremony, Prof. Ezra Suruma who was appointed Chancellor in 2016 informed the congregation that his two-terms of service would come to an end in December 2023. He gave glory to God for the gift of life, love and kindness, and for enabling him to serve his alma-mater (Makerere University) in different capacities up

to the level of Chancellor.

Prof. Suruma expressed gratitude to His Excellency the President and Visitor of Makerere University for appointing him Chancellor in 2016 and renewing his appointment for a second term in 2019. In the same breath, the Chancellor appreciated the Minister of

Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni for her strong and unwavering support for excellence in education and research at Makerere University, especially in an era when the Government is faced with various pressing priorities and a limited national budget.

The Chancellor pointed out the critical importance of men and women remaining faithful in the positions God has placed them, adding that corporately, this upholds the integrity of institutions. He stressed the fact that no country can advance and progress without institutions. He implored Ugandans to remember that we each cannot educate our own children, hence the need to ensure that Makerere University and other institutions remain progressive. "The integrity of our institutions will determine largely how far as a country we can go. We don't take lightly the men and women, who are able to take a stand, and to sacrifice, and sometimes be sacrificed, for standing for what is right and proper. Archbishop Janani Luwum took a stand for what was right, he was sacrificed, and lost his life. There is a price to be paid, but we must stand for what we believe and for what is right."

Noting that this would be his last graduation as Chancellor, Prof. Suruma dedicated a few minutes of his speech during each of five sessions of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Ceremony to sharing a message of hope, faith and trust in God.

Whereas he acknowledged that worrying especially about uncertainties is part of life, Prof. Suruma offered some advice. He said: "Worry and anxiety come to all of us, although I doubt that they add much to our contentment. My testimony is that faith and trust in God have worked miracles for me. I sincerely encourage you to trust in God. The God who has enabled you to survive covid-19 and to complete your academic program here at Makerere is alive and real. I can testify that through eight decades of danger and uncertainty, God has stood for me and with me. I have no doubt that

what God did for me, He can and will do for you and for all who put their trust in Him."

Prof. Suruma informed the congregation that God recently spoke to him and said: 'Ever since you surrendered your life to me in 1960, I have been designing and guiding your life.'

Reflecting on God's love, the Chancellor praised Him for all the good things in his life and career path, blessing him with knowledge that has enabled him to serve humanity with diligence, dedication and humility, as well as sparing his life during the political turmoil in Uganda. "Together we face a future that no one can foresee or foretell. Only God knows what will affect us individually, nationally or globally."

Prof. Suruma admitted that it was by the grace of God that he had overcome various challenges including threats to his life, and as a result, had resolved to love God and fellow human beings wholeheartedly. To drive his point home, the Chancellor **shared** some key experiences that indeed proved that his journey has not been a bed of roses.

Ezra Suruma attended Makerere University in the 1960s at a time when Uganda had great optimism as a country following the attainment of Independence in 1962. However, by the time he was completing his Master's degree in the early 1970s, General Amin had overthrown the Independence government and life had become exceedingly uncertain. He mentioned that the hundreds of thousands of Ugandans killed during the internal conflicts in the 1970s included Theresa Nanziri who was a Warden in Africa Hall at Makerere University and Archbishop Janani Luwum who was murdered in 1977.

Ezra Suruma stated that he was lucky to escape. He fled Makerere in 1975, lived in the United States and returned in 1979 after Amin was deposed by Tanzanian and other Ugandan forces. However, the situation following the overthrow of Amin remained chaotic and

dangerous. While at Makerere University in 1979, he went to a lecture by Joshua Mugenyi, then a senior lecturer in political science, and heard him advocating for Uganda's need for a "non-sectarian 3<sup>rd</sup> force." Another Professor, Musa Mushanga also addressed them and quoting Plato said, **'If intelligent people refuse to join politics, they must accept to be ruled by fools.'**

Convicted by the words of wisdom and what was happening in Uganda, Ezra Suruma, an academic economist who knew nothing about politics, resolved to join politics. Consequently, they formed the Uganda National Movement (UNM) at Makerere University and were later invited to join more senior politicians to form the Uganda Patriotic Movement (UPM). After they contested in the elections of 1980 and lost, the army came looking for Joshua Mugenyi and Ezra Suruma.

Once again, Ezra Suruma was forced to flee into exile after narrowly escaping death in Mitchell Hall at Makerere University. He managed to find his way back to the USA where he taught at Coppin State University until 1987 when he returned and joined the Bank of Uganda as the Director of Research. He rose to the position of Deputy Governor, but was fired in 1996 when he opposed the sale of Uganda Commercial Bank by the Government to foreigners.

In 1998, President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni called him back to government and in 2005, he was appointed the Minister of Finance. He left the Ministry of Finance in 2009 and in 2010 he became a distinguished fellow at the Brookings Institution, a leading think tank located in Washington D.C. In 2016, Prof. Ezra Suruma was appointed Chancellor of Makerere University. He also worked as the Head of the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit, which spearheaded the expansion of coffee production. Prof. Ezra Suruma informed the congregation that he was happy to have read an article in the New Vision of 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 reporting that Uganda's annual coffee exports had gone from a





Prof. Ezra Suruma (R) receives a plaque from Mrs. Lorna Magara (L) as Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (Rear L), Prof. Umar Kakumba (Rear R) and Prof. Henry Alinaitwe (Rear C) witness.

50-year (1960-2010) average of 3.5 million bags to 9.67 million bags.

Prof. Suruma revealed that he shared some of those experiences to encourage his audience at the 73<sup>rd</sup> Graduation and beyond to have hope even in the midst of affliction. "There are difficulties today and there will be more in the future. So you are not the first to face adversity. We have been there but God has been faithful even in times of unbelievable danger and adversity. Today as yesterday, the threat to life is real as we see in Ukraine and Turkey and Syria and Congo, to mention but a few," he said.

Prof. Suruma stressed that

**"If the Lord had not been on our side...when people attacked us, 3 they would have swallowed us alive..." But thanks be to God! "...who did not let their teeth tear us apart! 7 We escaped like a bird from a hunter's trap. The trap is broken, and we are free!" (Psalm 124).**

sufferings have taught us to have hope. As the Psalmist puts it:

He appreciated the University Council under the leadership of Mrs. Lorna Magara and the University Management headed by Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe for the excellent support and cooperation accorded to him during his two terms as Chancellor. The Chancellor equally thanked the faculty, staff, students, parents and guardians with whom he shared many heartwarming moments during his term as Chancellor.

Filled with hope, he remarked: "When my term comes to an end in December 2023, I am hopeful that with the help of God, I shall leave with a heart full of warm appreciation, fond memories and gratitude towards the Makerere University community."

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe in his address reminded the congregation that there were still many more functions that the Chancellor would preside over during the remaining time of his tenure. He admitted that although the Makerere community would miss Prof. Suruma's wisdom-

filled addresses, they were comforted by the fact that as an alumnus, he would abide by Convocation motto, to **never say good-bye**.

On behalf of Makerere University, the Chairperson of Council, Mrs. Lorna Magara presented to Prof. Suruma, a befitting plaque and portrait in recognition of his exemplary service as Chancellor. "I have had a very unique opportunity and privilege to work with Prof. Suruma" she said, before adding "He has not only been incredible in the way that he serves this university and the wisdom that he brings to the governance of this university, but also brings a very fatherly presence to us."

"We truly appreciate your service to this University Professor Suruma and may God truly bless you and the years ahead of you" shared Mrs. Magara.

In appreciation, Prof. Suruma thanked the Vice Chancellor and the Chairperson of Council for their generous comments and for the wonderful presents that he will treasure for the rest of his life.



# Commencement Lecture by Prof. Wendy Thomas



Professor Thomson appreciated the warm reception and noted that her visit was an opportunity to renew the historical ties between the University of London and Makerere.

Professor Thomson noted that Makerere celebrating its centenary, was a splendid opportunity for both institutions to reflect upon their special relationship and explore future collaboration. UoL has approximately 4,000 students in 48 of Africa's 54 countries, including 70 in Uganda. She noted that UoL was scoping deeper engagement with ARUA in its mission to expand doctoral education and build research capacity to address key challenges including health, education, climate, natural resources and deep social and economic questions of equality and sustainability.

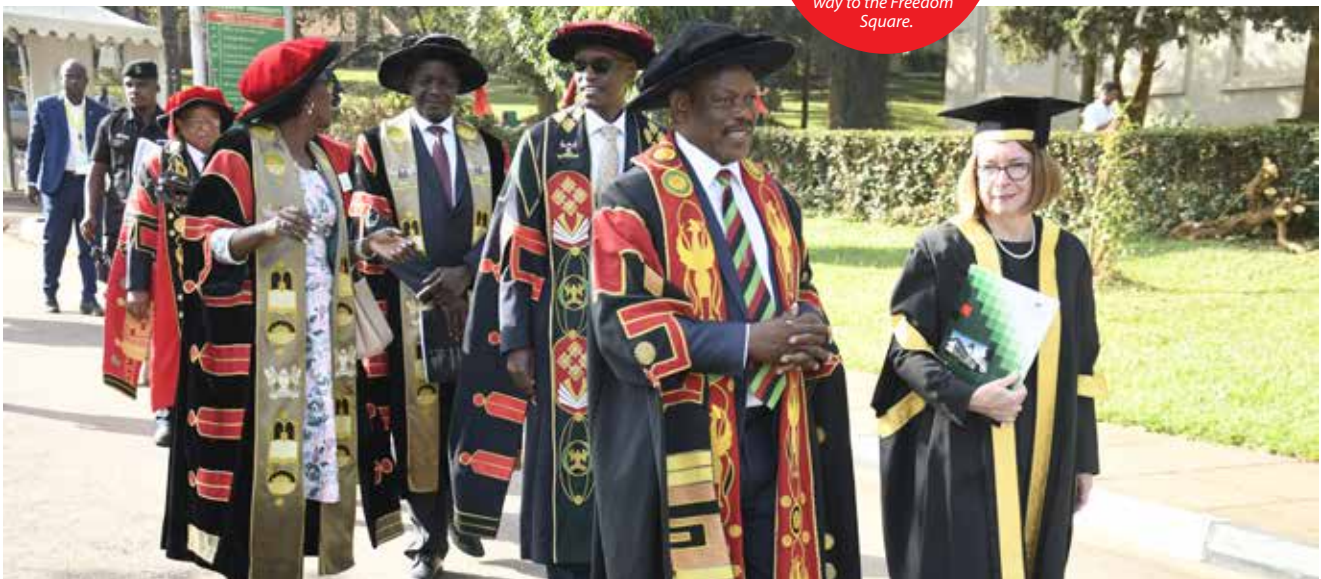
Graduates from engagements such as ARUA, she noted, are

The first session of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Ceremony of Makerere University got off to a bright start with the Chancellor, Professor Ezra Suruma conferring degrees and awarding diplomas to candidates from the College of Health Sciences (CHS), College of Natural Sciences (CoNAS) and School of Law (SoL). On the same occasion, the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet K. Museveni addressed the congregation and called upon the Council, graduands

and parents to fight against the moral decadence in society by participating in a campaign code-named **"Makerere says no to HIV/AIDS and corruption."**

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe recognized the presence of Professor Wendy Thomson CBE, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of London (UoL) and thanked her for accepting to visit Makerere and deliver a commencement lecture, the first of its kind.

*Prof. Wendy Thomson CBE (R) with Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (2nd R) and members of the University leadership as the Academic Procession makes its way to the Freedom Square.*





key to longterm sustainable development.

She further noted that the role of higher education has been brought to the fore in helping to advance health and prosperity and achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. She observed that improvements in the education of women have been a powerful driver of major advancements in populations' health and well-being over the past 200 years. UoL was first university in the UK to admit students regardless of gender, race or creed; and in 1858, it received a new Royal Charter permitting the institution to offer examinations anywhere in the world.

