



CONCEPT NOTE

EPRC@30 OPEN-DAY

February 15-16, 2024

INTRODUCTION

In 1993, the Economic Policy Research Centre (EPRC) opened its doors with a mission to generate policy-oriented research and analysis to guide decision-making on socio-economic development in Uganda. This year, the EPRC takes immense pride and excitement in announcing its milestone celebrations, as it marks 30 years of relentless pursuit of knowledge and impactful policy research and analysis. This milestone offers a unique opportunity to reflect on EPRC's journey, acknowledge its influential contributions and contributors, and envision a future of continued excellence in evidence-based socio-economic research and policy analysis in Uganda and beyond.

EPRC will convene several celebratory activities to mark this milestone, including *an Open Day, a Medical Camp, an Essay competition for the Undergraduate students, a Public Lecture, Donor and Partner Round Table, a Regional Symposium, and a Celebration Dinner* that honours our past accomplishments but also provides a platform for visionary conversations, knowledge dissemination, and forging new collaborations and partnerships.

To strengthen the relationship between Makerere University and EPRC as well as give back to the university community, EPRC will organize an open day scheduled for **Thursday, February 15th & Friday, February 16th 2024**. The planned activities for the open day include a career guidance session, a medical camp and a talk on *How Think-Tanks and academia can work collaboratively to influence evidence-based public policy*.

We envisage speeches from Makerere University Vice Chancellor and the Executive Director, EPRC followed by a Q & A sessions of the University community participants on the theme.

2. Objectives of the Open Day

- 1) Raise awareness of the work undertaken by EPRC among the Makerere University community.
- 2) Identify ways through which Think-Tanks and other research institutions like EPRC can work with Universities to influence public policy debates by promoting more objective, evidence-based decisionmaking.
- 3) Give back to the university community by running a two-day medical camp.

3. Career Guidance

The career guidance sessions for the students will be a joint effort between Makerere University's Career Development Centre (CDC) and EPRC. It will focus on how to identify and tap job opportunities within the public and private sector, among others.

4. The Medical Camp

The health of many students, like that of their neighbouring communities, is a matter of great public concern. The Makerere University community faces challenges like drug abuse and other health-related challenges, among these; mental health retardation, genitourinary and nutrition diseases. Malaria, HIV/AIDS, Diabetes, Hypertension and Cancer are drastically on the rise, and many other easily preventable diseases have continued to afflict the Makerere University community.

In collaboration with Makerere University Hospital, the Makerere College of Health Sciences Student Association (MAKCHSSA), and Makerere University Guild Health Minister, EPRC proposes to organize a medical camp from 15th -16th February 2024. The Camp will be used as a platform to educate the Makerere University community about the above health issues and provide essential services to the students, staff, and public around Makerere University. Services will include general medical consultations, vital sign measurements, dental check-ups, eye screenings, cancer screening, Hepatitis B screening and vaccination, sickle cell screening, HIV testing, male safe circumcision, speech and language services, and many others, plus health education sessions, especially on drug abuse.

5. Target Audience for the Open Day

The targeted participants for the open day are Principals of Colleges, Deans of the various Schools, lecturers, non-academic staff, affiliated Makerere institutions, and other organisations that operate within Makerere University, and University students as listed:

- Colleges of Makerere
 - College of Business and Management Sciences (CoBAMS)
 - College of Humanities and Social Sciences
 - College of Computing and Information Sciences
 - Makerere College of Health Sciences
 - College of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Resources and Biosecurity (COVAB)
 - College of Natural Resource Sciences
 - College of Engineering Design Art and Technology (CEDAT)
 - College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
 - College of Education and External Studies
 - Makerere University School of Law.
- Affiliated Makerere Institution
 - Makerere University Hospital
 - Research Innovation Fund (RIF)
 - Institute of Open and Distance E-learning
 - Makerere University Business School (MUBS)
 - Makerere Institute of Social Research (MISR)
 - The Julius Nyerere Leadership Institute
 - Infectious Diseases Institute (IDI)

- The Africhild Centre
- Centre for Language and Communication Services
- Centre for Population and Applied Statistics
- Centre for Tobacco Control in Africa
- The Center for Rapid Evidence Synthesis (ACRES)
- Confucius Institute of Makerere University
- RUFORUM
- Makerere Rotary Peace Center
- African Union of Conservationists
- Makerere Innovation and Incubation Centre.
- Makerere University Centre for Climate Change Research and Innovation
- The Human Rights and Peace Center (HURIPEC)
- Refugee Law Project
- Public Interest Law Clinic
- Child Health and Development Centre
- Makerere University Lung Institute
- Technology consults limited
- Makerere University Retirement Benefits Scheme
- St Francis chapel
- St Augustine chapel
- Makerere University Mosque
- Enterprises within Makerere
 - DFCU Bank Makerere Branch
 - Centenary Bank Makerere Branch
 - Stanbic Bank Makerere Branch
 - Post Bank Makerere Branch
 - UBA Bank Makerere Branch
 - GT Bank Makerere Branch
 - Makerere University Kindergarten (Lugard Early Learning Center)
- Students

Tentative Program for EPRC@30 Open Day Event

Date: February 15 – 16 2024		
Venue: Makerere University CTF 2 (Yusufu Lule) and EPRC Premises		
Time	Activity	Responsible
Day One - February 15, 2024		
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Arrival & Registration	EPRC
9:00 am – 9:20 am	Overview of EPRC 30-year Journey	Sarah N. Ssewanyana, PhD Executive Director EPRC
9:20 am – 9:40 am	Keynote Address: <i>How Think-Tanks and academia can work collaboratively to influence evidence-based public policy.</i>	Vice Chancellor Makerere University
9:40 am – 10:30 am	Moderation of the Q&A	Ibrahim Kasirye, PhD Director Research EPRC
10:30 am – 11:15 am	Break Tea & refreshments	EPRC
11:15 am – 1:00 pm	Career Guidance Presentations	Henry Nsubuga Makerere University's Counselling and Guidance Centre (CGC) Madina M. Guloba, PhD, Senior Research Fellow, EPRC Elizabeth Birabwa Aliro Programmes Manager EPRC
1.00 pm – 4:00 pm	Interactive session	CGC and EPRC
9:00 am-4:00 pm	Medical Camp	Director Makerere University Hospital
Day Two - February 16, 2024		
9:00 am - 3:50 pm	Medical Camp	Makerere University Hospital
3:50 pm - 4:00 pm	Closure of Medical Camp	Ibrahim Kasirye, PhD Director Research