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Professor Ezra Suruma, Former Chancellor, Makerere University. Photo by: Elias Tuhereze.

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## Vice Chancellor's Message

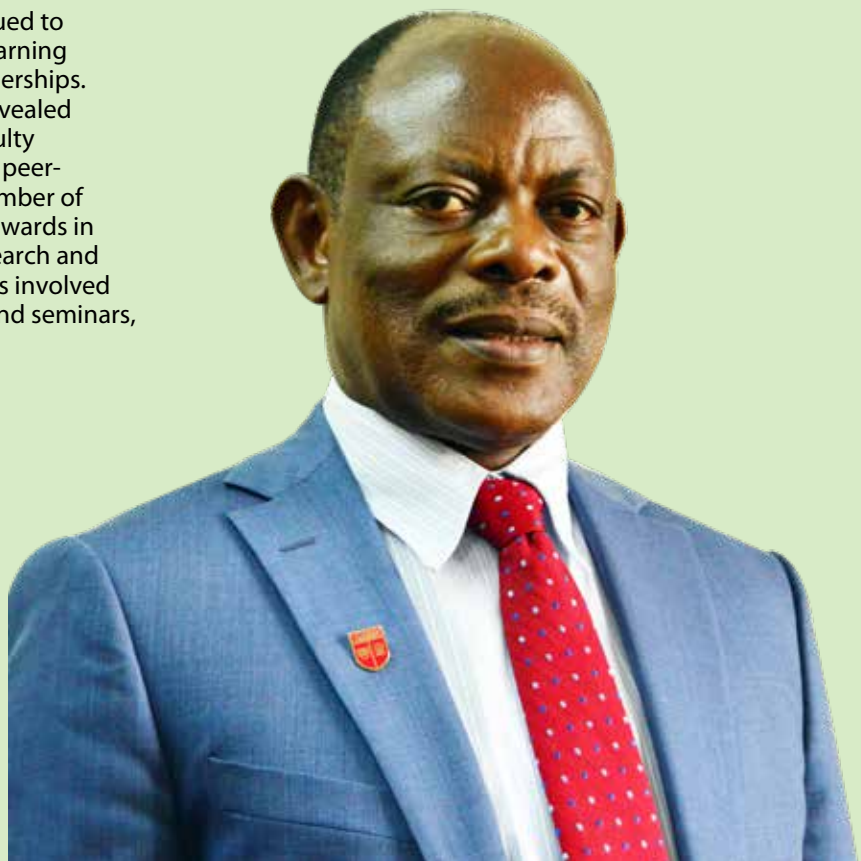
# Our Pursuit of Research-led status firmly anchored

**M**akerere University has continued to excel in research, teaching, learning and knowledge transfer partnerships. A survey conducted by our experts revealed that between 2017 and 2021, our faculty published more than 7,000 articles in peer-reviewed journals. Furthermore, a number of staff and students have won several awards in recognition of their excellence in research and teaching. I salute all staff and students involved in organizing scientific conferences and seminars, as well as exhibitions.

Our main goal for the next few years remains to transform Makerere University into a research-led University. Makerere must indeed respond to the changing paradigm of a modern university that is expected to not only create new knowledge through research, but to also put the findings to uses that benefit humanity in the form of goods and services.

To promote this strategy, we have put in place the Intellectual Property Management Office, the Makerere University Innovation Hub, and the Writing Centre, which is a joint venture between Makerere University and Michigan State University. Together with the Grants Administration and Management Support Unit (GAMSU), these initiatives are expected to propel Makerere to a modern global research and entrepreneurial university.

I commend the Government of Uganda led by H.E. President Yoweri K. Museveni for prioritizing research through the Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund. We have registered several patents, copyrights, and trademarks. Our international reputation and global linkages are at unprecedented levels.



Makerere University was ranked quite highly by the Times Higher Education in the inaugural sub-Saharan impact ranking. We are indeed on the right track.

I congratulate our students from the College of Computing and Information Sciences who have continued to win the Huawei Global competition in IT as well as students from the School of Law for winning global moot competitions year after year. I applaud Associate Prof. Susan Kiguli from the Department of Literature for being the first African to win the Lifetime Achievement award of the International Civil Poetry Festival, and Prof. Rhoda

Wanyenze, Dean of the School of Public Health on being appointed a Member of the WHO Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Advisory Group and Alternate Board Member of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, representing Research and Technical Health Institutes.

I thank the Government, Parliament and our development partners for supporting all programmes aimed at making Makerere a more research-led University.

Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe  
**VICE CHANCELLOR**

# The Vice-Chancellor's Research Excellence Awards, 2023

(Based on number of publications between 2017 and 2023 according to Scopus)

## Category A: Best Overall Researcher (Female and Male)

No.	Name	College	School	Number Of Publications
1	Prof. Moses Robert Kamya	Health Sciences	Medicine	271
2	Prof. Rhoda Wanyenze	Health Sciences	Public Health	153

## Category B: Best 3 Researchers with at least 5 Publications (2017-2023) Per College

No.	Name	Gender	School	Number Of Publications
<b>COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES</b>				
1	Nakimbugwe Ndaula Dorothy	F	Food Technology and Nutrition	54
2	Egeru Anthony	M	Agricultural Sciences	41
3	Muyonga Herbert John	M	Food Technology and Nutrition	31
4	Kaaya Natigo Archileo	M	Food Technology and Nutrition	27
5	Mukisa Muzira Ivan	M	Food Technology and Nutrition	27
<b>COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES</b>				
1	Matovu Wasswa Joseph	M	Economics	69
2	Kisaakye Peter	M	Statistics and Planning	24
3	Kwagala Betty	F	Statistics and Planning	22
4	Wandera Ojiambo Stephen	M	Statistics and Planning	17
5	Kabagenyi Allen	F	Statistics and Planning	11
5	Wasswa Francis	M	Economics	11
<b>COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATION SCIENCES</b>				
1	Bainomugisha Engineer	M	Computing	30
2	Nabukanya Josephine	F	Computing and IT	17
3	Nabende Peter	M	Computing and IT	13
4	Baguma Rehema	F	Computing and IT	12
4	Odongo Eyobu Steven	M	Computing and IT	12
<b>COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND EXTERNAL STUDIES</b>				
1	Ssekatawa Kenneth	M	Education	12
2	Muyinda Birevu Paul	M	IODeL	11
3	Ssempebwa Jude	M	EASHEP	10
4	Bateganya Lukoyaa Najib	M	Education	9
4	Nambi Rebecca	F	Education	9
<b>COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, DESIGN, ART AND TECHNOLOGY</b>				
1	Lubwama Michael	M	Engineering	40
2	Olupot Wilberforce Peter	M	Engineering	37
3	Niwagaba Buregeya Charles	M	Engineering	28
4	Kulabako Nakawunde Robinah	F	Engineering	21
5	Serugunda Jonathan	M	Engineering	21
<b>COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES</b>				
1	Kamya Robert Moses	M	Medicine	271
2	Sewankambo Nelson	M	Medicine	154
3	Wanyenze Rhoda K	F	Public Health	153
4	Meya David	M	Medicine	143
5	Joloba Lutaakome Moses	M	Biomedical Sciences	130
<b>COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES</b>				
1	Walakira Eddy	M	Social Sciences	27
2	Neema Stella	F	Social Sciences	22
3	Baluku Martin	M	Psychology	19
4	Kizito Simon	M	Psychology	17
5	Mabingo Alfdaniels	M	Performing Arts	16
5	Twikirize Mwende Janestic	F	Social Sciences	16
<b>COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES</b>				
1	Masembe Charles	M	Biological Sciences	45
2	Anywar Godwin	M	Biological Sciences	40
3	Mango Magero John	M	Physical Sciences	24
3	Byamukama Robert	M	Physical Sciences	24
4	Kakuba Godwin	M	Physical Sciences	18
4	Ssebugere Patrick	M	Physical Sciences	18
<b>COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE, ANIMAL RESOURCES AND BIOSECURITY</b>				
1	Matovu Enock	M	Biosecurity	48
2	Wampande Mujjwiga Eddie	M	Biosecurity	37
3	Byarugaba Karuhize Denis	M	Biosecurity	36
4	Kato Drago Charles	M	Biosecurity	33
5	Mwiine Norbert Frank	M	Veterinary Medicine	30
<b>SCHOOL OF LAW</b>				
1	Nampewo Zahara	F	Human Rights	5
<b>UNIVERSITY LIBRARY</b>				
1	Kinengyere Annet Alison	F	Library	27

# Prof. Suruma

## on 50 years at Mak, 8 years as Chancellor

**P**rof. Ezra Suruma who first joined Makerere University as a Lecturer in 1973 recently completed two four-year terms as Chancellor (2016-2023). He spoke to Mak News Magazine about his tenure.

**Congratulations upon successfully completing your two terms as Chancellor. What would you say has been your most memorable experience?**

Thank you. I'd say the graduation ceremonies of course. That is where I take charge as Chancellor. It is one of my main functions, the other main function is appointment of Vice Chancellors, Deputy Vice Chancellors and Principals. As Chancellor, I'm a titular head; it's like the title of a book, so I am most visible during the graduation, which is a celebratory occasion, people are happy because they have completed their work and as I usually say in my speeches, when they finish their course they bring glory to themselves, their families and to God. And it is good to be on that occasion because people are enjoying and celebrating the glory of completing their task or their purpose.

But also the fact that we had a very peaceful period. During my time, I don't remember having any strike or anything. The University has been very peaceful and I am very happy about that. That is important.

**Kindly share with us what you set out to achieve when you took office as Chancellor.**

That's a good question. I did not apply for the job. So when I was appointed, I was happy to come back to be associated with the University and I hoped that the University would contribute increasingly to the



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economic development of Uganda, which I have been committed to all my working life. And I would like to think that indeed the University has.