Professor Thomson

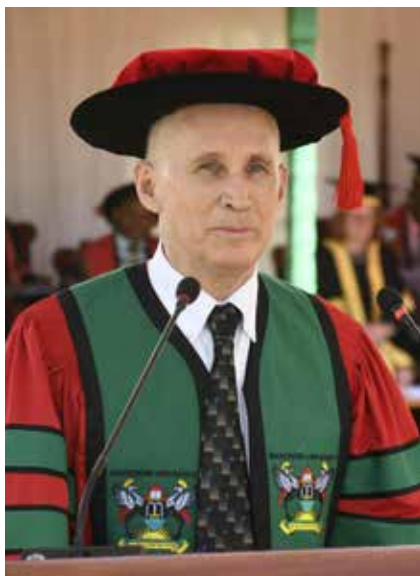
commended Makerere's a partnership in the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) centre for excellence on non-communicable diseases, along with the Universities of Nairobi, Ghana, Ibadan and Witwatersrand. The Centre of Excellence aims to strengthen NCD training and research capacity-building of early generation scholars from the medical and health sciences, public health, engineering, basic sciences, social sciences and humanities.

She congratulated the graduating students and encouraged them to make significant contributions in their respective fields.

**"Collectively, along with several million across the continent also graduating this year, you represent a formidable force for good whether at the community, city, national, regional or multinational level; and whether this is to tackle today's and tomorrow's global health challenges; or to work towards any of the other SDGs that so heavily depend on, and contribute to, progress with Good Health and Wellbeing."**

Mrs. Lorna Magara (Left) presents a plaque to Prof. Wendy Thomson (Right) as Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (Centre) witnesses.





Right: Prof. Ezra Suruma confers the Honorary Doctor of Science of Makerere University upon Prof. Christopher Whalen. Left: Prof. Whalen delivers his acceptance speech.

## Prof. Christopher Whalen receives Mak Honorary Doctor of Science

**T**he mood was celebratory as the congregation at the 73<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Ceremony witnessed the award of Makerere University's prestigious Honorary Doctorate of Science to Prof. Christopher Whalen.

"By virtue of the authority entrusted to me, I confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) of Makerere University. Congratulations," proclaimed the Chancellor, Prof. Ezra Suruma on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023, the first day of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Ceremony.

According to the citation read by Prof. Moses Joloba, Dean-Biomedical Sciences, College of Health Sciences, the award to Prof. Christopher Whalen was in recognition of his distinguished career in research with impactful interventions and influential academic leadership. The citation further recognized Prof. Whalen as a highly productive educator of new scientists in Africa and the USA, and took cognizance

of his determination to improve the wellbeing of Ugandan men, women and children.

Dr. Christopher Whalen is the Karen and Jim Holbrook Professor of Global Health and Distinguished Researcher Professor at the University of Georgia, where he is the Director of the Global Health Institute in the College of Public Health. Dr. Whalen received his Bachelor's degree in English from Stanford University, his Doctorate of Medicine and his Master's degree in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Whalen was appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Medical School at Case Western Reserve University in 1990 where he rose through the ranks to become professor of Medicine, with a sub-specialty of Infectious Diseases. He then moved to the University of Georgia in 2008 to help develop the new College of Public Health and expand his research portfolio to include population science.

Professor Whalen is fond of saying that "Research is Development." He is widely

respected for his outstanding contributions in the field of tuberculosis (TB). One of the landmark outcomes of this research was the shortening of treatment of tuberculosis from one year involving injections to six months of tablets only, as well as introducing medicine to prevent TB. He is credited with contributing to the re-building of academic and public health infrastructure in Uganda by training Ugandan scientists and health professionals. He has significantly contributed to the fight against COVID-19 by supporting laboratories at the Makerere University College of Health Sciences. Across his 30-year partnership with Makerere University, he has helped garner approximately USD 90 million for research in Uganda. His research productivity is exceptional, with most of his publications including one or more scientists from Makerere University. The impact of this collaborative research is evidenced by the thousands of citations his work has received, his invited lectures, and plenary talks at major meetings. But more importantly, his



research has influenced global policy regarding the care and treatment of tuberculosis, especially in HIV infection.

For Professor Whalen, the award of a graduate degree has not been the final step in the training pathway. Instead, he worked closely with each trainee to develop and implement re-entry strategies that helped the trainees engage in the academic workforce at Makerere University, and other government and non-government positions, upon return. Because of his commitment to re-entry, over 95% graduate trainees returned to Uganda to become leaders in their respective fields and disciplines. Indeed, the list of his former trainees includes past and current Deans, department heads, productive faculty members, public health leaders, and a member of Parliament. A lasting contribution has been his support of former students to start and maintain the Ugandan Society for Health Scientists, which today is an inspiring training ground for future scientists. This extraordinary level of personal commitment to rebuild the

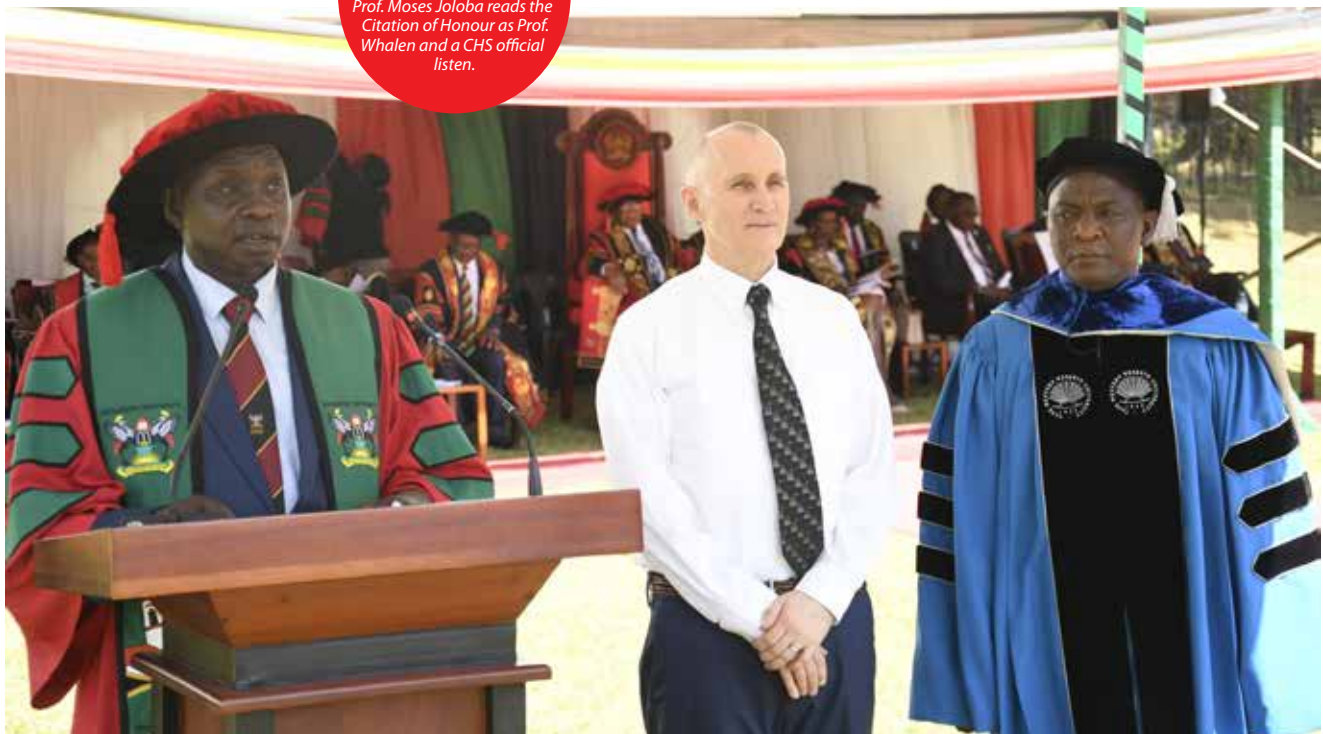
academic and educational programs at Makerere University is truly unique among foreign collaborators. He has the international stature as a scientist, an educator, and leader, and has shown unwavering dedication to Makerere University through his many and sustained efforts at capacity building and promoting excellence.

Accepting the award, Prof. Christopher Whalen said: "I thank the

Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, faculty of Makerere University College of Health Sciences for the honour of receiving this degree as a highlight of my career. I will cherish it for the rest of my life. I have many students to thank for this honour and I look forward to continuing my work in Uganda in the near future. I thank you."



Above: Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe robes Prof. Christopher Whalen with the PhD gown. Below: L-R: Prof. Moses Joloba reads the Citation of Honour as Prof. Whalen and a CHS official listen.



## VC calls on Government to utilize Makerere's experts

**T**he Vice Chancellor Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe has called on government to utilize the experts that Makerere University has got instead of hiring those from abroad, something he said is expensive for the country.

The VC was speaking during a Steering committee meeting of the Public Investment Management (PIM) Centre of Excellence housed at the College of Business and Management Sciences. Prof. Nawangwe said, Makerere being the biggest public investment ought to give back to society through intellectual capacity.

He cited the government's Human Resources System which has cost government billions of money yet Makerere staff and students have built a similar system for only about 300 million. "If you invest so much in the university, why not utilize its brains?" he questioned.

He applauded the creation of the PIM Centre of Excellence, saying it will allow government to use the



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (Seated 2nd Right) with Members of the PIM Centre of Excellence Steering Committee at their meeting on 19th April 2023

talent at the university.

The Steering committee was meeting to deliberate on the strategies the Centre is to take in an effort to expand her reach and popularize her activities. The centre, which has been in existence for two years undertakes training of government and public officers in the area of PIM. During the two-day retreat in Nsambya, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe thanked the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development and the World Bank for the funding to the centre. The WB supported the setup of the centre following a report that showed that the country's public investments were not raising the expected return on investment.

Mr Hannington Ashaba, the Commissioner for PAP in the Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic

Development (MoFPED) said the establishment of the centre has reduced the cost of training public officers.

Previously officers were sent to Queens University in Canada to undertake the course which cost the government \$25,000 per person. This amount, he said, can now train more people.

The Center of Excellence is working closely with the MoFPED as well as other MDAs that handle Public Investments with the main goal of increasing Returns on Investments (RoI) by maximizing efficiency as well as effectiveness in the whole project cycle through improved capacity building at all stages. The Centre offers short-term Accredited Certificate trainings in order to bridge the potential gaps in the demand for PIM capacities nationally and regionally.



President Umberto Vattani and Prof Barnabas Nawangwe at Makerere VIU Discussions 8th Mar 2023

## Mak, Italian University Discuss Collaboration in Environment & Global Sustainability

**O**n 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Uganda's Ambassador in Rome – Italy, H.E. Elizabeth Paula Napeyok joined the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe in discussions at the Venice International University to enhance collaboration between the two institutions.

Venice International University (VIU) is a consortium of 22 top world universities with special interest in the environment and global sustainability issues. Prof. Nawangwe and Ambassador Napeyok welcomed the invitation by VIU and outlined the issues that Makerere University would be happy to collaborate in.

Prof. Nawangwe and VIU President Umberto Vattani thanked Prof. Giorgio Andrian from the University of Padova (UNIPD) and VIU for his intermediary role and pledged to make the collaboration a reality.