The problem of course we have is that of employment. That, we need to solve; we have graduates but are they working? Do they have the opportunity to work? That problem is not yet resolved. So I see that it is an outstanding problem and I think Makerere needs to make a contribution towards that problem.

**What would you say were the surprises during your term of office?**

Well, of course no one anticipated Covid-19; that was a shock for everybody and we confronted it. I think Makerere did very well in confronting it.

There has been significant increase in Government funding for research. I salute Government for that. That is very very important.

But of course there is a dramatic increase in the number of Universities in Uganda. Makerere has to continue to lead the way and show direction because most of them will be looking to Makerere for direction and the right things to do. Makerere remains a leader and it is important that they lead in the right direction.

**What can Makerere do to continue leading in the right direction?**



We are entering a very uncertain global economic and political period. So Makerere will have to really do work especially at the postgraduate level in terms of research in order to guide and influence the picture. It is very complex and we need insights to help us to retain our independence, because we can lose our independence. So it is extremely important that our best brains are doing the necessary research. The priorities are very very important. It is important that our brains are focused on the right priorities in order to ensure a peaceful future of our country.

**What advice would you give to the next Chancellor of Makerere University?**

I think that it is important to resist the temptation to micromanage; to be too involved in the day-to-day affairs of the University. The Chancellor is a titular head, not the manager. Sometimes Chancellors are tempted to get involved in management. I was lucky that I was

already engaged in Government in the President's Office and the Prime Minister's Office, I didn't have time to meddle. But someone else may be tempted if they are not as occupied as I was, and that may increase the prospect of conflict with Management.

**What advice would you give to the staff, students and alumni of Makerere University?**

Overall, I would appeal to everyone at the end of the day to remember that we are all brothers and sisters in one country and that we are at our best when we are living peacefully with one another. And so there is need to give and take, to make allowance for each other's faults, so that we can maintain peace and minimise conflict. It is very easy to conflict. It takes an extra grace to be able to say, 'wait a minute, can I restrain my anger and see what the problem is and how it can be resolved peacefully?' Even brothers fight but you try not to kill one another as

members of one family. So that sense of responsibility is very important. And we need it as a country because we can very easily break out on racial, religious and tribal lines, and before you know it we are at each other's neck and blood is flowing through the streets.

We have to always remember, we want to build a peaceful country, it is in everybody's interest. So how can we enhance justice? How can we increase mutual understanding without fighting? Even people who are of a different tribe are your neighbours. God put them here; they may be a different tribe but they are your neighbours. You have to live with them. They are not enemies.

**Any final remark you would wish to share?**

Just to request all members of Makerere Community to forgive me where I have not fulfilled their expectations, to try and carry on from where I have left off peacefully and to be patriotic in building our country.

*Left to Right:  
Mrs. Lorna Magara,  
Mrs. Specioza Suruma,  
Prof. Ezra Suruma, Prof.  
Barnabas Nawangwe, Prof.  
Henry Alinaitwe and other  
guests singing 'Amazing  
Grace' during the dinner  
on 20<sup>th</sup> December  
2023.*







# Mak Council Chair Tips Guild House on True Leadership at ELP Orientation

Participants pose for a group photo on Day one of the Emerging Leaders Program Orientation Workshop on 19th October 2023.

**M**akerere University in partnership with LIFE Ministry Uganda and the Global Leadership Summit is implementing the Emerging Leaders Program (ELP), the brainchild of the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni aimed at raising a dignified generation of youth in Uganda.

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Addressing over 120 student leaders on the third day of the Emerging Leaders Program-orientation workshop on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023, the Chairperson of Makerere University Council, Mrs. Lorna Magara applauded the Minister of Education and Sports for being a true mother committed to building a critical mass of young people and upcoming leaders grounded with values, good character, life skills and above all, a healthy generation that is free from

HIV-AIDS.

The Chairperson of Makerere University Council informed the participants that on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni inaugurated the University Council. At the inauguration, the Minister tasked the University Council to join her to implement a national Anti-Corruption and HIV/AIDS Campaign, starting with Makerere University.

Responding to this call, the University Council and Management engaged members of staff, student leaders and key stakeholders. The University Management carried out a survey and findings indicated that some of the students were already sexually active and needed help to know how to live a value based life, while others were grappling with drug abuse. In the survey, some of the respondents disclosed that they started using drugs before they joined the University due to peer pressure, stress and anxiety as well as exposure to such substances from some family members, slums and communities. During the engagements, some students revealed that they had knowledge of what constitutes good values, but in real life situations, they were facing challenges with sticking to the required values.

Personally touched by this

deeper analysis of the underlying issues, the Minister of Education and Sports initiated the Emerging Leaders Program to equip and empower students with life skills, value based leadership and character development.

Mrs. Lorna Magara revealed that the Emerging Leaders program is a life skills program, aiming at fostering character mindset change at Makerere University, to influence the present and shape the future of our nation. She pointed out that the trainings would also entail a planned and deliberate effort to ensure that the youth take every step to remain healthy and free from HIV/AIDS as they pursue their studies at Makerere University.

"The Emerging Leaders Program is an empowerment initiative that focuses on values, character development and life skills. You may have the academic degree, but you need the right set of values and character to succeed in life," said the Chairperson of Makerere University Council.

Mrs. Magara stated that the orientation workshop (19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023) was organized to give participants exposure to the program content with the aim of enlisting them as active participants during its course





Mrs. Lorna Magara gestures during her highly interactive session with the Student Leaders.



of implementation. She commended the 125 student leaders, 60 lecturers as well as the Facilitators for accepting to be part of the program, and creating time to participate in the three-day orientation workshop. The workshop enabled participants to understand the objectives of the Emerging Leaders Program, learn and appreciate the key concepts, as well as set the pace for the unveiling of the Emerging Leaders Program and trainings that commenced on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

On behalf of the students, the Guild Speaker, Rt. Hon. Babinga Gozan Wilson said that the Emerging Leaders Program was timely for it seeks to address the challenges faced by students and young people in general. The Guild

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Speaker noted that some of the students at the University are sexually active and engaging in relationships, which puts them at the risk of contracting HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. He added that some of the students were grappling with the issue of managing finances and how to overcome corrupt tendencies in a highly commercialized world

Mrs. Lorna Magara engages in group assignment with some Student Leaders.



advanced by competitive lifestyles espoused through social media.

At the end of the session on character matters and valuing relationships, Bishop Joshua Lwere, the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Global Leadership Summit requested the student leaders who had attended the three days' training to commit to changing their lives.

"May I request those who are ready to commit to the new set of values, those who are saying, I will never defile my body again, those who are ready to stand strong like Joseph in the bible who refused to defy his God and Master when tempted by his Master's wife, to raise up their hands, and after stand up. I would like to pray for you and bless you," he said.

It was gratifying to see majority of the student leaders raising up their hands, and taking that bold step to commit to changing their life's trajectory.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Finance and Administration) and Chair of the Emerging Leaders Program, Prof. Henry Alinaitwe acknowledged that Universities have got a big role to play in influencing change in societies. He encouraged the leaders to look beyond the dates of the workshop and feel free to draft dossiers on how best these challenges can be tackled, in the event that the time assigned is insufficient to comprehensively debate the various topics.

# NCHE Celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Mak Showcases Research & Innovations



**O**n Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023, H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni officiated at the celebrations to mark twenty years of the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) at the Kololo Ceremonial Grounds. The celebrations that started in March 2023 were held under the theme “20 Years of NCHE Transforming Higher Education in Uganda” and climaxed at Kololo with a Mini-Exhibition by various institutions, inspected by H.E. President Museveni and the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni.

President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni (3rd Left) and First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports-Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni (Centre) with Left to Right: Minister of State for Sports-Hon. Peter Ogwang, VC Ndejje University-Rev. Canon Prof. Olivia Nassaka Banja, VC UCU-Prof. Aaron Mushengyezi, VC Makerere-Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe and Member Governing Council ECUREI-Prof. Micheal Kawooya at the NCHE@20 Celebrations on 12th October 2023, Kololo Ceremonial Grounds. Photo: PPU

### Remarks by H.E. the President and First Lady

Speaking at the celebrations, the President congratulated NCHE upon marking their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Head of State urged NCHE to insist on a well-tailored modern type of education that seeks to understand nature and its laws as well as understanding the society and evolution of man from hunter-gatherer to domestication of crops, livestock, and commercial farming.

In her remarks, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni thanked God for the twenty years that NCHE has been in existence as an agency of the Ministry of Education and Sports. She applauded NCHE for the leaps

that the higher education sector has made in the last twenty years in the form of quantitative increase of higher education institutions from 67 to 265. The First Lady nevertheless urged NCHE to position itself as a catalyst for the transformation of the higher education system in Uganda so as to make the country a hub for higher education in the East African region.

### Recognition of Higher Education Institutions

During the celebrations, the NCHE recognised Makerere University for its contribution to the transformation of the higher education sector through provision of relevant and

high quality education. Equally recognized were Uganda Christian University as the first private university in Uganda, the 7<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor and first female Vice Chancellor of Ndejje University Rev. Canon Prof. Olivia Nassaka Banja and the Ernest Cook Ultrasound Research and Education Institute (ECUREI)'s Prof. Micheal Kawooya.

### Mak Exhibitors at NCHE@20

Makerere University featured prominently during the Mini Exhibition. Led by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, the exhibition team showcased research, innovations





President  
Yoweri Museveni  
and First Lady Hon.  
Janet Museveni listen to  
Dr. Peter Tumutegyeize  
(Left) explain how the  
Mak Solar Cooker works.  
Photo: Courtesy/  
NCHE@20

and services through the following:

**Mak Solar Cooker** by Dr. Peter Tumutegyeize (College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences) – an appliance that uses electricity generated by a solar panel system to cook food, requiring no add-ons such as charcoal, rocks, gas, kerosene or even mains electricity.

**AirQo** by Joel Ssematimba and Priscah Adrine Warigo (College of Computing and Information Sciences) – a custom low-cost air quality monitor that measure particulate matter  $PM_{2.5}$  and  $PM_{10}$ , the most common pollutants that affect human health deployed across a high-resolution air quality monitoring network in target urban areas in Uganda and across eight African countries.

**Maka Water Purifier** – made with a chicken keratin biosorbent,

**Phyto-Nutra Chicken Feed** – from indigenous plant species to address Antibiotic resistance and Environmental pollution, and

**Value-Added Nutraceuticals** – from indigenous plant species in the form of Veggie Cocktails, Porridge

cocktails, Nutra Cakes, Cookies, and Bread by Dr. Alice Nabatanzi's projects (College of Natural Sciences). Produced with funding from the Government of Uganda through the Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund (Mak-RIF)

**Makerere Regional Centre of Excellence for Crop Improvement (MaRCCI)** represented by Dr. Sharon Tusiime Mbabazi (Seed Specialist and Ag. Deputy Director) and Ms. Fiona Nyanzi (8 Technology Limited, Mak-RIF Project Partner) – showcased a variety of value-added products produced from sorghum and cowpea. Demo video of how to grow cowpea and sorghum. Digital applications for growing cowpeas and sorghum.

**Makerere University Press** under the Directorate of Research and Graduate Training represented by Dr. William Tayeebwa – showcased the latest books authored by Makerere University scholars/researchers. They included;

- Contemporary African Philosophy: A Critical Appraisal by Wilfred Lajul
- The Power of Culture and Identity: Imbalu Initiation Ritual Among the Bamasaaba of Uganda by J. P. Wotsuna Khamalwa

- Modernisation of Luganda Terminology in the Field of Linguistics by Saudah Namyalo
- Runyakitara Language Studies: A Guide for Advanced Learners and Teachers of Runyakitara by Oswald K. Ndoleriire (Ed.)
- Contemporary Issues in Educational Research, Policies, and Practices in the Global South by C. Ssebbunga-Masembe & S.N. Siminyu (Eds.)
- What I Saw When I Died by Jimmy Spire Ssentongo
- Moving Back into the Future by Dominica Dipio (Ed.)
- Countering Violent Extremism in Uganda by Veneranda Mbabazi et al.
- Lulu ya Bara by Innocent Masengo
- HIV/AIDS in Uganda: Achievements and Challenges by James Kiwanuka-Tondo
- Statehood on Trial: Thoughts on the 1966 Uganda Political Crisis by Joseph Bossa
- (Mis)management of Sub-Nationalism and Diversity in "Nations": The case of Buganda in Uganda, 1897-1980 by Godfrey Berinde Asimwe.

**Department of the Academic Registrar** represented by Mr. Justus Karegyeya – showcased the Makerere University online application system.

# Nnaabagereka Shines at Sarah Ntiro Annual Lecture



Left to Right: HRH Nnaabagereka Sylvia Nagginda is received upon arrival by Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, Prof. Henry Alinaitwe, Prof. Sarah Ssali, Mrs. Anna Reismann and H.E. Mariat Namiro



**B**uganda Kingdom queen, Nnaabagereka Sylvia Nagginda has expressed gratitude to the life story and legacy of Dr Sarah Ntiro which have enabled her balance her royal duties and personal life as a public figure, wife, mother and diplomat.

The Nnaabagereka was the star at the second annual Sarah Ntiro public lecture at Yusuf Lule Central Teaching Facility auditorium, Makerere University on August 31, 2023 where she not only delivered the keynote speech but also autographed her autobiography titled, *The Nnaabagereka: Queen Sylvia Nagginda Luswata: Life. Passion. Duty.*

Accompanied by her daughter Princess Katrina Ssangalyambogo and staff of her office, the queen was welcomed by not only the Vice Chancellor Prof Barnabas Nawangwe but also the university chapter of Baganda Nkobazambogo youth organisation.

Her presentation, 'Catalysing change: women as pillars of society', was discussed by three powerful women: Elsie Attafua, UNDP resident representative in Uganda; Anna Reismann, country director of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung for Uganda and South Sudan, and who funded the whole function; and Martha Kiiza Kalema, who works with Bank of Uganda and is granddaughter of Sarah Ntiro.



HRH Nnaabagereka Sylvia Nagginda (Left) receives a portrait from Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (Centre) as the artist Mr. Brian Ainamaani (Right) witnesses





HRH  
Nnaabagereka  
Sylvia Nagginda  
with Princess Katrina  
Ssangalyambogo, officials  
and Nkobazambogo  
Makerere University  
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Born Sarah Nyendwoha in present-day Hoima district in 1926, she was the first woman from East and Central Africa to graduate with a degree, from University of Oxford in 1954. She had earlier been the first female diploma graduate from Makerere College. Speaker after speaker referred to her as an all-round trailblazer who has inspired many girls and women.

While hailing the heroic struggles of Ugandan females such as Ntiro, Rhoda Kalema and Joyce Mpanga, Nagginda intimated how becoming the queen helped her realize her dream to make contributions to Uganda's development. Hence, in 2000, she formed the Nnaabagereka Development Foundation which addresses needs of children, youth, women, health and communities.

The foundation has since formed partnerships with kingdoms of Acholi, Alur, Bunyoro and Busoga and with African queens and cultural women leaders from kingdoms in Ghana, South Africa, Lesotho and Nigeria.

In 2007, she founded the Ekisaakaate kya Nnabagereka which has impacted thousands of youth, and now gone beyond Uganda into UK, Canada, South Africa and USA. In 2022, she founded the Nnaabagereka Nagginda Women's Fund, aimed at philanthropy and social investments.

"[My] book delves into my pursuit of empowering women, promoting education and championing social causes which became the driving force behind my initiatives, ranging from advocating for girls' education,

to supporting maternal health and women's economic empowerment and establishing the Ekisaakaate... My life journey taught me many lessons, key ones being: 'be a pillar that reinforces the structure', 'be self-confident', 'have integrity' and 'love thy neighbour'," she said.

Part of the audience at the second annual Sarah Ntiro public lecture.





## Hon. Dr. Musenero Urges Researchers to Link Research to the Economy

**T**he Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (MoSTI), Hon. Dr. Monica Musenero on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023, opened the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NORHED Week in Uganda and challenged the researchers to link research to the economy. Her remarks were motivated by the fact that most of the research outputs and findings in Africa and Uganda are normally shelved, and in most cases fail to materialize into commercialization and industrialization. She noted that the value chain approach adopted by the National Science, Technology, and Innovation Agenda, necessitates that research produces industry-ready prototypes that feed into commercialization and subsequently industrialisation.

“Without promoting research to realize industrialisation and commercialisation, we shall not make good of the efforts in research and innovation. The question I now ask you all is, how do we turn prototypes into industrialisation and commercialisation? Research efforts in Uganda and the region, will only be beneficial to our economies and the people, the day we start focusing our research end goals into industrialization and commercialization.” Musenero said.

Hon. Musenero used the occasion to thank the Norwegian Government and the people of Norway, for their continued support of Higher Education institutions in Uganda. In her further appreciation, the Minister reminded the audience of the need for continued collaboration which the Norwegian people had demonstrated over the years.

Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe in his opening remarks, informed the participants that through the staff development

program at Makerere University, more than 300 PhDs had been trained through the funding of NORAD and NORHED Programs.

“Indeed, the greatest resource of any Country is the quality of its human Capital. Uganda and Makerere University have been lucky and proud to have a true friend for more than decades in the people of Norway. This friendship has resulted in the attainment of more than 300 PhDs at Makerere University,” Prof. Nawangwe remarked.

Prof. Nawangwe added that during the COVID-19 period, Makerere University was able to redefine its research agenda in line with its Strategic Plan 2020-2030 aimed at positioning the University as a research-led. The University is now in the final stages of rolling out Countrywide incubation centers which are being implemented with the support from the United Nations Development Programme-Uganda.

In his welcome remarks, Prof. Buyinza Mukadasi, the NORHED Institutional Coordinator, who also

doubles as the Academic Registrar, observed that Makerere University is participating in 19 of Uganda’s 21 NORHED II project programs in sectors like education, health, natural resource management, gender, food security, ICT, and more. Prof. Buyinza attributed this proportion to the generosity and the support of the people of Norway.

Addressing participants, the Head of NORHED Delegation Ms. Solbjørg Sjøveian said that NORHED is not only about strengthening Universities but the long-term effects that this capacity building has on societies. She added that Ugandan Institutions and researchers must be in the driving seat in the knowledge production that will solve the problems the world grapples with.

“Our core goal is that the NORHED programme is not only geared at strengthening research works but the impact of the research on the societal transformation. We therefore wish to reassure you all of our commitment in the realization of this desire” she added.



# Makubuya Calls for Decolonisation of our Systems at 2<sup>nd</sup> Nsibirwa Annual Public Lecture

**T**he 2<sup>nd</sup> Nsibirwa Annual Public Lecture themed ‘Situating the Role and Relevance of Cultural Institutions in Modern Uganda’ was held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Makerere University. The annual public lecture hosted by Makerere University commemorates Martin Luther Nsibirwa, a two time Katikkiro of Buganda, 1929-1941 and July – September 1945. Katikkiro Nsibirwa is remembered for having assented the bill which enabled the Colonial Government to take possession of the land where Makerere University Main Campus stands today.



Owek. Apollo Nelson Makubuya (Above), Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (Below Right) and L-R: Owek. Robert Waggwa Nsibirwa, Owek. Twaha Kaawaase and Owek. Joseph Mulwanyamuli Ssemwogerere (Below Left).