# PM Nabbanja to amplify Mak call for Government to invest more in graduate training



Government Chief Whip Hon. Hamson Obua (in a yellow tie) flanked by Vice Chancellor Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (on his left) and Prof. Edward Bbaale (on his right) join Members of Management and leadership the PhD Fellows after the opening ceremony of the Annual Doctoral Convention 2023

**T**he Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda, Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja represented by the Government Chief Whip, Hon. Denis Obua has reiterated Government's readiness to continue supporting bankable research projects at Makerere University that are in line with national development priorities. Hon. Obua made the remarks as Chief Guest at the Annual Doctoral Convention organised by the PhD Fellows at Makerere (PF@Mak) together with the Directorate for Research and Graduate Training (DRGT) on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023. He, in his personal capacity, further pledged to amplify the clarion calls by the Vice Chancellor, Director DRGT and President PhD Fellows for the Government to invest more in graduate training.

"Today I join you Vice Chancellor and your team as an Ambassador in carrying forward this message, and you can rely on that" reassured Hon. Obua.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe had in his remarks drawn parallels between China's astronomical economic progress and the Nation's heavy investment higher education, and appealed to Government to establish

**Today I join you Vice Chancellor and your team as an Ambassador in carrying forward this message, and you can rely on that" reassured Hon. Obua**

either a dedicated graduate student scholarship or loan scheme.

"The whole world is living in a knowledge economy and those who have the knowledge will prosper and leave behind those who do not have the knowledge" he explained.

On the knowledge front, the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister commended Makerere researchers for contributing immensely to National priorities of food security, governance and community welfare and mindset change.

"Go to National Agricultural Research Organisation and see the new crop varieties. Go to Uganda Coffee Development Authority and see the progress. Visit our Uganda Virus Research Institute, Makerere Infectious Diseases Institute" he rallied, before adding "We welcome more resource persons of your caliber with the appropriate skillset to carry on with the mantle."

Turning to the Convention, Hon. Obua commended the PhD Fellows

for undertaking research projects covering topics such as health, governance, technology, innovation, environment, food security and bio-safety, noting that their findings will help improve policy and practice. He reassured researchers of Government support for projects that address challenges such as environmental degradation, climate change effects as well as the need to improve tourism, education, rural development, transport and communication, which all require vigorous research.

The Vice Chancellor noted that the Leadership had taken a strategic decision to use UGX 1.5 Billion of the Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund (Mak-RIF) to support PhD students to conduct research. This move, he said, was aimed at creating a critical mass of researchers that provide solutions responsive to development challenges, such as the drought resistant cassava varieties produced by researchers that helped prevent the re-occurrence of severe famine in Eastern Uganda approximately fifteen years ago. "You cannot put a value to that."

He therefore commended the PhD fellows for organizing the convention and making their contribution to the University's goal to become research-led. Citing examples such as the Graduate Training Lounge at the Sir Albert Cook Library, College of Health Sciences (CHS), the Vice Chancellor applauded Colleges that had set aside designated spaces for PhD students.

"As Management, we are making every effort to establish a dedicated building for the School of Graduate Studies... and I hope that this will greatly improve the conditions of work for the PhD Students" he added.

The Director DRGT, Prof. Edward Bbaale thanked the Government of Uganda for funding research at Makerere through Mak-RIF, and appreciated the Vice Chancellor for his leadership that has identified graduate training and research

Right to Left: Hon. Denis Obua, Prof. Edward Bbaale, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe and Mr. Gerald Ahabwe Zihembire during the PhD convention.



**We shall continue working with Colleges, Schools and Departments to ensure an improved research and graduate training environment" added Prof. Bbaale**

as being instrumental for societal transformation and development. He added that in young, energetic and enthusiastic students that seek to undertake graduate studies as well as well qualified staff committed to their duty, Makerere is more than ready to double efforts in as far as graduate training is concerned.

"The Directorate of Graduate Training is committed to continuously building an environment that is conducive for research and graduate training to flourish at Makerere. We shall continue working with Colleges, Schools and Departments to ensure an improved research and graduate training environment" added Prof. Bbaale.

He noted that the 2023 doctoral convention is one of the platforms for Fellows to share expertise and experiences as well as challenge each other to produce outputs for societal transformation. "It is upon you, dear doctoral candidates, to undertake research with this theme [Positioning

Research for National Development] in mind because all we are doing is trying to unlock the potential of graduate studies to respond to national and regional development challenges."

The Deputy Director DRGT, Prof. Julius Kikooma who doubled as the Convention's Co-emcee reiterated that the Directorate's mandate to coordinate, monitor and provide an enabling environment for quality graduate training is at the heart of attaining Makerere's research-led goal. Graduate training especially at Doctoral and Postdoctoral levels, it is envisaged, will play a cardinal role in achieving this goal, due to its identified potential for knowledge production that responds to national, regional and global development challenges.

PhD Fellows President, Mr. Gerald Ahabwe Zihembire appreciated the Government for the support received through Mak-RIF, noting that it was a positive trend in ongoing efforts to secure funding for doctoral training at Makerere University. He thanked the Vice Chancellor for championing a collaborative agenda that had benefited various Fellows through exchange visits to partner universities that Makerere had entered into MoUs with. He appreciated the Fellows for submitting abstracts to Convention, adding that it will provide visibility for their work.



# The Former Chaplain of St. Francis, Asiimwe is New Bishop of North Kigezi Diocese



*Rt. Rev. Onesimus Asiimwe and his wife Mrs. Florence Asiimwe*

**T**he former Chaplain of Makerere University St. Francis Chapel, Rev. Onesimus Asiimwe was consecrated and enthroned as the 6<sup>th</sup> Bishop of North Kigezi Diocese. The ceremony took place on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Emmanuel Cathedral, Kinyansano, Rukungiri District.

Rev. Asiimwe replaced the late Bishop Benon Magezi, who succumbed to Covid-19 in June 2021. The diocese has since been under the care of Bishop Emeritus Patrick Tugume.

Born on 24<sup>th</sup> April 1965 in Mparo, Rukiga District, Rev Onesimus got saved on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1988 after a night of heavy alcohol drinking.

In 2001, following a fight with the Church in Kigezi, Rev Asiimwe was called to serve at the province of the Church of Uganda by the late Archbishop Mpalanyi Nkoyoyo.

In 2006, when Nkoyoyo retired and Archbishop Henry Luke Orombi was enthroned, this became a turning point for Rev Asiimwe, who was still a lay person in Church heading a church department which was meant for ordained leaders.

Archbishop Orombi chose Rev Asiimwe as his chaplain, making him the first ever lay chaplain for a bishop or the archbishop.

Archbishop Orombi, however, kept encouraging Asiimwe to become a priest and in 2009, he enrolled at Bishop Tucker School of Divinity and Theology, and joined priesthood. He was deaconated at St Peters Cathedral Rugarama, Kigezi Diocese, in 2011, and was ordained a priest in 2012, shortly before Archbishop Orombi retired.

After Orombi's retirement, Rev Asiimwe was appointed the provincial youth and students' coordinator and that is when he came up with a vision of provincial youth and students' convention. That was aimed at equipping young people, gathering them for a week from all the dioceses in one place, give them a time of worship, reflection, Bible study and then send them back to transform their communities.

On November 1, 2017, Rev Asiimwe was posted to serve as a parish priest at Makerere University's St Francis Chapel, which he leaves to become bishop.

## St. Francis Chapel Gets New Chaplain

**D**r. Lydia Nsaale Nabunya Kitayimbwa is the new Chaplain of St. Francis Chapel. She replaces Rt. Rev. Onesimus Asiimwe who was elected the 6<sup>th</sup> Bishop of North Kigezi Diocese and subsequently consecrated and enthroned on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Rev. Dr. Nsaale Kitayimbwa holds a Bachelor of Statistics from Makerere University, a Masters Degree in Divinity from Uganda Christian University (UCU), Mukono and a PhD in Practical Theology from Stellenbosch University, South Africa. She is married to Rev. Prof. John Kitayimbwa, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs), UCU.

Her name along with two applicants



*Prof. Ezra Suruma (3rd R) and Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (2nd R) with the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Lydia Nsaale Kitayimbwa (3rd L), her husband Rev. Prof. John Kitayimbwa (2nd L) and Rev. Canon Dr. John Senyonyi (L) on Easter Sunday, 9th April 2023 at St. Francis Chapel, Makerere.*

were sent to the Makerere University for the position of chaplain at St Francis Chapel. After several interviews, she was selected.

"I thank God that I went through. It was His doing and He has chosen me for a season and anointed me for an assignment," she said with a smile. She thanks God for the leaders who

forwarded her name to the university council and authorities.

"I am God's grateful person to have found a Successor in you Rev Dr. Lydia. I have gladly passed on the baton of leadership at St. Francis Chapel to you with my full blessing. Feed and take care of the flock of God. Blessings galore" remarked Rt. Rev. Onesmus Asiimwe.

# Maseruka Robert

Sworn in as Makerere University 89<sup>th</sup> Guild President

**O**fficiating at the swearing in ceremony, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe urged the newly elected student leaders to uphold dialogue and work with the University Management to deliver services to students.

Prof. Nawangwe, who was represented by Prof. Henry Alinatwe, Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor (Finance and Administration), made the remark during the swearing-in-ceremony of the 89<sup>th</sup> Guild leadership held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at the Makerere University Yusuf Lule Central Teaching Facility Auditorium.

Upon taking the oath, H.E. Robert Maseruka promised to serve in the best interest of Makerere University students and work closely with University Management to ensure that students' affairs are attended to diligently. Robert Maseruka was sworn-in together with some cabinet members namely Mariat Namiro (Vice Guild President), Dreamer Elizabeth (Deputy Prime Minister), Kiranda Sharifah (Finance Minister), Nyangoma Emmaheart (Minister of Gender), Adron Rodney (Minister of Estates and Production) and Nambazira Patience (Academic Affairs Minister).

The Vice Chancellor congratulated H.E. Robert Maseruka upon being elected



Maseruka Robert swearing in as the 89<sup>th</sup> Guild President of Makerere University.

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Maseruka is a third year student pursuing the Bachelor of Journalism and Communication under the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUSS).

Prof. Nawangwe expressed the readiness of the University Management to work with the Guild President and the 89<sup>th</sup> Students' Guild to transform livelihoods and society in general. He commended the Chairperson of the Students' Electoral Commission, Mr. Levi Tshilumba and his team for holding free, fair and peaceful elections. He acknowledged the out-going Guild President, H.E. Lawrence Alionzi for not only steering the 88<sup>th</sup> Students' Guild Government, but also handing over power peacefully.

Emphasizing that the university cannot exist without students, the Vice Chancellor highlighted that the University Management would continue to prioritise issues that holistically impact students such as teaching and learning, research and innovations,

renovation of Halls of residence, infrastructure development as well as students' welfare.

The Vice Chancellor advised the Guild President and the entire students' body to avoid confrontations and violence. He appealed to the Students' leadership to always uphold dialogue in the management of issues with different stakeholders. "Bring the issues on the table, we discuss them and reach a common position," he said.

He encouraged the new Guild President, H.E. Robert Maseruka to emulate the out-going Guild President, H.E. Lawrence Alionzi who led the student body in a peaceful manner. "The 88<sup>th</sup> Students' Guild upheld peace and worked with the University Management and other organs of the university to execute students' affairs.

Thank you, the 88<sup>th</sup> Students' Guild for the commendable job. Thank you for Mr. Lawrence Alionzi for your contribution," he remarked.

In his remarks, the outgoing Guild President, Lawrence

Alionzi urged the newly elected Guild President, Robert Maseruka to always front the interests of students before those of the political groups and individuals close to him.

"Focus on students. Be careful not to serve the interests of those around you or the political class. At the end of the day what truly matters is that common student who probably has never seen you," he advised.

The DVCFA-Prof. Henry Alinatwe (Centre) and Dean of Students-Mrs. Winifred Kabumbuli (2nd Left) flanked by 89<sup>th</sup> Guild President-H.E. Robert Maseruka (4th Right), His Vice-H.E. Mariat Namiro (3rd Right) and other Cabinet Members after the Swearing-in Ceremony on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023, Yusuf Lule Auditorium, Makerere University





# Prof. Nawangwe applauds Students' Loan Scheme



**T**he Vice Chancellor has applauded the Higher Education Students' Financing Board for the award of loans to students' for both undergraduate degree and diploma programmes. Prof. Nawangwe reported that the Board had so far supported a total of 1,853 learners at Makerere University since 2014.