Speaking at the lecture, Makerere University Vice Chancellor, Professor Barnabas Nawangwe welcomed all to Makerere University and thanked everyone for honoring the invitation to the lecture. He said, “As far as education in Uganda is concerned, there are two important milestones which we treasure as Makerere University. 1. The letter written by Kabaka Mutesa I to Queen Victoria inviting missionaries to teach his people how to read and write, which was the beginning of modern education in the country. 2. The event on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 1944, when Katikkiro Nsibirwa signed the document allowing the colonial

**for consideration in determining the position of cultural institutions: Do they provide solutions to service delivery?, Do they have dynamic adaptation to the new times?, Can these institutions blend both modern and traditional issues?**

government to take possession of Makerere land which many had feared.”

The distinguished speaker at the lecture was Owekitiibwa Apollo

Nelson Makubuya, an alumnus of Makerere University (School of Law) where he completed his Bachelor of Laws and served as faculty. He is a founding partner of MMAKS Advocates and a Senior Palace Advisor to Kabaka Ronald Muwenda Mutebi II.

Owekitiibwa Makubuya thanked the University for organising the lecture in recognition of Katikkiro Nsibirwa’s leadership in laying the foundation of Makerere University which has played a great role in nurturing many in Uganda and globally. He noted that Nsibirwa was self-educated, with no formal education and he achieved a lot.

Makubuya called for decolonisation of our systems like naming our landmarks after Ugandans rather than colonial generals.

Using Buganda as a case study and what it has accomplished since cultural institutions were restored 30 years ago, Owekitiibwa Makubuya argued that these institutions have a role to play in modern Uganda. He posed a number of questions to the audience and Uganda as nation for considering in determining the position of cultural institutions: Do they provide solutions to service delivery?, Do they have dynamic

adaptation to the new times?, Can these institutions blend both modern and traditional issues?

Owekitiibwa Robert Waggwa Nsibirwa – 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Katikkiro of Buganda spoke on behalf of the Nsibirwa family. He thanked Makerere University for the initiative to honor their grandfather's legacy. He recognised the presence of the Nsibirwa family members and officials from Buganda. He requested that members from Mengo and Nsibirwa family be co-opted on the organising committee for the lecture. He reiterated that the work

of Buganda is based on 3 bottom lines: protection, preservation and development of culture.

The public lecture was officially closed by Hon. Dan Kidega, Deputy Chairperson – Makerere University Council who highlighted that holding these lectures is an opportunity for the University to celebrate heroes and support learning of history.

A book titled, 'Thrones & Thorns: Thirty Years of Restoration of Traditional Rule in Uganda' authored by Owekitiibwa Apollo Nelson Makubuya was launched.

**J**ackline Bonabana-Wabbi is an Associate Professor in the Department of Agribusiness and Natural Resource Economics (DANRE) in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES). She holds a PhD in Economics and an MSc in Agricultural and Applied Economics from Virginia Tech, Blacksburg VA, USA. Her current teaching load includes business economics, business research methods and macroeconomics at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

She has held various administrative positions in the University including Chairperson, Research and Publications Committee in the Department of Agribusiness and Natural Resource Economics. She represents the School of Agricultural Sciences in Senate.

Jackline's past role as the Coordinator of Postgraduate Programs in the Department positioned her as a focal point for students, lecturers, supervisors and examiners for the department. Over the years she has been instrumental in coordinating the identification of potential students for admission, matching student interests with available expertise, sourcing for external expertise where necessary, providing guidelines to graduate

## Meet the new Chair Ceremonies Committee: Jackline Bonabana-Wabbi, PhD



study programmes and coordinating examinations, among other roles.

Her contribution in building human capacity in agri-food systems has seen her provide mentorship and supervision to over 30 Masters and PhD students, generate funds to the university that provided scholarships to postgraduate students, both

from within the country and within the region, and spearhead the development of the first taught PhD curriculum in Agricultural and Applied Economics in Uganda, whose demand spans the East African region and beyond.

Through the MSU-MAK partnership project, she provides mentorship to both students and staff. She has served on Boards of Directors for a number of companies and in the process strengthened existing links between academia and the business community, which links enhance job opportunities for University graduates.

She is involved with a number of research organizations and projects, both local and international, undertaking research in Development Economics, Agribusiness and Resource Economics. She is a research director at the African Network of Agricultural Policy Research Institute (ANAPRI, formerly ReNAPRI). She has published mainly in the field of resource economics.



# Mak's Honorary Doctorate Recipients of the 74<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony



**Prof. Leif Abrahamsson**

Born on 26<sup>th</sup> May 1954 in Uppsala Sweden, Prof. Leif Abrahamsson has until his retirement in 2023 as

Programme Director at International Science Programme (ISP), Uppsala-Sweden devoted most of his working life developing, supporting and promoting Mathematics in developing countries. He holds a BSc in Mathematics (major), Physics and theoretical Philosophy and a PhD in Mathematics from Uppsala University, Sweden.

Prof. Abrahamsson coordinated the bilateral programme of Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) at Makerere University, and his initiative under the Eastern Africa Universities Mathematics Programme (EAUMP) has produced over 30 PhDs, over 20 Masters and over 15 Post-docs in Mathematics and its Applications

in Uganda since 2002. Over 100 publications in Mathematics at Makerere University are direct outcomes of his EAUMP and Sida initiatives.

He has extended similar contributions to Mathematics in Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Zambia, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Mali, Senegal, Niger, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon and some countries in South East Asia (i.e Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar). In recognition of his tremendous contribution to the field Mathematics, Prof. Abrahamsson will receive the Honorary Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa (DSc.) of Makerere University.



**Hon. Betty Oyella Bigombe**

Hon. Betty Oyella Bigombe was born on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1954 in the present day Amuru District. She attended Gayaza High School for O-level, Trinity College Nabbingo for A-Level, and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences from Makerere University. She later attended the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, where she obtained a Master of Public Administration.

She has served the Government and people of Uganda in various capacities such as MP for Kilak County, Gulu District, State Minister for Northern Uganda, Woman MP for Amuru District and State Minister for Water Resources. In 2021, she was appointed Uganda's Ambassador to

Malaysia. Internationally, she has served as Senior Social Development Specialist and Social Scientist with the World Bank Group and as Senior Fellow at the Institute of Peace in Washington D.C.

In 1993 she initiated contact with Joseph Kony, which efforts led to face-to-face negotiations between the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) leaders and Ugandan government officials. For her unwavering commitment to peace and diplomacy to build a better future for Uganda, the Great Lakes region and the world, Hon. Bigombe will receive the Honorary Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa (LL.D) of Makerere University.



**Hon. Justice Frederick Martin Stephen Egonda-Ntende**

Born in 1956, Hon. Egonda-Ntende attended Busoga College Mwiri and holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree of Makerere University; a Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Centre; and a Master of Laws degree (Information Technology and Telecommunications Law) from the University of Strathclyde. In 1997-1998, he was a Fellow of the distinguished Hubert Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

Hon. Egonda-Ntende has served as Vice President of the Uganda Law Society (ULS) and is the immediate past Chairperson of Law Council. He has been Chief Justice, High Court of the

Seychelles (2009 to 2014), Acting Justice, Supreme Court of Uganda (May 2008 to Jan 2009), International Judge, United Nations Mission in Kosovo (2002-2004), Judge, Court of Appeal of East Timor (2000-2001), Justice, Court of Appeal/Constitutional Court of Uganda (2000 to date) and Judge, High Court of Uganda (1991-2000).

He pioneered the establishment of Uganda Legal Information Institute (ULII), a free online legal information database that publishes primary legal information. For his professional achievements and contribution to the legal profession in Uganda and elsewhere, Hon. Egonda-Ntende will receive the Honorary Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa (LL.D) of Makerere University.



I congratulate the Makerere Team that has emerged winner of the National Rounds of the Jessup Moot Court Competition. They are from left to right (Harry Mwesigwa, Nayiga Tracy Hilda, Birungi Primah Elizabeth, Ankunda Mellissa and Kalinda Jama-da Musa). Makerere will be representing Uganda in the Global rounds in Washington DC this March.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## JESSUP MOOT COURT



## 74<sup>th</sup> Graduation Statistics



### CATEGORIES

#### PHD

Female **46** Male **86**  
**132**

#### MASTERS

Female **699** Male **886**  
**1,585**

#### BACHELORS

Female **5,990** Male **5,026**  
**11,016**

#### POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMAS

Female **67** Male **89**  
**156**

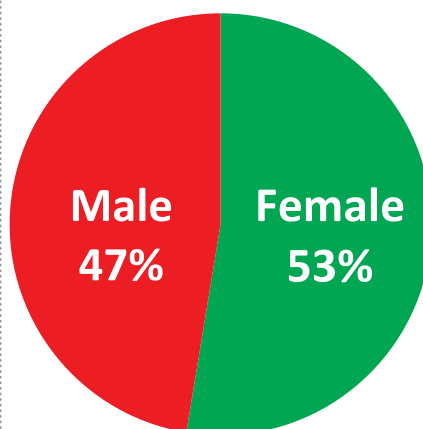
#### UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES

Female **15** Male **9**  
**24**

### TOTAL GRADUANDS

Female **6,816** Male **6,097**

# 12,913





# Uganda Vice Chancellors' Forum (UVCF) Celebrates 25 Years

**T**he Uganda Vice Chancellors' Forum (UVCF) celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on October 6, 2023, with a conference at Kampala International University, crowned with a delegates' cocktail at the Sheraton Hotel – Kampala.

The forum expanded from four (4) initial member universities to approximately fifty (50) today, including public and private institutions reflecting the trust and confidence placed in UVCF by institutions across Uganda. This provides avenues for broader representation and increased collective strength.

UVCF's establishment of the Research and Education Network for Uganda (RENU) has revolutionized connectivity and collaboration among Ugandan universities, fostering enhanced research, resource-sharing, and technological advancements. For example, during the COVID-19 pandemic, this network played a crucial role in supporting universities in implementing distance learning solutions.

UVCF has fostered a culture of academic excellence, encouraging impactful research and publications among member institutions. Notably, UVCF commissioned studies on student and staff unrest, enriching academic discourse and



*The Minister of State for Higher Education (Centre) and the Executive Director NCHE (Left) with Members of the UVCF Executive Committee.*

influencing policy-making in the higher education sector. UVCF open access annual bulletins have been instrumental in disseminating vital information, serving as platforms to share updates, best practices, and important announcements among member institutions. Its annual conferences which bring together key stakeholders in the higher education sector hence facilitating meaningful discussions that address critical issues faced by Ugandan universities.

The UVCF continues to advocate for policies prioritizing the development of higher education in Uganda. Engaging with government bodies, the forum actively contributed to formulating and implementing policies, leading to improvements in infrastructure, quality

assurance, and financial relief for private universities through tax exemptions.

Its ongoing dedication is demonstrated through the tangible achievement of a policy on salary increment for science teaching staff, contributing to improved working conditions, teacher recruitment, and retention.

The forum's expertise and collaborative efforts significantly contributed to the revision of the Universities and Other Tertiary Institutions Act (UOTIA), shaping policies and regulations for the growth and development of the higher education sector in Uganda. The UVCF has also enhanced its visibility by actively participating in various higher education boards, advocating for the interests and concerns of its member institutions in national and international discussions.

Conclusively, UVCF's achievements showcase its commitment to collaboration, excellence, and overall advancement of higher education in Uganda. Looking ahead, UVCF continues its mission to chart a path of progress, innovation, and inclusivity in higher education in Uganda and beyond.

*Members of UVCF together with the Hon. Minister of State for Higher Education*



# Govt. calls for commercialization as Makerere launches Innovation hub



UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa, H.E. Ahunna Eziakonwa (3rd L) flanked by Left to Right: Mrs. Lorna Magara, H.E. Elsie Attafuah and Dr. Monica Musenero officially launches the Innovation Pod on January 23, 2024.

**T**he Minister of Science, Technology, and Innovation, Dr. Monica Musenero, has called for commercialization of products produced by student innovators as well as researchers and challenged them to come up with more ideas that will change the world.

Dr. Musenero was speaking during the official launch of the Makerere University Innovation Pod on January 23, 2024, where she represented the Minister for Education and Sports. Hon Janet Museveni.

She emphasised that unless innovators convert the ideas into industries, they will remain micro and non-job generating.

"Can we commercialize these innovations and sell the products to the international market? We must work towards putting products in the hands of customers, be they government systems, be they individual buyers, or institutions. That is where sustainability comes from," Dr. Musenero remarked on behalf of the First Lady Hon. Janet Museveni.

"I found universities with a lot

of prototypes but they are still quite on the left side. We need to see how they can convert those prototypes into actual solutions because people buy solutions but not prototypes," Minister Musenero said as she pledged support to the innovators.

Dr. Musenero was joined by the UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa, H.E. Ahunna Eziakonwa, who was the chief guest at the launch of the pod.

H.E. Eziakonwa, having spearheaded the development of 13 innovation pods across Africa was thrilled to see the potential of students and start-ups at Makerere University. She said UNDP was committed to providing opportunity to Africans because they believe that Africans are responsible for their own development.

The Vice Chancellor of Makerere University, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe said that although researchers have in the past been conducting a lot of research that has always remained on paper, UNDP has come on board and changed the narrative.

"We got a savior and that savior

is the UNDP because they brought this innovation pod to life. This is a good investment where our young people can come, sit, innovate, and go out of this university with start-up companies. Every aspect of the university pod is going to empower them to change their ideas into real products," Prof Nawangwe said.

He added: "What the UNDP has planted here is a small fire that is going to grow around the country and go even beyond and I believe we the universities are going to take advantage of this investment and change our continent."

Mrs. Lorna Magara, Chairperson of the Makerere University Council said the innovation pod is breaking barriers that have stood in the path of development in the education sector over the years.

"We thank UNDP who have held our hand and provided the necessary infrastructure and support that has seen this day take off," Mrs. Magara said.

The University Council Chairperson said the current figures from Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) indicate a rapidly growing population, which calls for job





H.E. Elsie Attafuah (Right), her Deputy Sheila Ngatia (behind her) at the commissioning of equipment at the innovations pod as Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (on her right) and Prof. George Openjuru Ladaah (3<sup>rd</sup> Left) cheer on.

creation. The 2024 estimates show that Uganda has 46.9 million people and a staggering 34.5 million are youth while 23.7 million are children under 18 years of age.

"This rapidly growing population has to be fed, educated and given skills to connect with society. To be able to generate those required jobs and opportunities to meet the employment demands of these young people, we need the infrastructure and the support to empower them, translate their ideas and knowledge into viable

products and businesses that will then give them opportunities in society," Mrs. Magara said.

### Commissioning of equipment

The Out-going UNDP Resident Representative, H.E. Elsie Attafuah, on January 9, 2024 commissioned equipment worth US\$1 million at the newly constructed state-of-the-art innovation Pod at Makerere University.

While commissioning the

facility, H.E. Attafuah called on more innovation among the youth and a need for more Ugandans that have a burning desire to change the status quo so that we can develop the country. This, she said, is the only way the African continent will reduce donor dependence.

The UNDP Resident Representative underscored the importance of empowering young people and fostering a culture of ambition and determination.

She added that the world is changing and technological advancements are happening at a fast rate which calls for the need to cope with the digital world to address the challenges and create opportunities for poverty alleviation among the people.

UN General Assembly President H.E. Dennis Francis (3<sup>rd</sup> Right), UNDP Resident Representative for Uganda H.E. Elsie Attafuah (2<sup>nd</sup> Left), and Vice Chancellor Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (Left) on a tour of the Innovations Hub on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024.



### UN General Assembly President, H.E. Dennis Francis visits Pod

On January 20, 2024 the Pod was privileged to host a special visitor, the United Nations General Assembly President, H.E. Dennis Francis. His Excellency challenged innovators to convert their brilliant ideas into meaningful assets, emphasizing that this is what intellectual property is about.





The Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Dr. Hon. Ralph E. Gonsalves (Right) during his guided tour of the Innovation Pod on January 23, 2024 as Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (Left) and other officials witness.

"It is about creating value where there was none," H.E. Dennis said. Intellectual property, he continued, can be traditional knowledge passed on from one generation to another as well as traditional herbs.

"Africans are by nature imaginative and creative, so I have no doubt that this center will contribute to not just innovation but to the development of Uganda, Africa, and the global south," he remarked.

### **Botswana President H.E. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi Visits**

The Innovation Pod was also privileged to host the President of Botswana H.E. Mokgweetsi Masisi on January 21, 2024. H.E. Masisi was on a mission to acquaint himself with the state-of-the-art facility that is poised to inspire innovation and development in Uganda.

The President of Botswana, H.E. Mokgweetsi Masisi (Centre) receives a guided tour of the Innovation Pod from the Manager, Dr. Cathy Mbidde on January 21, 2024.

### **Pod Hosts Vincentian Prime Minister Ralph Everard Gonsalves**

The Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, an island country in the Eastern Caribbean also took time after the G77-China Summit hosted in Kampala from January 21-22, 2024 to visit the Innovation Pod. On January 23, 2024, H.E. Gonsalves enjoyed a virtual tour of Uganda thanks to the Pod's state-of-the-art multimedia studio.

The Innovation Pod aims to provide a collaborative space for entrepreneurs and researchers to develop groundbreaking solutions to the country's challenges. Furthermore, the Pod is expected to foster creativity, innovation and collaboration among students, researchers and entrepreneurs. Ultimately, the research facility is expected to drive technological advancements in the country, thanks to the generous support of the UNDP.





# 67 Minutes of Community Service for 67 Years of Mandela's Service

**O**n the 14<sup>th</sup> of July, 2023, Makerere University in collaboration with the South African High Commission kicked off commemoration of the Nelson Mandela International day with a community service at the Makerere University Primary School. On this day, we honored and celebrated Nelson Mandela's 67 years of selfless service. In so doing, members of the society converged at Makerere University Primary School and conducted a community service for 67 minutes, each minute reflecting the aforementioned 67 years.



*H.E Lulama Xingwana planting a tree as part of the community service activity*

The event which started at 9:00am at the Makerere University Primary School begun with a band led by the pupils who welcomed the delegates with a marching procession. Present at the venue were the South African High Commissioner, H.E Lulama Xingwana, the Vice Chancellor of Makerere University, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe and the Headmistress, Makerere University Primary School, Ms. Nabirye Juliet. Also in attendance were a number of partners to the South African High Commission namely, Stanbic Bank Uganda, Tree Adoption Uganda, Gustro Book Centre, Multichoice Uganda Limited and MTN Uganda Limited.

After the band march and welcome, the primary school pupils assembled for an address from the school's visitors. The Headmistress warmly welcomed the delegates to the school and ushered in the start of the community service. Secondly the assembly was addressed by the Vice Chancellor of Makerere University, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe who encouraged the pupils to work hard, be disciplined and read their books so that they can join Makerere

University and reach heights as great as becoming Vice Chancellors like him.

All assembled then listened to H.E Lulama Xingwana who was very happy to meet the pupils. She started off by introducing them to who Nelson Mandela was and thanked them for singing the South African National Anthem very well.