The Vice Chancellor congratulated the graduates supported through the loan scheme over the years, and encouraged them to repay the loans to create a revolving fund. He noted that a total of 114 Students Loan beneficiaries had graduated during the 73<sup>rd</sup> Graduation ceremony (13-17 February 2023).

**Prof. Nawangwe appealed to the Board to double the efforts by widening the points of access for the different learners.**

Reflecting on the launch of the students' loan scheme nine years back in April 2014, he reiterated that the scheme was meant to be a major breakthrough in widening and broadening access to higher education in this country for the brilliant, but needy students.

Prof. Nawangwe appealed to the Board to double the efforts by

widening the points of access for the different learners.

"While I congratulate the Board for the good strides in ensuring increased access to Higher education, there is need to support more learners to join Higher Learning Institutions and also offer financial assistance to those who are struggling to meet their bills at the University," he said.

The Minister of State for Higher Education-Hon. Dr. J.C. Muyingo (Left) receives the HESFB Loan Award Report for Academic Year 2022/23 from the HESFB Board Chairman-Eng. Dr. Charles Wana-Etyem (2nd Left) as HESFB ED-Mr. Michael O. Wanyama (2nd Right) and Mr. Timothy Musoke Sejjoba (Right) witness

# 73<sup>rd</sup> Graduation's Best Students

## The Best in Sciences



**Mr. Sanga Anold Lukoda (CoCIS)**

Mr. Sanga Anold Lukoda from the College of Computing and Information Sciences (CoCIS) emerged as the best overall and best student

in the Sciences of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Ceremony that ran from the 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Mr. Lukoda obtained a CGPA of 4.85 out of 5. He was pursuing a Bachelor of Information Systems and Technology.

Sanga was grateful to God for this academic excellence and implored students to remember God in all their endeavors and to be obedient.

"Always trust God and follow instructions", Sanga advised.

We congratulate Mr. Lukoda upon his exceptional performance and CoCIS upon achieving this remarkable feat.

## The Best in Humanities



**Jordon Jeff Owomugisha (MUBS)**

Mr Jordon Jeff Owomugisha, from Makerere University Business School (MUBS) emerged as the best overall and best student in the

Humanities of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Ceremony that ran from the 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Owomugisha obtained a CGPA of 4.90 in the Bachelor Commerce of Makerere University.

"I feel exceedingly humbled upon the achievement I have had today. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that I didn't think I would have. It is so satisfying to be the best among more than the 13,000 graduating during the Makerere University 73rd ceremony," he said.

He added: "I managed to make it by reading so hard and doing the right thing at the right time."

## Mak 73<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Statistics

### Total Graduands

Female 6809 Male 6412

# 13,221

### PhD

Female 41 Male 61  
**102**



## Categories

### Postgraduate Diplomas

Female 36 Male 72  
**108**

### Masters

Female 563 Male 815  
**1,378**

### Undergraduate Diploma Programmes

Female 13 Male 22  
**35**

### Undergraduate Degree Programme

Female 6156 Male 5442  
**11,598**



# GAMSU Gets New Head

**P**rofessor Sylvia Antonia Nakimera Nannyonga-Tamusuza was inaugurated as the third Head of the Makerere University Grants Administration and Management Support Unit (GAMSU).

The handover ceremony, held in the GAMSU Boardroom and attended by university officials and stakeholders, marked the passing of the baton from Professor Grace Bantebya Kyomuhendo who served as Head for a year. She now takes on a new assignment in the establishment of Bunyoro University as Deputy Vice Chancellor in charge of Academic Affairs.

The Makerere University, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration and Chair of the Grants Management Steering Committee (GMSC), Professor Henry Alinaitwe, appreciated the work done by Professor Bantebya and welcomed Professor Tamusuza, encouraging her to build on the foundation laid by her predecessor.

Professor Bantebya, who handed over with a smile, credited her time as Head for contributing to her new appointment as Deputy Vice Chancellor. She expressed pride at leaving behind a database for documenting all research grant projects at Makerere University, a structured system for the pre-award, award, and post-award phases, and a Strategic Plan for GAMSU to guide its work.

In her acceptance speech, Professor Tamusuza expressed her gratitude at being accorded the opportunity to be part of the young and instrumental unit that plays a vital role in realizing the university's



**Above:** Prof Sylvia Nannyonga Tamusuza giving her acceptance speech.  
**Below:** Prof. Grace Bantebya Kyomuhendo (2nd Right) handing over office as Head GAMSU to Prof Sylvia Nannyonga-Tamusuza (3rd Right) as the DVCFA, Prof. Henry Alinaitwe (3rd Left) and other officials witness on 10th February 2023 at Makerere University



goal of becoming a research-led institution. She said she was looking forward to securing more grants, streamlining grant processes, and easing statutory reporting in the days to come.

The university's dedication to providing exceptional support services and managing grants through GAMSU is evident in its continuous efforts to evolve

and improve the unit. Makerere University remains committed to advancing research and innovation, and the appointment of Professor Tamusuza as Head of GAMSU is another step in that direction.

# GAMSU Pledges Support towards Making Mak a Research-led Institution



Prof. Sylvia Nannyonga-Tamusuza and Dr. Cyprian Misinde (Centre) with participants at the hands-on workshop on navigating funder platforms and the GAMSU database management system, 16th March 2023, Telepresence Centre, Senate Building, Makerere University.

**T**he Head of Makerere University Grants and Management Support Unit (GAMSU), Professor Sylvia Antonia Nannyonga-Tamusuza pledged to continue working with her team to facilitate Makerere staff in the research grant acquisition process, as one of the strategies towards making Makerere a research-led university.

This was during a hands-on workshop on navigating funder platforms and the GAMSU database management system that took place at Makerere University in the Telepresence Centre, Senate Building, which brought together representatives from different colleges and units.

Prof. Nannyonga-Tamusuza told participants that GAMSU will continue to enhance research at Makerere by facilitating the grants processes. She added that her team is coordinating with several

stakeholders to help negotiate with potential funders and always provide the necessary support to Makerere applicants.

She further clarified that the unit doesn't give out research grants as many would think, but rather guides on how to get one.

"We don't give grants, but we facilitate the acquisition processes and promote compliance," Nannyonga said. She added that this is done to curb the difficulties faced by researchers while trying to process grants, especially in the area of writing, as well as accessing funder platforms. She also promised participants that GAMSU is working around the clock to grow the number of grants, by providing a support base at the secretariat.

Dr. Cyprian Misinde, Director of the Quality Assurance Directorate said that Makerere prioritizes research that responds to national development priorities, which in turn influences the institution's rankings.

Dr. Misinde said he takes pride

in the fact that Makerere already has a name around the world, but for it to keep the brand, it has to improve in areas of teaching, research, citations, industry relations, income generation, and international outlook. He also added that the university should think about teaching research grant proposal writing to undergraduate students, because they too have the potential, as was the case in another public institution in the country, where an undergraduate student won a grant of close to a billion Ugandan shillings.

Professor Edward Bbaale, Director of the Directorate of Research and Graduate Training (DRGT), called on researchers to form research groups at the departmental level, which will keep the university focused on its goal of becoming research-led. He equally urged all colleges to ensure that they have vibrant research offices, as a means of catalyzing the process of winning more grants.



## Strengthening E-Learning at Makerere University



### **M**astercard Foundation partners with Makerere University to strengthen e-Learning

The Makerere University Strategic Plan (2020/2030) stipulates the adoption of innovative teaching and learning practices and programmes, which includes e-learning and digital education. Makerere University in partnership with Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program is implementing an 18 months 2



*Prof. Mary Okwakol launched the Initiative*

million USD E-Learning Initiative, which is support the development of E-Learning infrastructure at Makerere University. The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program e-Learning Initiative is aimed at addressing the impact of COVID-19 pandemics on teaching and learning and therefore enhancing Makerere University's resilience to future disruptions in

teaching, learning and research. The Initiative is strengthening faculty's capacity to develop and deliver high-quality and inclusive online instruction and provide virtual support to all students. It is also supporting the development of a community of practice in e-learning at Makerere University. During this phase, faculty in the different academic units have embarked on transforming 2560 courses into pedagogically sound e-learning courses. The courses will be rich in multimedia which will be locally developed in five multimedia studios that are being procured and set-up under the same programme. We thank the Mastercard Foundation for being a true and reliable partner of Makerere University, and for always coming on board to support our development and institutional agenda. The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs) and the Institute of Open, Distance and e-Learning, are spearheading the implementation of the Initiative at Makerere University.

## Meet Wasswa Mubarak, Mak 73<sup>rd</sup> Graduation's Unique Congregant

**T**hursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023 was a special day for Makerere University. The fourth day of the Makerere University 73<sup>rd</sup> graduation ceremony had a unique member in the congregation.

The special guest was Mr. Wasswa Mubarak who was graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration (Accounting major) from Makerere University Business School (MUBS).

And whereas he was fully attired in a graduation gown complete with a hood and cap, many people still mistook him for a child. The reason for the confusion is Wasswa's condition, which causes him to remain of small stature even as he advances in age. Wasswa was

27 years old at the time of his graduation.

His story is one of perseverance and determination. Despite facing challenges and discrimination, Wasswa rose above the negativity to become a leader in his community. His uniqueness earned him many leadership positions within the university including becoming the Guild President at MUBS Jinja Campus.

Wasswa advises everyone to always believe in themselves, seek advice, and fight the negativity and stigma associated with being different. He believes that disability is not inability and that little people like himself can achieve as much as the rest. His story serves as an inspiration to others to believe in themselves and never give up on their dreams



# Top Management Strengthens Capacity to Align Mak Operations to NDP III



**T**he Top Management of Makerere University were from 27th to 29th April, 2023 engaged in a Strategic Leadership Training, aimed at equipping them with skills required to bridge current operational gaps and link their day-to-day delivery to the University's strategic plan as well as the Third National Development Plan (NDP III) priorities. The training attended by 50 participants who included the Vice Chancellor, Deputy Vice Chancellors, Heads of Administrative Units, College Principals and their deputies was equally aimed at enhancing the appreciation of current public finance management provisions for prudent management of public financial resources, as well as strengthening leadership and team delivery skills for optimal outcomes.

Officially opening the Training, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe noted that the Top Management had the joint responsibility of ensuring that Makerere's legacy built upon the hard work and dedication of its leadership over the last 100 years is upheld. He therefore asked participants to reflect on what Makerere's role ought to be in next 100 years, especially in terms of building a modern and prosperous Uganda.

He noted that although the

strategic plan outlines; A research-led university, Innovation in teaching and learning, and An engaged university with enhanced partnerships as its overarching goals, it was the fourth; A Professionally Governed, Equitable, Inclusive And Gender Mainstreamed Institution that was most relevant to the training

The Vice Chancellor therefore urged participants to observe the hallmarks of; Human Resource Management, Time Management, and Efficient and Effective Planning in order to promote a professionally governed university.

Additionally, Assoc. Prof. Suzie Nansozi Muwanga, Executive Director of the Julius Nyerere Leadership Centre (JNLC) thanked the university Management for the opportunity to partner at the strategic level. She added that as a result of its synergetic relationship with hosts Makerere University and the Uganda Management Institute (UMI), JNLC had tapped into the extensive research and training experience of facilitators to offer leadership training and mentorship to youth in Uganda as well as the East African Community.

Furthermore, she shared that JNLC has worked with the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Programme to develop a leadership course that will be accessible to all students on

the Makerere University E-Learning Environment (MUELE). Assoc. Prof. Nansozi Muwanga therefore expressed hope that the training would accord participants a personal and corporate appreciation of the role they ought to play in order to ensure that the University Strategic Plan and NDP III aspirations are achieved.

The Strategic Training was split into three sessions covering 1) Leadership and Corporate Governance, 2) Public Finance Management and 3) Human Resource Management. Mr. Dison Okumu, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Institute of Corporate Governance facilitated the first session, while Mr. Stephen Ojambo, Commissioner, Treasury Inspectorate and Policy Department in the Accountant General's Office facilitated the second session. Mr. Allan Muhereza, the Commissioner, Human Resource Planning and Development at the Ministry of Public Service facilitated the third session.

The final day of Training was dedicated to sessions on Financial Literacy, Mental Health and Servant Leadership facilitated by Mrs. Gloria Jombwe, Dr. Herbert Rwakiseta and Prof. Julius Kiiza respectively. The training also featured Constructive Team Building activities facilitated by Bwongo Consult.



# Mak partners with BRAC to Support Career Progression of Talented Women



**M**akerere University on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Stichting BRAC; an international development organization based in Bangladesh with regional presence in Africa and seventeen years of operation in Uganda, to implement the Sir Fazle Hasan Abed Fellowship Programme for Women.

The MoU was signed on behalf of Makerere by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe and by the Executive Director, Mr. Shameran Abed on behalf of Stichting BRAC International.

In his welcome remarks, Prof. Nawangwe congratulated BRAC upon commemorating 50 years of existence, noting that Makerere is proud to work and associate with the largest international development organization in the world, which was founded in the global South. He added that Makerere has since the Government's introduction of affirmative action of 1.5 additional points for the girl child in 1990 been at forefront empowering women to access higher education at the institution.

"Most of the best schools in Uganda that were set up during

the colonial era were for boys, which meant that girls were historically disadvantaged. Affirmative action has helped increase the enrolment of women from 10% to 52%" he added.

Prof. Nawangwe nevertheless acknowledged that a lot remains to be done in terms of improving the number of women in leadership positions, and reiterated the University's commitment to accomplish this through her Strategic Plan 2020-2030. The fourth pillar of Makerere's strategic plan envisages "A Professionally Governed, Equitable, Inclusive and Gender Mainstreamed Institution". He therefore

thanked the Executive Director and his delegation for personally coming to Makerere to sign the MoU and reassured them of Management's readiness to see to it that all activities therein are successfully undertaken.

Executive Director, Mr. Shameran Abed on behalf of Stichting BRAC International congratulated Makerere upon commemorating 100 years of impactful existence and acknowledged that this was not the first time BRAC was collaborating with the University. He noted that the two institutions had in the past undertaken research projects and that BRAC was once again honoured to be collaborating with the premier university in the region.

Speaking on behalf of Fellowship's coordinating unit, the Gender Mainstreaming Directorate (GMD), Ms. Mbabazi expressed readiness to work with BRAC to enhance the position of women in leadership through the various activities. She noted that five out of the ten strategic areas of Makerere's Gender Mainstreaming Policy are aligned with the proposed partnership with BRAC.

*Seated: The Vice Chancellor-Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (2nd R), ED BRAC International-Mr. Shameran Abed (2nd L) and University Secretary-Mr. Yusuf Kiranda (R) sign the MoU assisted by Mr. Hudson Musoke (standing) as BRAC Regional Director Africa-Ms. Rudo Kayombo (L) witnesses.*

*Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (R) receives a souvenir from Mr. Shameran Abed (L) after the MoU signing.*



# Infrastructural developments at Mak

**T**he University is committed to working with the Government of Uganda, development partners, alumni and all stakeholders to improve its facilities. Some of the milestones include:

## Renovation of Halls of Residence

The Government of Uganda has prioritized the renovation of Halls of Residence at Makerere University. The First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni personally toured the Halls of Residence, which informed her report to the respective bodies and Parliament of Uganda on the dire need to embark on renovations. In the same spirit, His Excellency, the President reached out to the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED) to provide the required funding for the renovation of all Halls of Residence. MoFPED will release funds to commence the renovations in a phased approach starting with Lumumba and Mary Stuart Halls of Residence.



## Restoration of the Main Building

The restoration of the Makerere University Main Building is progressing smoothly. The project that officially kicked off on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 with the site handover to the contractor- Excel Construction Limited is fully funded by the Government of Uganda to the tune of UGX 21 billion. On 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022, the First Lady and Hon. Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni visited Makerere and laid the foundation stone for the reconstruction and restoration of the iconic Main Building. Makerere University Council, Senate and Management commend His Excellency the President and the First Lady and Honourable Minister of Education and Sports, and the Parliament of Uganda for their efforts in ensuring that funds required to restore this icon of Higher Education were secured.



## School of Law Building

The construction of the School of Law building is equally progressing and upon completion this year 2023, the facility will enhance the teaching and learning environment. The Foundation Stone for the new School of Law building was laid on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 by the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni. The building has several offices for staff, lecture rooms, seminar rooms, a registry, a mini-library, a cafeteria and a state-of-the-art moot courtroom with a seating capacity of 200 students. We are eternally grateful to the Government of Uganda for responding to the call made by the University Council and Management in availing resources for this building project.





## School of Public Health Building

The construction of the Makerere University School of Public Health's new home is currently ongoing. The state-of-the-art building will accommodate lecture rooms, innovation, environmental, and other health laboratories, a sexual reproductive health center, a library, an auditorium, and office space. The building will also host the Makerere University School of Public Health Center of Excellence in Global Health, a collaborative program between Makerere University and the John Hopkins School of Public Health. This new home will boost our scientific investigative capacity, especially for emerging and re-emerging diseases such as the Ebola virus disease and Covid-19 as well as other complex public health challenges.

We acknowledge USAID American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) for committing USD One (1) Million towards this building. We also appreciate the Netherlands Government and the Rockefeller Foundation for their generous contribution, and all partners both in Uganda and globally who have supported us to raise Ten (10) Billion Uganda shillings in contributions so far. We call upon more partners to support the completion of this project.



## Perimeter Wall Fence project

Construction of the perimeter wall fence is on course. The current construction works being undertaken by the National Enterprise Corporation (NEC) are at about 74% physical completion. This phase of works commenced on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022 and is expected to be completed by August 2023. We thank His Excellency, President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and the Government of Uganda for allocating resources to this project. With this support, the University secured additional funding amounting to UGX 4.3billion for the completion of the Makerere University perimeter wall fence project. Initial works on the perimeter wall fence were spearheaded by the Makerere University Convocation chaired by Dr. Tanga Odoi. The financial resources that kickstarted construction works were mobilized by the Convocation from alumni, staff, students and friends of Makerere University through various fundraising drives. We thank Dr. Tanga Odoi as well as each and every individual that contributed resources to this noble cause.



# Library Services and Facilities



**M**akerere University Library is one of the biggest and best modern academic libraries in Africa. It has a vision of becoming “a thought leader for knowledge creation, societal transformation and development”. Its mission is “To Excel in providing Transformative and inclusive Library and Information Services that support learning, teaching, research and innovation”. Technological advancement and the use of and retrieval of electronic information have changed how students and researchers access and use Makerere University libraries. The Library is hence now fully automated and provides hybrid information resources that can be accessed from anywhere through its website at <https://mulib.mak.ac.ug/>.

## Access to electronic resources

The library subscribes to several electronic journals/books databases aimed at supporting online teaching, learning and research. Some of the databases are subject specific while others are multidisciplinary. They can

be accessed both on campus and remotely off-campus. Off-campus access is supported by a special software which enables library users to remotely access electronic resources from anywhere.

## Information literacy training

In order to facilitate users’ access to electronic resources, the library has a training team whose role is to equip users with information access and retrieval skills. The trainings may be physical or remotely depending on users’ needs.

## Document Delivery Services (DDS)

Some articles are not accessible to students and staff. The library

requests for such articles from publishers on behalf of the users.

## Services to Users with Special Needs

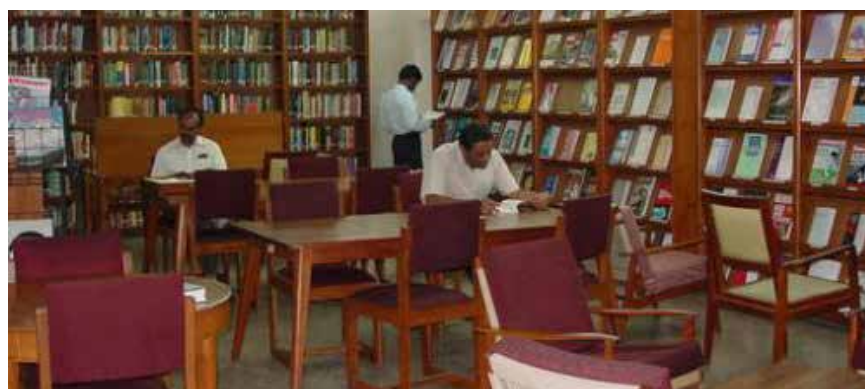
The library has a fully equipped computer laboratory for users with disabilities/special needs. This is intended to promote inclusivity and equity in accessing electronic resources.

## Virtual reference services

Makerere University Library introduced social media interaction by creating accounts on Facebook, Twitter and WhatsApp. These platforms were very instrumental in online information provision and instant feedback to researchers, especially during the Covid- 19 lockdown when the Library was physically closed in 2020 and 2021. Virtual reference services have hence been made possible for users to send any library related query and get quick feedback from the Reference Librarian. The service is active from 8:00 am to 12:00 am daily.

## Outreach and external user services

Makerere University Library provides outreach and external user services to non-Makerere university users. This mandates the library to open beyond official opening hours as compared to other academic and administrative units of the university.





## MAK DRGT, MUBS FGSR hold Consultation Meeting



Prof. Edward Bbaale (3rd Left) flanked by Assoc. Prof. Robert Wamala (on his right) and Assoc. Prof. Julius Kikooma (on his left) join other MUBS Staff in a group photo on 23rd February 2023.

**M**akerere University Business School hosted a team of delegates from Makerere University Directorate of Research and Graduate Training (DRGT). The team that was led by DRGT Director Prof. Edward Bbaale who also represented the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, was hosted at the MUBS ADB Theatre II. The visit was aimed at finding out how the two institutions can work together to improve their graduate programs, and services to their clients as well as improve on the quality of their students' research.

Assoc. Prof. Julius Kikooma said that they were at MUBS to discover the key hindrances that are policy-

oriented in line with graduate programs and research that need to be tackled for improvement. He also requested for improved collaboration to help towards the drive to be a research-intensive university.

Assoc. Prof. Julius Kikooma added that there is a need for commitment towards that common goal and any proposals for policy change will be compiled and presented to the University Senate for approval.

The Dean of MUBS Faculty of Graduate and Research Studies (FGSR) Prof. Vincent Bagire said that there is a need to improve teaching, supervision, and assessment to be able to increase the number of graduate programs. He said that there are monthly research clinics at the Faculty for students where they

tell their reasons why they have not done their research to be able to graduate and here, guidance is availed to help them complete their academic programs with good quality research thus helping them graduate.

Assoc. Prof. Robert Wamala later led a discussion on the bottlenecks and enablers to research, enhancement of graduate supervision, selection of graduate students, and the challenges of graduate supervision. This discussion saw a wealth of ideas, which saw the agreement to allow Ph.D. students to publish in local journals to help them complete on time thus having better quality supervisors for master's research. However, this agreement is still pending approval from key entities such as the University Senate.

**M**akerere University in line with its focus to become a research-led and knowledge-based University hosted a symposium on the role of universities in shaping national development.

Held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 under the theme “The role of Universities in responding to Africa’s problems and development needs”, the symposium was officially presided over by the President of the Republic of Uganda, H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, who was represented by the Vice President, H.E. Jessica Alupo.