After the school assembly, the visitors and guests planted fruit trees around the school compound. The fruit trees included mangoes, avocados, guavas and oranges. The trees were planted by the following parties; the South African High Commissioner, the Vice Chancellor, COO Stanbic Bank Uganda, KCCA

(Kampala Capital City Authority) Administrator, a representative from Multichoice Uganda and lastly the Headmistress of the host school.

The delegates present proceeded to clean the school compound by sweeping, engaging in proper garbage disposal and later painting of the classrooms and pavements along the walkways of the school. The 67 minutes of community service were culminated by session speeches from the various partners present and the school administration.

In her speech, the Headmistress said, "I thank God for the grace

and opportunity He has

given us to receive you in our school and choosing us as an activity ground for

commemorating Nelson Mandela Day. Makerere University Primary School is beautiful in that we have all it takes to make a good school and also have the opportunity to grow because we are accessible, have space, and at the same time connected to Makerere University as an institution of higher learning.

*The Vice Chancellor and the South African High Commissioner painting one of the classrooms as part of the community service activities.*



# Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Symposium Discusses Borderless East Africa

**O**n the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2023, within the magnificent Yusuf Lule Auditorium located on Pool Road at Makerere University, the esteemed JNLC Annual Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Symposium was in full swing. The symposium held under the theme, **"Building a borderless East African region: Championing unity, youth employment, culture, and climate resilience,"** resounded with the ideals of legendary African figures such as Julius Nyerere, Patrice Lumumba, and Kwame Nkrumah, who devoted their lives to the cause of African liberation, unity, and development.



The symposium brought together an assembly of students, thought leaders, and diverse stakeholders from across the East African region. It served as a unifying platform where participants collectively envisioned a future characterized by integration and harmony.

Dr. Nansozi K. Muwanga, Executive Director of the Julius Nyerere Leadership Centre, welcomed the attendees with a powerful message. She emphasized that the establishment of the JNLC as a Presidential Initiative by His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni was meant to equip young people with leadership skills and a passion to serve. It was an initiative designed to honor the legacy of Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, who dedicated his life to the goal of Pan-Africanism.

Prof. Josephine Ahikire, representing Professor Barnabas Nawangwe, Vice Chancellor of Makerere University, emphasized how JNLC engages youth in addressing political, economic, and development issues. She praised the intentional interventions that have reached out to the youth while

emphasizing Makerere's dedication to being a research-intensive university.

Dr. James Luyonga Nkata, the Director General of the Uganda Management Institute (UMI), gave an insightful opening speech. He stressed the importance of identifying the key areas that needed emphasis for the success of a borderless East Africa, citing the need for a strategic approach.

The Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Julius Nyerere Leadership Centre, Dr. Kasozi Mulindwa Saturninus, extended gratitude to H.E Kaguta Museveni, the President of Uganda, for his vision in creating the center.

Ms. Stella Agara, a Governance and Youth Development Specialist from MS-TCDC in Arusha, Tanzania, delivered the keynote speech. She emphasized the importance of fostering dialogue, sharing knowledge, and cultivating networks to create a future where geographical borders serve as bridges to shared success and prosperity.

The Right Honourable Dr.

Ruhakana Rugunda, representing the Guest of Honour, His Excellency President Kaguta Museveni, who is also the Patron of the Julius Nyerere Leadership Centre (JNLC) celebrated the life and legacy of Mwalimu Julius Nyerere. He highlighted Mwalimu's commitment to Pan-Africanism and the unification of Tanganyika and Zanzibar to create Tanzania.

The closing remarks were delivered by Ms. Bhoke Nyerere, representing Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere's family. She paid tribute to her late grandfather and the enduring legacy he left behind.

The JNLC Annual Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Symposium, with its theme of "Building a Borderless East African Region," focused on the youth as the driving force behind changes in economic and social relationships in the region. By fostering dialogue, sharing knowledge, and cultivating networks, the symposium aimed to transform geographical borders from barriers into bridges for shared success and prosperity, embodying the pan-African ideals of leaders like Julius Nyerere.



# Staff Appeals Tribunal gets New Chair, Sworn In

**D**r. Henry Onoria is the new Chairperson of Makerere University Staff Appeals Tribunal. Dr. Onoria and Members of Tribunal were on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 sworn in to commence their four-year term by Her Worship Evelyn Najjuuko, Senior Grade One Magistrate, Wakiso Court.



Her Worship Evelyn Najjuuko (Centre) assists the Chairperson of the Makerere University Staff Appeals Tribunal, Dr. Henry Onoria (Left) to take his oath on 16th November 2023. Right is Mr. Peter Eneru, Clerk to the Staff Appeals Tribunal.

The swearing-in ceremony was witnessed by the Chairperson of Council, Mrs. Lorna Magara, Chairperson Appointments Board, Mr. Edwin Karugire, Chairperson Legal, Rules, Privileges and Estates Committee, Mr. George Bamugemereire and Members of Council; Dr. Diana Ahumuza Ateenyi, Dr. Deus Kamnyu Muhwezi and Mr. Jackson Byamukama.

Welcoming all present Prof. Kakumba appreciated God for the wonderful opportunity to witness the swearing in of the Staff Appeals Tribunal, one of the important organs of the University. He noted that systems, structures and processes enable institutions such as Makerere to not only exist but thrive. This, in the case of the Staff Appeals Tribunal, is achieved by inculcating a harmonious level of co-existence when contradictions emerge.

"The tribunal is such an important organ to handle issues related to grievances, reconciliation and foster the strategic vision of the institution" said the Ag. Vice Chancellor. He therefore congratulated and thanked Dr. Onoria for accepting to come back to his alma mater and head this important organ.

"We are looking forward to your contribution towards fostering the strategic vision of

Makerere University as a thought leader in knowledge generation for societal transformation and development" he added.

In his brief remarks, Mr. Karugire couldn't help but share with the audience how he constantly reminds fellow Council Members how he is more Makererean that they are, having been born, raised, educated and now actively serving on the Governing body. "And so it is an honour and a privilege to serve at this great institution."

He pledged on behalf of the Appointments Board to ensure that in the exercise of its mandate, his Council Committee would strive to make the Tribunal's workload is lighter. This, he noted, would be achieved by placing Makerere's mission to provide transformative teaching and learning as well as research environment responsive to national and global needs at the core of all activities.

Mr. Karugire added that the

**The tribunal is such an important organ to handle issues related to grievances, reconciliation and foster the strategic vision of the institution**

achievement of this mission requires highly motivated, disciplined and committed staff, which makes keeping them (staff) accountable very important. "In this regard, the Appointments Board as well as the Tribunal have different but complimentary roles."

He concluded by saying that he was looking forward to working with the distinguished members of the tribunal to serve the great Makerere and renewed his pledge to foster a cordial working relationship between the Appointments Board and Tribunal.

Delivering his acceptance remarks, the Chairperson of the Staff Appeals Tribunal thanked all present for sparing time to come and witness the swearing-in ceremony. However, he was quick to add that he looked forward to receiving the eighth and final member, the nominee from the Ministry of Public Service. He went on to share that as one who completed his Bachelor of Laws in 1992 and returned to teach for fourteen years from 1998 to 2011, it gave him great pleasure to come back and serve Makerere University, where he spent a significant part of his adult life.

"From where I stand, this is a great opportunity to do one final round in terms of service to the University because I'm not getting

any younger...what I can pledge as we start after this tribunal inauguration and swearing-in is that we begin to look at how to fast track resolving some of the matters that have been pending for over six months" said the Chairperson.

He thanked the Chairperson Appointments Board for his commitment to a culture of collaboration, which will help map out the best ways of resolving disputes as they arise. "I want to thank everybody for coming and I look forward to executing this role... may God bless everybody on the tribunal and give us wisdom and understanding," he prayed.

Concluding the day's remarks, the Chairperson of Council expressed pleasure at participating in the inauguration of the Staff Appeals Tribunal and thanked Her Worship for presiding over the swearing-in of the new team. She congratulated Dr. Onoria, the new, as well as continuing members upon being appointed to serve in the critical role.

"The University Council looks forward to your team as a strong

pillar of the university's grievance handling mechanism, which should promote good governance, foster staff confidence and motivation and at the end of the day, improve service delivery" remarked Mrs. Magara. She equally thanked the outgoing Chairperson Justice John Patrick Mashongo Tabaro and his team for their service to the university.

The Chairperson of Council reiterated that the overarching goal of the Makerere University Strategic Plan to position the institution as "a sustainable research-led and responsive university with a highly productive workforce churning out versatile graduates" ought to remind staff of the shared responsibility to deliver on the national development agenda and to push collectively to achieve the plan's targets.

Turning to the Staff Appeals Tribunal, Mrs. Magara was pleased to note that Dr. Onoria not only has the legal experience and knowledge but also an emotional attachment to the university as a former staff and student. She nevertheless cautioned

that the rule of law ought to be the cornerstone of service, "whether in Council, whether in Management or the Staff Tribunal."

The Staff Appeals Tribunal is by law made up of eight members including a Chairperson; appointed by the Chancellor, and representatives from the University Council (1), University Senate (1), MUASA (2), MASA (2) and the Ministry of Public Service (1). At the time of the swearing-in, the Ministry of Public Service had not nominated their representative.

#### **The new Members are:**

1. Dr. Henry Onoria – Chairperson
2. Rt. Hon. Daniel Fred Kidega – Council Representative
3. Assoc. Prof. Helen Nambalirwa Nkabala – Senate Representative
4. Ms. Rhoda Nalubega – MUASA Female Representative
5. Dr. Fred Maniragaba – MUASA Male Representative
6. Ms. Sarah Wegosasa – MASA Female Representative
7. Mr. Joseph Kalema – MASA Male Representative

## **Hearing Clinic and Temporal Bone Lab Launched at Mak Hospital**



*MMed Students working in the temporal bone laboratory*

A Hearing Clinic and Temporal Bone Laboratory were launched on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at the Makerere University Hospital (MakHosp). The clinic and laboratory will be operated by the Department of Ear, Nose, Throat (ENT) and Neck Surgery, School of Medicine, Makerere University College of Health Sciences (MakCHS). The clinic which is the first to be established in a Public Hospital

is a collaboration with Rotary Club-Kololo, Kampala-Uganda, and the Rotary Club-Westminster, Toronto-Canada. The clinic will treat persons with hearing challenges as well as support research in Uganda.