The President in his address opined that the education system in Africa must empower graduates to transition national economies from dependence on the export of raw materials to integrated, independent and self-sustaining ones. He added that this new education system ought to have six elements namely:

1. Understand the strengths and weaknesses of the pre-colonial African societies so as to understand why they were conquered by the rapacious foreigners;
2. Understand the colonial intrusion, after the mutation of the slave trade into colonialism, the creation of the enclave
3. Understand the need for change, which includes manufacturing, expanding of the money economy and expanding of the services sectors;
4. Dealing with the neo-colonial social sciences;
5. Using the education system to instil confidence in the African people; and
6. Study the history of the

## Mak Hosts Symposium on National Transformation



The Vice President- H.E. Jessica Alupo (8th L), flanked by Hon. J.C. Muyingo (7th L) and the Chairperson Council-Mrs. Lorna Magara (8th R) with the Vice Chairperson Council-Rt. Hon. Daniel Kidega (7th R), Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (3rd R), Keynote Speaker-Professor Vincent Anigbogu (5th R) and other officials in a group photo during the Symposium on National Transformation.

World, including Europe, to understand how social-economic metamorphosis took place.

The keynote address on the occasion was delivered by Professor Vincent Anigbogu, Director General, Institute of National Transformation Lagos Nigeria, and the panel discussion was moderated by Professor Obwoya Kinyera Sam, Deputy Chairperson, National Planning Authority.



L-R Dr. James Magara, Chairperson, Centre for Advanced Strategic Leadership, Dr. John Kitayimbwa, Vice Chancellor, Uganda Christian University, Prof. Umar Kakumba, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs), Makerere University, Prof. Joy Constance Kwesiga, Vice Chancellor, Kabale University, Ms. Dorothy Kisaka, Executive Director, Kampala Capital City Authority and Prof. Obwoya Kinyera Sam, Deputy Chairperson, National Planning Authority during the panelists discussion.



# Mak Launches Youth and Innovation Expo 2023

**A**ll is set for the Makerere University Youth and Innovation Expo 2023. Makerere University together with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and MTN Uganda officially launched the Expo on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 marking the commencement of its pre-campaign that is expected to run until August. The two-day expo will take place from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023, at the Freedom Square.

The Youth and Innovation Expo 2023 will be held under the theme "Fostering Innovations for Uganda's Transformational Development".

Launching the expo in Council Room, Chairperson Makerere University Council, Mrs. Lorna Magara said the expo is a platform to cause meaningful engagement between the youth and other innovators so that they learn from their experience.

"The Youth and Innovation Expo 2023 we are launching today is a platform to cause meaningful engagement

between the youth and various actors to tap into their expertise and experience. In so doing, we aim to initiate viable forward and backward linkages that will facilitate the creation of jobs and foster entrepreneurship.

"Together, we are committed to establishing and supporting an ecosystem that will equip our youth with the necessary knowledge, skills and entrepreneurial mindset to help them achieve their full potential, and in so doing, reap the demographic dividend. We can leverage our huge population to turn this economy as well as the economies of Africa around. We can do that through innovation and research" remarked Mrs. Magara.

The Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Ms. Elsie Attafuah said the Expo is an important initiative to; enable the youth build resilience to shocks, position universities as spaces for creating and curating, tie innovation to job creation, and create

platform for collaboration. "The relevance of a robust innovation system to a country's economy cannot be overemphasized. A vibrant and enabling innovation ecosystem facilitates emergence and growth of business, and calls for increased interconnections among stakeholders to ensure that players are talking to each other."

Ms. Attafuah added that the Youth and Innovation Expo is just one of undertakings by UNDP that is bolstered by other holistic actions such as; supporting the Government to create enabling policy, legal, regulatory instruments. She shared that UNDP is working with the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance to position digitalization at the heart of Uganda's development agenda.

MTN Uganda, through its Head of Marketing, Somdev Sen pledged its utmost support in ensuring that the youth and innovation expo is a success and of benefit to the Makerere students' community. Quoting his former College Principal, Somdev asserted that "Education is of no use if it does not lead to financial independence of the youth".

The two-day Youth and Innovation Expo 2023 will include; a conference, student fashion show, showcase of student innovations, exhibition from different colleges, food courts, MTN pulse activation among others.

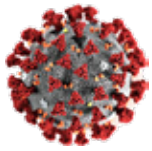
The Youth and Innovation Expo 2023 is sponsored by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), MTN Uganda and Makerere Research and Innovation Fund (Mak-RIF).



Seated L-R:  
Prof. Henry Alinaitwe, Mrs. Lorna Magara, Ms. Elsie Attafuah and Mr. Somdev Sen with other officials.

Mrs. Lorna Magara (C) signs the banner as Ms. Elsie Attafuah (R) and Mr. Somdev Sen (L) witness.





## Mak's HURIPEC Launches Report on Covid-19 Funds



*Rt. Hon. Thomas Tayebwa, Deputy Speaker of Parliament of Uganda (C) launching the report as Prof. Henry Alinaitwe (2nd R), Prof. Ronald Naluwairo (R), Dr. Zahara Nampewo (2nd L) and Dr. Busingye Kabumba (L) witness.*

**T**he Human Rights and Peace Centre (HURIPEC), School of Law (SoL), Makerere University launched its report analysing transparency and accountability concerns over the management and oversight of Covid19 funds in Uganda; the report is a result of a one-year research initiative by the centre. Rt. Hon. Thomas Tayebwa, Deputy Speaker of Parliament of Uganda was the Chief Guest at the event held on the 26th April, 2023 at Imperial Royale Hotel, Kampala-Uganda.

In his welcome remarks, Dr. Busingye Kabumba, Director – HURIPEC welcomed participants to the launch. He said, 'this is a special time for HURIPEC as we celebrate 30-years of existence'; he applauded the team headed by Dr. Zahara for the exciting report. Dr. Busingye noted that the report comes at a time where we are in the midst of another scandal i.e., the Iron Sheets for Karamoja which were diverted.

Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Deputy Principal-SoL who was the Principal Investigator (PI) of the research

presented highlights of the report. She explained that the academic-led research initiative was intended to enhance citizen engagement in promoting transparency and accountability in public expenditure. The initiative was also aimed at stimulating Parliament to oversee the use of public resources in times of crisis. She thanked Open Society, East Africa who funded the research.

Dr. Nampewo said, 'the report focuses on institutional oversight of both state and non-state actors in management of Covid19 funds focusing on the importance of transparency and accountability in managing public emergencies'.

Dr. Nampewo added that lessons from the Covid19 pandemic should be viewed as an opportunity to learn and adopt concrete measures for dealing with health and other related emergencies. Some recommendations from the report include:

In his remarks, Rt. Hon. Thomas Tayebwa commended HURIPEC and School of Law for the work that they do in protecting human rights of the people. Hon. Tayebwa who is an alumnus of SoL expressed his happiness to be back and excited to receive the recommendations



*Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Deputy Principal-SoL and main author of the report*

of the report. The Deputy Speaker applauded the groundbreaking work and noted that this particular report is important because it is a useful contribution when Parliament reviews the Auditor General's forensic audit of Covid19 expenditure.

Hon. Tayebwa further said, 'Parliament is ready to work with CSOs, researchers and academicians in understanding national issues better. This is because as observers they are in position to offer critical and objective analysis than executive or legislature who are implementors'. He noted that absence of transparency and accountability by government institutions affects Uganda's strategy to reach middle income status.

Professor Henry Alinaitwe, Deputy Vice Chancellor – Finance & Administration, Makerere University represented the Vice Chancellor; he thanked the Deputy Speaker for making the time to attend the launch. He thanked HURIPEC and SoL for the work that they do which keeps the Makerere University flag high and offer solutions to national development challenges.

Professor Ronald Naluwairo, Principal-SoL thanked the participants for honoring the invitation by HURIPEC, SoL to attend the launch.

A panel discussion of the report moderated by Professor Joe Oloka-Onyango with panelists Hon. Wandera-Ogalo and Hon. Dicksons Kateshumbwa was held to review the findings and recommendations of the report.



# Championing Gender Equality Seal in Public Institutions: VC Commissions Committee

**M**akerere University, a public-funded institution, has embarked on a journey to champion the implementation of the Gender Equality Seal in public institutions. The Gender Equality Seal is aimed at encouraging public institutions to analyse and mainstream gender into their policies, improve their approaches and their potential impact on women's lives, empowerment and gender equality.

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe commissioned the Gender Equality Seal Committee at Makerere University and called upon them to ensure a 50/50 per cent gender parity across the board.

"I congratulate the Committee upon its appointment. Over the years, Makerere University has embraced gender mainstreaming and equity initiatives. I am glad that Makerere University has been selected to champion the implementation of the Gender Equality Seal programme. Our goal should focus on attaining a 50/50 gender parity across the board. I urge the team to spearhead the certification process for Makerere University to earn the gold seal. I thank UNDP for accepting to partner with Makerere University in the implementation of the Gender



Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (Centre), Associate Professor Sarah N. Ssali, (on his left), Ms. Annet Mpabalungi Wakabi, the Team Leader, Governance and Peace at UNDP (on his right) after a meeting on 6th April 2023 that saw the commissioning the Mak Gender Equality Seal Committee. Extreme Left (seated) is Mr. Evarist Bainomugisha-University Bursar and extreme right is Ms. Angela Bageine from UNDP.

Equality Seal initiative," he said.

Prof. Nawangwe emphasized the need to recommend policies and laws that will inform the gender equality drive, implementation and practice. "I advise you to undertake a self-reflection of what Makerere University has done or achieved over the years and set your goals. I hope that the exercise will also make proposals for policies. For countries to make good progress, gender equality and parity issues ought to be prioritised in the law."

The Gender Equality Seal (GES) for public institutions is a methodological proposal and acknowledges the efforts of public institutions towards achieving substantive equality between women and men within the framework of the 2030 agenda for development and the Sustainable Development Goals. (SDGs). At Makerere University, the Gender Equality Seal initiative is anchored by the School of Women and Gender Studies.

In her address, Dr. Sarah Ssali reiterated the commitment of the university leadership towards gender issues at the institutional, structural and operations levels through the

establishment of the School of Women and Gender Studies, the Directorate of Gender Mainstreaming, the formulation of the Gender Equity Policy, the Policy and Regulations Against Sexual Harassment, among others. These measures are aimed at promoting gender equality, women empowerment and protection of men and women against all forms of abuse. In addition to these efforts, Dr. Ssali acknowledged the Vice Chancellor; who is renowned for championing the mainstreaming of gender into university processes, for appointing the Gender Equality Seal Committee to take on an oversight role that will drive the transformation of Makerere University with regard to gender parity.

Underscoring the need for institutional commitment, Ms. Annet Mpabalungi Wakabi, the Team Leader, Governance and Peace at UNDP commended Makerere University for its contribution to national development. She appreciated the leadership at Makerere University for choosing to set the pace in the gender equality seal implementation and processes.



# Over 300 quality publications

**CAES** continues to rank highly in teaching, research and innovations that align with the strategic direction of the University and address both the national and global development priorities. Over the past one year, faculty at CAES have produced cutting-edge research and innovations that have greatly uplifted the ranking and position of Makerere University. Last year alone, CAES faculty produced over 300 publications.

## Outstanding Societal transformative projects and innovations

### The KeBERA App

Organic Agriculture (OA) is a rapidly growing sector due to health concerns by consumers. Globally, Uganda is only second to India in terms of the number of organic producers (210,000 VS 1,366,000). Uganda was the first African country to develop a National Organic Agriculture policy-supporting environment in 2019. Despite an annual global organic market worth USD 100 billion, annual organic exports from Uganda only account for USD 50 million. Agricultural products from Uganda are usually rejected in international markets due to standard challenges. 45% of organic products in Uganda are reportedly contaminated and this poses a danger to health. To minimize the challenge, researchers led by Prof. Fred Kabi from the Department of Agricultural Production developed a Mobile App that detects pesticides and aflatoxins in organic foods. The KeBERA Organic App was designed by a group of researchers from CAES, the College of Computing and Information Sciences (CoCIS) and the College of Engineering, Design, Art and Technology (CEDAT). The App



*Dr. Setumba Mukasa (2nd R) briefs the Commissioner in charge of Crop Inspection and Certification at the MAAIF, Mr Paul Mwambu (L) on some of the products developed*

has been validated against globally recognised tools and proved suitable for field use and complies with the Food Safety Standards set by the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO). Research and development of the App was supported by the CAES Innovation Scholars Programme (CAESISP) and the Michigan State University's Global Centre for Food Systems Innovation (GCFSI).

### Launch of edible insect products and standards

Researchers led by Dr. Dorothy Nakimbugwe from the Department of Food Technology and Nutrition in collaboration with the Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS) in 2022 launched edible insect products and standards. The products include shelf-stable, safe and well packaged grasshoppers, cricket enriched flours, snacks, and cookies enriched with crickets. By formally setting standards through this initiative, farmers and entrepreneurs dealing in grasshopper and cricket enriched enterprise are likely to accrue maximum economic benefits while the market will have safe and standardized products. The initiative

was supported by SIDA under the BioInnovate Africa Programme Phase II.

### MaRCCI Elevated to an African Host Centre for PhD Training in Plant Breeding and Biotechnology

The Makerere University Regional Centre of Excellence for Crop Improvement (MaRCCI) was identified as a premium centre to train quality PhDs in Plant Breeding and Biotechnology, and is now known as an "African Host Centre" (AHU/C). As an AHU/C, MaRCCI is charged with training quality PhD students from across Africa to address the human resource gap of highly qualified specialists in the fields of Plant Breeding and Biotechnology. As an AHU/C, MaRCCI will be supported by the Partnership for skills in Applied Sciences, Engineering and Technology – Regional Scholarship Innovation and Fund (PASET – RSIF) to undertake this training in five Priority Thematic Areas of Food security and Agribusiness.



# Mak Hub Set to Commercialize Innovations



**T**he Makerere University Innovations Hub which was recently established with funding from United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is set to start driving commercialization of innovations and enterprises resulting from the research undertaken by scholars at Makerere University.

Speaking during a press briefing on March 23, 2023, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, said the hub would go a long way in contributing to the strategic plan of the university of being a research led institution. Prof. Nawangwe appreciated UNDP for the financial support to the hub. UNDP is to finance the setting up of a state-of-art Innovation Pod with 10 design Labs.

The design labs, according to the Director of the hub, Dr. Cathy Mbidde, will be open to all innovators (staff and students) at no cost. "The innovators will be able to use the equipment to do more research, product development and product design," she said.

Dr. Mbidde disclosed that the expert team had vetted applications and selected 40 innovations, which the centre will embark on for commercialization. "UGX 2.7 billion has been allocated to commercialization of innovative



projects. 40 projects are going through the process of Intellectual Property Management, a precursor to commercialization," Dr. Mbidde said.

Dr. Mbidde flanked by Dr. Peter Turyakira, Head of the Department of Marketing and Management at Makerere University explained that based on the national, continental and global audiences they intend to impact, the 40 projects set to be commercialized under the Makerere University Innovations Hub will undergo Intellectual Property procedures with the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB), the African Regional Intellectual Property Organisation (ARIPO) and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).

The Vice Chancellor applauded UNDP for the support, saying Makerere University has a huge potential for research and innovation which has remained in the University due to lack of support mechanisms.

Makerere University innovation hub is also engaged in mentoring

future women graduates in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in Africa with support from the Royal Academy of Engineering, Creating a platform for Innovative Young Persons with Disabilities in Uganda with support from Royal Academy of Engineering.

Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (2nd R) together with R-L: Prof. Umar Kakumba, Dr. Cathy Mbidde, Prof. Buyinza Mukadasi and Mrs. Winifred Kabumbuli addresses the media.

The Hub/Centre is also providing advisory services, incubation linkages internal and external stakeholders and space to students and staff. The Vice Chancellor disclosed that the training opportunities to students and community are through a) Dream Achiever programme in partnership with Impact Media Consortium, b) Ignite Programme with StartHub Africa, and c) Social Equity Programme with Junior Achievement Uganda.

Prof. Nawangwe said after research in electric vehicles and the successful manufacture of electric buses, which are plying the Entebbe-Kampala express highway, the university was eager to commercialize more innovations and contribute to the industrialisation of the country and NDP III.

The Director of the hub/centre said they have built International collaborations with the University of York to support commercialization, capacity building and programme rollout as well as the University of Cambridge focusing on Enterprise development programmes for Africa.

Makerere University Innovation Hub was established in August 2022, under the Vice Chancellor's Office as a platform to provide support mechanisms for commercialization of innovations towards sustainable industrialization.

The primary beneficiaries are students and staff, while the secondary beneficiaries are government, private sector, community, development partners and civil society.

The Director, Makerere University Innovations Hub, Dr. Cathy Mbidde addresses the media during the press conference on 23rd March 2023.



## AirQo Project Launches CLEAN-Air Africa Network



The AirQo Project, in collaboration with various partners launched the CLEAN-Air Africa Network on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The launch was graced by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Barnabas Nawangwe, The Lord Mayor of Kampala City, His Worship Erias Lukwago, Acting Public Affairs Officer at the U.S. Embassy Kampala, Amy Petersen, the AirQo Project Lead, Prof. Engineer Bainomugisha, among others. The launch followed a three-day peer learning and knowledge exchange workshop in Kampala Uganda that brought together communities of practice from over fifteen cities in Africa, with a focus on utilising low-cost sensors for air quality management. 100 devices have already been installed in many Ugandan municipalities and in at least 25 cities in 10 African countries.

## Smart Classroom and Robotics

In 2022, the University through the College of Computing and



Information Sciences launched the First Smart Classroom and Robotics Technology for teaching in Uganda worth over \$100,000 funded by the Chinese taxpayer and education technology companies under the auspices of UNESCO. The facility is for recording, broadcasting, and automation of the classroom environment. The Robot undertakes Artificial intelligence functionalities such as speech recognition, identification, photo taking and management of attendance.

## Mak QuickTest App



The Mak QuickTest App won the Huawei Continental ICT Competitions 2021-2022 held in South Africa. A team of students led by Rutanana Arnold designed the App for diagnosis of HIV/AIDs and Malaria on a smart phone where data is directly uploaded onto the Ministry of Health servers for monitoring and support in terms of sensitization and medication. Uganda is one the countries spending billions buying HIV and malaria testing kits hence, the technology aims at reducing the burden on the budget on such expenses, patient transport and

stigmatization because the patient can do it anywhere without being afraid of the doctor or other people knowing their HIV status.

## Smart Bee Monitor



The solar powered sensor technology was introduced by Dr. Julianne Sansa Otim for monitoring and management of bees. The 'smart bee monitor' was designed in the college lab and deployed in the field in December 2022. It enables a farmer to monitor the behavior and health of their bees from the comfort of their home. It uses the internet of things (IoT) technology to monitor the temperature, weight, carbon dioxide, and humidity of the beehive. By delivering the bee sounds, images, and videos, the system can give the farmer notification of pest invasion, disease infestation, disruptions caused by pollution, hive strength, and opportune time to harvest the honey.

## AI-based Mobile Tools

Dr. Joyce Nabende is leading the Artificial Intelligence Lab (AI). She has developed AI-based mobile tools to monitor diseases that affect agricultural production in Uganda. AI is one of the fields that excite students. A number of technologies that directly answer to both local and international demands have been developed including the Tool for fraud detection in mobile money transactions, Device for the blind to move without human aid, AI app to identify and deter birds from cereal farms and the Boldungu Mobile App for primary children to improve performance in Mathematics.





The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (Centre Mak tie) with the Chairman Hon. Col. (Rtd.) Amanywa Mushaga (To his Left) and members of Education Policy Review Commission before their meeting with staff of Makerere University.

## Contribution to Education Policy Review Commission

CEES faculty have continued to greatly contribute to the development of Uganda's education by participating in various sector reviews. The major objective of the current Education Policy Review Commission is to investigate several issues in the Education and Sports Sector; generate recommendations and draft a White Paper (Macro Policy) framework for Education and Sports services. The output of the Commission is envisaged to be a new Government White paper on Education and Sports, which will reposition the country's Education and Sports system to meet the needs and challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

## University-wide Extension of Online Learning

In line with the university strategic plan, CEES has embarked on a university-wide extension of online learning. With a grant from the MasterCard Foundation, every college will have an e-learning laboratory. Training across the university is conducted by the Institute of Open Distance and e-learning (IoDEL). Online education allows students to enjoy a more flexible schedule, reduces the cost of degree programmes, and enhances career development alongside furthering one's education.

## Entrepreneurship Skilling for Kampala Ghetto Youth

CEES has embarked on an entrepreneurship skilling program among the ghetto youth in the divisions of Kampala, funded by the Government of Uganda, through the Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund (MakRIF). The program will not only create employment, but also reduce crime in and around the city. These skillsets will contribute to the successful implementation of the Government of Uganda's Parish Development Model (PDM) and SDG 8 "Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all".

# The Master of Science in Land Management Launched at CEDAT.

**The Master of Science in Land Management programme offered by the Department of Geomatics and Land Management at the College of Engineering, Design, Art and Technology (CEDAT) was launched on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022.**

The Minister for Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Hon. Judith Nabakooba, presided over the event during which ten of the fifty pioneer students of the two-year program that started in the academic year 2022/2023 received scholarships from the World Bank.

Hon. Nabakooba extended her Ministry's appreciation to Makerere University and CEDAT in particular for developing a graduate program needed to leverage land management which is vital in the development of the country. She said the program will help the ministry train the necessary staff required to help address the varied challenges faced in the land sector that include increased land conflicts and disputes across the country, lack of protection of the land rights for women, the elderly and the marginalized groups,



The Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development-Hon. Judith Nabakooba (Left), hands over the World Bank scholarships for 10 Masters Students

encroachment on the fragile ecosystem in search for fertile soils for cultivation, fraud in land transactions, as well as land fragmentation due to increased population among others.

Hon. Nabakooba further extended her Ministry's appreciation to the World Bank for the scholarships awarded. She encouraged beneficiaries of the scholarships to work hard and

complete the program within the scheduled time. She further pledged her Ministry's commitment to work with the University especially the Department of Geomatics and Land Management to address land-related challenges facing the country.

Land management is a pillar in as far as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are concerned (especially Goal 2 on ending hunger, Goal 5 on gender equity, Goal 11 on sustainable cities, Goal 15 on life on land, and Goal 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions). These can never be achieved without having good land governance and well-functioning country-wide land administration systems in place.

The DVC FA who is also the Principal of CEDAT, Prof. Henry Alinaitwe on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe revealed that the Department of Geomatics and Land Management was started by Government in 1990, following a recognition of the fact that Land was a vital asset necessary for national development.





# Innovations in Health training, research and health care



The Principal CHS-Prof. Damalie Nakanjako (C) and Dep. Principal-Prof. Isaac Kajja (R) with Prof. Christopher Whalen (4th R) and college leadership after Day 1 of the Mak 73rd Graduation.

**C**HS is a leader of health-related research in sub-Saharan Africa and continues to impact health outcomes nationally and globally. As a research-led college that promotes graduate training and research, CHS launched a state-of-the-art PhD lounge to provide dedicated space conducive for graduate students and early career scientists to read, write, innovate and conduct blended seminars and webinars with scientists in different part of the country, region and globally.