### **Hearing Centre at Makerere University Hospital**

The Principal Investigator of the project, Dr. Christopher Ndoreliire who also heads the Department of

ENT at MakCHS expressed appreciation of the partners who have supported the project since inception including the Government of Uganda through the Makerere University Research and Innovation Fund (MakRIF); MED-EL and Austrian Development Agency; Professor Tom Roland Jr., New York University (NYU); Rotary Club of Kololo; and Hear His Voice Uganda. He said, 'all age groups can have hearing impairments but newborns with hearing impairment if not identified at a young age, their speech and language development will be impaired which affects their social life and also increases expenditure to provide rehabilitation and support in the long run.'

The hearing clinic which opened in 2022 provides services to the community particularly to those with hearing impairments or those with hard of hearing so that early diagnosis is possible to identify the cause and provision of treatment and rehabilitation to improve the quality of life for the patients.



# Mak University Library Gets New Boss

**A**ssoc. Prof. Ruth Nalumaga on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 officially received the office of University Librarian from Assoc. Prof. Helen Byamugisha at a ceremony presided over by the Human Resources Directorate represented by Ms. Ikiriza Racheal. The ceremony was witnessed by the Directorate of Internal Audit represented by Mr. Aggrey Luwuliza, University Library Management and other officials.

Assoc. Prof. Byamugisha was appointed as Deputy University Librarian in 2013 and was the first PhD-holding appointee to the position. She was later appointed Acting University Librarian from 2015 until she was substantively appointed in 2018.

Sharing achievements from her handover report, Assoc. Prof. Byamugisha noted that she has been able to implement two Library

Strategic plans, established a more peaceful and harmonious working environment at the Library, as well as the other units it interfaces with.

On the infrastructure front, she took note of the successful reroofing of the Main Library's old wing and installation of additional water storage capacity to support the huge volumes of readers that regularly use the Library washrooms. A fire detection system is also currently under installation in the Library's old wing with the support from the Mastercard Foundation.

Assoc. Prof. Byamugisha also took pride in, with support from the Vice Chancellor Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, successfully lobbying the Parliament to allocate UGX 1.5 billion per annum to sustain purchase and subscriptions to electronic resources. This was particularly important after the two-decade support from the Swedish Government through Sida that hitherto annually funded electronic resources came to an end in 2020.

Capacity building for University Library staff at all levels was one of Assoc. Prof. Byamugisha's priorities upon assuming office. She was therefore proud to report that nine (9) staff had enrolled for PhDs during her tenure with one having successfully completed, another one (1) defended, while seven (7) are still continuing. "Additionally, twelve staff completed their

Masters degrees while nine are on course" she added. Her term has also witnessed an increase in the output of research publications especially by the Academic Librarians.

At close to 150 staff, the University Library is home to one of the biggest unit workforce at Makerere University. Staff welfare and activities that promote socialization were therefore serious priorities to Assoc. Prof. Byamugisha during her term. "We mobilise financial contributions for library staff who have family functions such as weddings or burials in the event that we lose a loved one. We usually fuel the library welfare van which takes the staff to the functions. It is through such activities that we strengthen staff bonds and promote unity and socialization."

Delivering her acceptance remarks, Assoc. Prof. Ruth Nalumaga congratulated Assoc. Prof. Helen Byamugisha upon successfully completing her term and restoring a more peaceful and harmonious working environment among staff at the University Library. She equally thanked her predecessor for being intent on mentoring and showing her the way as a senior colleague.

"We have been able to work together, write grants together, write papers together and above all to discover each other's talent and expertise... so as I take on the mantle, I will endeavour at all times to create an environment where staff members are able to do their work productively... the Library staff would like to be known by how distinct their outputs and contributions are to the University's strategic priorities" shared Assoc. Prof. Nalumaga.

She added that as University Librarian, she will continuously look out for opportunities of academic excellence. "I thank you Prof. Helen for mentoring me and wish you the best in your future endeavours."

Left to Right: Ms. Ikiriza Racheal, Assoc. Prof. Helen Byamugisha, Assoc. Prof. Ruth Nalumaga and Mr. Aggrey Luwuliza at the handover ceremony held in the University Library Boardroom on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023.



# Mak Staff Appointed at National and International levels



**Prof. Rhoda Wanyenze**, Dean-School of Public Health, appointed Member of the World Health Organization Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Advisory Group. Prof. Wanyenze was also appointed Alternate Board Member Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, representing the Research and Technical Health Institutes.



**Dr. Lyn Ossome**, Director-Makerere Institute of Social Research, appointed President of CODESRIA (2023-2026).



**Ms Peninnah Kabenge**-Head, Sports and Recreation, re-elected as the Vice President of the International University Sports Federation (FISU) and President of the Association of Uganda University Sports (AUUS).



**Prof. Sarah Ssali**, Dean-School of Women and Gender Studies, appointed to the Governing Council of the National Curriculum Development Centre (NCDC).



**Dr. Allen Kabagenyi**, Head-Department of Population Studies, appointed Board Member, Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS).



**Dr. Florence Ebila**, School of Women and Gender Studies was elected Vice Chairperson, Lira University Council in February 2023.



**Prof. James Kalema**, College of Natural Sciences, appointed Chair-Board of Trustees, Uganda Wildlife Authority.



**Prof. Edward Bbaale**, Director of Research and Graduate Training, appointed Makerere University's Focal Person- Consortium for Advanced Research Training in Africa (CARTA).



**Dr. Sallie Simba Kayunga**, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, appointed Member of the Electoral Commission.



# Prof Kiguli receives Lifetime Achievement award at poetry festival



**U**gandan poet, writer and academic, Professor Susan Kiguli has been honoured with a prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award at the internationally acclaimed Civil Poetry Festival in Vercelli, Italy.

The award is in recognition of her remarkable contribution to the world of poetry. It places her alongside other luminaries in the literary world, such as Jesper Svenbro, Adam Zagajewski, Tony Harrison, Adonis, and Evgenij Evtushenko.

Currently serving as an associate professor in the Department of Literature at Makerere University, Kiguli is a renowned figure in the realm of poetry. The International Literature Festival- Berlin, on its website notes that she is celebrated "as one of Africa's most interesting

young poets who write their poems in the oral story-telling tradition."

Born in 1969 in Luweero District, Prof. Kiguli's poetic journey traces back to her high school days at Gayaza High School, where she first began weaving verses in both Luganda and English.

But, it was her 1998 work, "The African Saga," that catapulted her into the league of the most exciting poets from Eastern and Southern Africa. This volume not only secured the National Book Trust of Uganda Poetry Award in 1999 but also etched its name in the annals of Ugandan literary history by selling out in under a year.

In her most recent literary achievement, a captivating collection of poetry titled "Weeping Lands," Prof. Kiguli's work resonated so deeply with the audience that on the night she received the award, eager readers clamored for her autograph.



Above: Prof. Susan Kiguli (L) with Andrea Corsaro, Mayor of Vercelli (R). Below: Prof. Susan Kiguli autographs her book.

## Mr. Yorac Nono Hands over Director Internal Audit Office, Receives Warm Sendoff

**O**n Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023, Mr. Walter Yorac Nono officially handed over the Office of Director Internal Audit to Mr. Patrick Akonyet at a ceremony presided over by the Acting Director of Human Resources, Mr. Deus Tayari Mujuni.

Mr. Walter Yorac Nono thanked the University Management and Council for the support extended to the Directorate for over years and thanked his colleagues for the team work exhibited throughout his tenure. The outgoing Director asked Mr. Akonyet to take particular note of the Directorate's role as Secretariat to the Audit Committee of Council as well as external membership to



some Makerere University Research and Innovation Fund (MakRIF) projects.

In his acceptance remarks, Mr. Patrick Akonyet thanked the University Leadership for nominating him to serve as Acting Manager until December 2023 as substantive appointment procedures continue. He thanked Mr. Yorac Nono for successfully steering the Directorate right from his appointment to

the official hand over ceremony, and requested him to remain available for consultation.

Mr. Akonyet expressed happiness to take over from Mr. Yorac Nono, accepted the list of assets as presented, and pledged to continue from where he had left off. He thanked Mr. Mujuni, Mr. Bainomugisha, Mrs. Mutekanga and the Public Relations Office for coming to witness the handover ceremony.

Mr. Patrick Akonyet (3rd L) receives the handover report from Mr. Walter Yorac Nono (3rd R) as Mr. Deus Tayari Mujuni (2nd L), Mr. Evarist Bainomugisha (2nd R), Mrs. Joan Mutekanga (R) and Secretary Internal Audit (L) witness.



## Mak Pays Tribute to the Late Hon. Joyce Mpanga

Hon. Mpanga had graced the Prof. Senteza Kajubi Fulbright Memorial Lecture. We equally cannot forget how she passionately and eloquently delivered the inaugural Sarah Ntiro Memorial Lecture on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022, despite her confinement to a wheel chair.

Hon. Joyce Mpanga etched her name in Makerere's annals right from 1953 when she set foot on the hill to undertake the University of London intermediate exam, which enabled her to be admitted on a Degree programme. Refusing to be intimidated by her male companions who said she wouldn't make it, she

stuck to her guns, passed her exams, enrolled for the Bachelor of Arts, and graduated in 1957. A year later in 1958, she graduated with a first-class post-graduate Diploma in Education as well.