As a leading college in translational research, CHS has developed research laboratories to perform specialized immunology and genomics research and acquired the latest flow cytometry and sequencing equipment; and currently hosts the Human Heredity and Health in Africa (H3Africa) biorepository, which facilitates fundamental research into diseases on the African continent – led by African scientists, for the African people. This year the college graduated the first cohort of 21 bioinformaticians (MSc Bioinformatics) and has a growing program in bioinformatics and data

science.

## East Africa hub for capacity building for Vaccine Research

CHS also hosts the East Africa hub for capacity building for Vaccine research under the Africa Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) and is a member of the ARUA center of excellence for Non-Communicable Diseases. Together with the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm Sweden, CHS hosts a virtual Center of Excellence for Sustainable Health, which aims to develop capacity and actions to drive the agenda towards sustainable health.

## Community-based Education, Research and Service (COBERS)

Through the COBERS program, all the students spend time in different communities throughout the country to experience health care, research and service. Clinical graduate students also have opportunities to serve the community through several surgical camps that are co-hosted with international specialists to promote advanced surgical skills and technology transfer to Uganda. Some of the country's best specialist interventional

cardiologists, nephrologists, gastroenterologists, neuroscientists, infectious disease specialists, to mention, but a few, are CHS faculty.

## Research Dissemination

Faculty and students at CHS have various opportunities to disseminate their research findings and impact health care nationally and globally. CHS hosted the 16<sup>th</sup> Joint Annual Scientific conference, co-hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> National Antimicrobial resistance symposium and the 3<sup>rd</sup> International conference on Mining and occupational Health (MinOSH). Furthermore, CHS together with the Infectious Diseases Institute (IDI) hosted the 11<sup>th</sup> International meeting on Cryptococcus, a leading cause of death among HIV/AIDS patients. These results have influenced policy and practice globally including World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines and FDA approval of point-of-care diagnostics and treatments.

The College of Health Sciences continues to provide an environment that develops life-long learners and transformational leaders in science and innovation to meet our community's health needs in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.



## Mak Introduces Mindset Education Course

Makerere University through the School of Psychology has introduced Mind Education as a cross cutting course in the university curriculum. Mind Education aims at teaching young people skills on how to respond to the challenges in their everyday lives and to turn challenges into opportunities, building strong minds. Most underdeveloped countries are facing challenges such as political instability, corruption, poor economic performance, soaring debts, climate vulnerability, etc. all of which are consequences of the inappropriate mindset of the citizens. In order to establish a change in people's attitudes, perceptions, or beliefs, Mind Education has been identified as the remedy to this problem. Mindset is a set of attitudes or self-perceptions or beliefs people hold about themselves and their abilities. As such, it determines how individuals or groups behave and how they respond to challenging situations.

## Three staff recognized nationally and internationally:

### Grace Bantebya Kyomuhendo



A Professor of Women and Gender Studies, advocate for gender equality, social transformation and respect for women's rights was appointed President of the National Academy of Sciences (UNAS). UNAS was created to provide credible, balanced, and evidence-driven advice to the

nation on matters of science and development.

### Susan Nalugwa Kiguli



An Associate Professor of Literature, was in August 2022 appointed as the international consultant/ Judge for the Nigeria Prize for Literature 2022 Edition of Africa's most prestigious prize for literature. Kiguli will be identifying poetic talents in Nigeria.

### Rev. Sister Professor Dominica Dipio



A Professor of Literature and Film received the SIGNIS-Africa Award of Excellence for Contributing to the Communication Apostolate in Africa during the premiere SIGNIS-Africa delegates Conference held in Kigali, Rwanda in July 2022. SIGNIS-Africa recognized, for the first time, individuals and organizations – Africans and non-Africans – who have, over the years, contributed to the vision and mission of SIGNIS-Africa, which is to enhance human communication and to provide a forum for people to speak out.

## Celebration of the lives and works of four (4) former and living alumni

Recognition of employees and alumni is one of the best investments you can make in creating value for an individual, and for the organization.



- i. The living 90-year old former prominent music lecturer, conductor, dancer and professional performer in the recent history of Arts Education in East Africa Zadok Adolu-Otojoka was honored in March 2022. Adolu served as Head of Department of Music, Dance and Drama (now Performing Arts and Film) in the mid-to-late 1990s and was particularly famous for his charismatic conducting of the university anthem and the mesmerizing leadership of the academic procession during Makerere graduation ceremonies.
- ii. Novelist and Poet, Professor Timothy Wangusa (**Pictured above**)'s legacy was celebrated by Makerere University. His literary works were hailed for nurturing many literature giants and branding Makerere University as a top breeder of academic excellence.
- iii. The Distinguished Professor of English and Comparative Literature Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o was honored. Ngũgĩ's body of work represents the highest level of achievement in fiction, non-fiction, poetry and/or drama. His more than three dozen books, plays, poetry and essays have been translated into more than 30 languages.
- iv. In December 2022, the university paid glowing tribute to iconic African writer Prof. David Rubadiri in appreciation of the professional and personal relationship that he has cultivated in the course of both his outstanding career as a poet, as well as his intermittent teaching in the department of Literature.



## Development of the Kesha Anti-Fungal and Anti-bacterial gel

Students from the Department of Biochemistry and Sports Science led by Mally Anthony, currently in his third year developed Kesha Anti-fungal and Anti-bacterial gel to help fight infections in women. The gel, certified by the Uganda National Bureau of Standards, is now on sale at various supermarkets and pharmacies within Kampala as well as at the College of Natural Sciences, Makerere University.

## Providing solutions to the National historical problem of poor performance in Biology at Uganda Advanced Certificate Examination (UACE)



Makerere University through its School of Biosciences recently analysed the academic performance in Biology at UACE for nearly half a century. Results indicated that performance has never been satisfactory since the late 1970s, and recently, deteriorated even further to worrying levels. For example, in the UACE sitting of 2018 whose results were released in February 2019, UNEB statistics show that only One (1) of 13,061 candidates that sat

for Biology countrywide scored an "A". The same year, only up to 38% of the candidates scored at least an "E" implying that the rest scored either "O" or "F". In the 2019 sitting, only 44 candidates countrywide scored "A" in Biology. This dire trend has not improved post COVID-19. Biology accounts for 70-100% of academic and research work in CoNAS, as well as the Colleges of Health Sciences (CHS), Veterinary Medicine, Animal Resources and Biosecurity (CoVAB) and Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES). This implies that continued poor performance at of Biology at UACE affects the totality of life-sciences' academic and research ecosystem at Makerere University, and numerous other essential sectors and MDAs of the Uganda government whose mandates are hinged on Biology. Makerere University through the School of Biosciences in partnership with the College of Education and External Studies (CEES) under the supervision of the office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs) has commissioned a study to identify the root causes of this poor performance with the overall objective of addressing this grand challenge.

## Establishment of a Petroleum Field Research Station in the Albertine Graben



As Uganda moves to the next stages of petroleum development, there is need for highly skilled workforce

at various stages of exploration, development, production, transportation and refining. However, the progression of teaching and research in these fields has been largely hampered by serious shortage of sector specific physical infrastructure especially laboratories. With support from the Government of Uganda through the Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund (Mak-RIF), CoNAS established a Petroleum Field Research Station in the Albertine Graben to support practical training in petroleum studies. The training facility is located at the Makerere University Biological Field Station (MUBFS) in Kibaale.

## Boosting maternal and child health using small pelagic fishes



Through the NutriFish Project, researchers at the Department of Zoology, Entomology, and Fisheries Sciences utilized small fishes to produce five (5) high-value nutritious fish-enriched products (baby food, sauce, maize meal, snacks, and seasoning), specially targeting mothers and their young children, who are particularly vulnerable to micronutrient deficiencies. The products are offering a more diverse and more sustainable diet. A recipe book was also developed to improve mukene consumption and endorsed by the Minister of State for Fisheries. The project was supported by the International Research Development Centre (IDRC) and the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR).

## Mak Receives Dairy Development Farm Facility

**Makerere University through the College of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Resources and Biosecurity (CoVAB) received a Dairy Development facility from the Korea Rural Community Corporation (KRC).**



Left: Dairy cattle feed while Right: Bales of Hay are stored in the IMO cattle shed at Nakyesasa



The facility is aimed at improving productivity of Dairy Farmers by Supporting Dairy Technology and Infrastructure in Uganda. It was hitherto implemented under the Korea Uganda Dairy Project (KUDaP). The other outputs of the project include establishing a model farm to train students, dairy farmers, extension workers and Artificial Insemination Technicians; establishing an elite dairy herd in Makerere University; and promoting improved dairy production practices in Uganda.

The hand over event held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at Nakyesasa Incubation Centre was witnessed by members of the University Council and Management, the leadership and staff of CoVAB and the Korea Uganda Dairy Project (KUDaP), MAAIF, Dairy Development Authority, the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Jeonbuk National University (JNBU), Korea, Uganda Veterinary Association (UVA) President, Dr. Daniel Kasibule among others.

The Chairperson Appointments Board, Counsel Innocent Kihika, who represented both the Deputy Speaker, Rt. Hon. Thomas Tayebwa and the Chairperson, Makerere University Council, Mrs. Lorna Magara was chief guest.

The Principal CoVAB, Prof.

Frank Norbert Mwiine formally received the facility from the Vice President KRC, Hon. KIM Byung-Soo, witnessed by the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Uganda, H.E. PARK Sung-Soo, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, and the Commissioner for Animal Health in MAAIF, Dr. Anna Rose Ademun Okurut.

Counsel Innocent Kihika congratulated Makerere University and CoVAB in particular upon successfully commissioning the Dairy Development Project during the commemoration of 100 and 50 years of existence respectively.

He said the commissioning of the facility at Nakyesasa positions the university for robust research and technology transfer in the dairy sub-sector as part of the institution's

continued contribution to national development.

KUDaP came into force following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA) Korea on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018. The project that commenced in February 2019 is implemented by COVAB's School of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Resources and the National Animal Genetic Resource and Data Bank (NAGRC&DB) in collaboration with JNBU.

The Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Resources Prof. Robert Tweyongyere is the Principal Investigator.

KUDaP Dairy Development Farm Facility Launch on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022







Graduands from the School of Law pose for a group photo ahead of the 73rd Graduation Ceremony.

# New Specialized Masters Programmes

In addition to the traditional degree programmes i.e., the Bachelor of Laws (LL.B), Master of Laws (LL.M) and Doctor of Laws (LL.D); the School of Law has developed two new specialized demand-driven Master of Laws degree Programmes. These are the Master of Laws in Human Rights Law and Practice and Master of Laws in Corporate and Commercial Law. These two Programmes are at the tail end of the approval process. Developing new demand-driven graduate programmes is important more especially now when Makerere is shifting focus to graduate training and becoming a research-led institution of higher learning. Moot Competitions

Makerere University takes pride in providing different opportunities for our learners. One of the areas that our School of Law participates in is Moot Competitions at national, regional and international levels. The School of Law excelled at various moot competitions in 2022; The

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Makerere University School of Law (SoL) team (Ms. Kevin Nakimbugwe and Mr. Edwin Sabiti) are reigning champions of the All Africa Human Rights Moot Competition held in July 2022 in Cairo, Egypt. The competition attracted a total of 50 Law Schools, 38 of these were from English speaking countries in Africa. SoL students also excelled at the Inaugural Arbitration Moot competition held in Nairobi, Kenya, November 2022; organised by Chartered Institute of Arbitrators – Kenya Chapter. Our students also won the Inaugural Tech Law Moot Court Competition held in October 2022 at Cavendish University, Kampala-Uganda. The Moot featured discussion of issues pertaining to Technology and the Law. We also won the Constitutional Law Moot organised by the Centre for Health, Human Rights and Development (CEHURD) held in November, 2022.

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