In 1962, Hon. Mpanga became the first Ugandan woman to be awarded a Fulbright Scholarship at Indiana University. She was one of the first Ugandan female members of the Legislative Council and the first Honorable Minister of Women Affairs. She was a true daughter of Buganda Kingdom who served her as a member of the Lukiiko until her death.

**T**he Makerere University community on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023 received the sad news of the death her distinguished alumna, mentor and exemplary leader, Hon. Joyce Mpanga. The shock was even more profound given that only a few days prior on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023,

## DRGT engages management and staff on harmonized reporting of research and innovations



*Director, Mak DRGT Prof. Edward Bbaale (Seated 4th Right) flanked by Prof. Laura Orobia (Left) from MUBS at a breakfast meeting with representatives from Colleges and the Systems Development Team on Tuesday 5th December 2023 in Kampala.*

**T**he Directorate of Research and Graduate Training (DRGT) on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 held a breakfast meeting for Members of the University Management, College Principals, Deputy Principals, Principal Communication Officers, staff from Mak Public Relations Office, Directorate for ICT Support (DICTS), and Makerere University Business School aimed at bringing all stakeholders on board to ensure that an environment that is conducive for research to thrive is created.

According to the Director

Prof. Edward Bbaale, the commitment by DRGT to conform to the University's strategic direction has led to systematic reviews of its processes, tools and activities. "We have revised the

Graduate Students' Manual and the Postdoctoral policy. We are also reviewing the Makerere University research agenda. We would like to work with you to enhance the reporting and documentation of research and graduate training, and DRGT re-affirms its readiness to undertake the coordination role," said Prof. Bbaale.

Prof. Gorettie Nabanoga who represented the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe commended DRGT for convening key stakeholders at the University to discuss a common reporting structure. Emphasizing the impact of research, the Vice Chancellor underscored DRGT's coordination role in working with internal and external partners to come up with innovative ways to market and disseminate research to the communities.

"Research from Makerere University should impact communities and contribute to societal transformation," stated the Vice Chancellor.

The Director of DICTS, Mr. Samuel Mugabi highlighted that Makerere University's Research Information Management System (RIMS) is an online platform that would feed into other systems. "This digital platform focuses on system integration and providing a solution to the reporting challenges."

The RIMS will integrate: Human Resources Management (e-HRMS), Academic Management (ACMIS), Grants Management (GAMSU) and The Library.



# Two Mak Staff Honored among Best Grants Administrators

The Society of Research Administrators International (SRA International) unveiled the class of 2023 Future of the Field recipients.



**Ms. Stella Kakeeto**

Ms. Stella Kakeeto, a grants manager and Ms. Edna Angelique Karungi, a grants accountant, at Makerere University School of Public Health (MakSPH) were among the 33 individuals selected.

The Future of the Field initiative of SRAI strives to showcase the “up-and-comers” in research



**Ms. Edna Angelique Karungi**

administration—those who are influencing the status quo, leading their peers and institutions, and coming up with novel ideas to improve the field.

Gloria W. Greene, President, SRAI said; “The individuals recognized through Future of the Field are some of the best and brightest in our

profession.”

The duo was selected by a committee of Research Administrator peers, after the program received well over 100 nominations from around the globe. Applications were evaluated based on candidates’ career history, demonstration of exceptional professional growth, and significant contributions made to the advancement of Research Administration.

The Society of Research Administrators International (SRA International) is the leading international organization for research management, offering professionals from more than 40 nations training, professional development, and the most up-to-date, complete information on research management.



## GAMSU Trains Mak Accountants on Compliance to Grants Financial Policies

The Grants Administration and Management Support Unit (GAMSU) on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 trained accountants and project administrators at Makerere University on finance policies and procedures regarding grant administration and management, so as to ensure transparency and smooth processes in the auditing of grants.

The training was conducted during a workshop at the Telepresence Conference Hall in the Senate building, Makerere University, which was attended by College Accountants, Project Accountants, and Project Administrators, who gained valuable insights from prominent figures in the university’s financial leadership.

Professor Sylvia Antonia N.

N. Tamusuza, the head of GAMSU emphasized the importance of empowering accountants and project administrators with the necessary knowledge and skills to facilitate grant acquisition and ensure compliance. She noted that “GAMSU intends to facilitate the acquisition of grants and promote adherence to policies.”

Evarist Bainomugisha, the

University Bursar, highlighted the university’s grant policies and procedures while emphasizing the crucial role of the financial team in supporting grant administration. He cautioned the administrators and accountants to refrain from projects that are not appropriated by the government of Uganda, to avoid adverse consequences during audits.

# Inaugural Youth & Innovation Expo a Roaring Success

Youth and Innovation Expo was a roaring success as over 300 innovators showcased their creations and thousands of guests walked through the doors of the Yusuf Lule Central Teaching Facility Auditorium, as well as traversed the surrounding spaces on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Organised by Makerere University in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and MTN Uganda the Expo was held under the theme **“Fostering Innovation for Uganda’s Transformational Development”**.

Officially opened by Rt. Hon. Thomas Tayebwa, the Deputy Speaker of Parliament on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023, the Expo was graced by the Chairperson of Council Mrs. Lorna Magara, Resident Representative UNDP Uganda H.E. Elsie Attafuah, Ambassador of Italy to Uganda H.E. Massimiliano Mazzanti, the Vice Chancellor Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, and the Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor (Finance and Administration) Prof. Frank Norbert Mwine among other dignitaries. The Expo was officially closed on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 by the Minister of State for Youth and Children Affairs Hon. Nyirabashitsi Sarah Mateke.

Delivering his keynote address, Rt. Hon. Thomas Tayebwa, the Deputy Speaker of Parliament could not help but appreciate the strides that Makerere University is making as it transitions from producing job seekers to producing job

creators, through initiatives aimed at nurturing youth innovations and youth enterprise. “I want to thank the Country Director UNDP, H.E. Elsie Attafuah and the entire diplomatic corp for this enormous gesture and timing to help Makerere transition.”

In her remarks, the Chairperson of Council, Mrs. Lorna Magara thanked H.E. Elsie Attafuah for steering UNDP’s support to nurture innovation and entrepreneurship at Makerere, noting that the expo was a dream come true. “We are creating a platform that facilitates meaningful engagement between the youth and the various partners to tap into their expertise and experience.”

Responding to the “why now?” question that could have been lingering in the audience, H.E. Elsie Attafuah shared that since we live in a world of uncertainties such as covid-19, climate change and wars, “we

must invest and we must innovate” to enable us overcome the effects associated with these uncertainties. Furthermore, she noted that in the midst of unevenness in development progress, “we must redouble our efforts by investing in innovations and solutions that will help us progress as a country.”

Thirdly on the “why now?”, she stressed that the unemployment in Uganda, Africa and other developing countries ought to concern us all.

“We must seize this opportunity to create job opportunities for our young people... we can no longer be exporting our wealth and importing poverty into our continent.”

Still on the topic of development, H.E. Massimiliano Mazzanti acknowledged that the need to

match his country’s support to national development is often prioritized in discussions with Ugandan authorities.

That notwithstanding, of particular interest to the Embassy has been support to the Ugandan youth, whom the Ambassador admitted showcase amazing creativity.

“The majority of our population are the youth and we must tap into their energies to move our country and continent forward positively” remarked the Prof. Nawangwe in relation to youth and entrepreneurship.

“Makerere has resolved to be a leader in research and innovations because we realize that we must empower these youth to create jobs for themselves and for the other people who are less advantaged than them” he added.

*Rt. Hon. Thomas Tayebwa (2nd L), H.E. Elsie Attafuah (3rd R), Mrs. Lorna Magara (3rd L) and other officials interact with one of the exhibitors in the UNDP Tent.*





## Mak to set up an agro-processing skilling hub

Makerere University in partnership with Promote Uganda Company Limited (PROUL) is set to establish an agro-processing skilling hub to expose students to agricultural machinery.

Mr David Nsubuga, the Director for PROUL said many youths remain unemployed despite their academic qualifications and it is high time they embraced new technology to create more job opportunities for the graduates.

"On top of the courses students are studying, we are going to establish a skilling center where they can be exposed to the machines that add value to agricultural products. We believe that when they start buying and selling finished agricultural products, this, will

Left to Right: Mr. Steven Byantwale Tibejuka, Prof. Umar Kakumba, Mr. Patrick Akonyet and Prof. Gorettie Nabanoga with other officials during a tour of the exhibition.



start them on the journey of industrialists." he noted  
The Vice Chancellor, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs) Prof. Umar Kakumba, revealed that the university has student innovators who just need backup funds to transform the agricultural sector.

"They have innovated machinery that can do irrigation. We are partnering with Promote Uganda Limited to showcase some of the innovations and to be able to

connect them to banks which can give them credit and be able to promote their machinery that they are producing including those that do a lot with production of finished goods." Read the Vice Chancellor's message.

Dr Cathy Mbidde, the Manager of the Makerere University Innovation Hub said the hub was established in August 2022 under the office of the Vice Chancellor to commercialise the innovations from research that the university undertakes.

## Mak, UNISA discuss academic collaboration

Makerere University (Mak) and the University of South Africa (UNISA) have started discussions on international collaboration and joint academic interests.

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 the Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umar Kakumba hosted a delegation from UNISA led by Prof. Tennyson Mgutshini, the Executive Dean, College of Graduate Studies and Prof. Thenjiwe Meyiwa, the Vice-Principal: Research, Postgraduate Studies, Innovation and Commercialisation.

Welcoming the delegation, Prof. Kakumba informed his guests that the large volume of research produced by Makerere University is slowly but progressively penetrating the community and supporting Government programmes aimed at

fostering transformation of society.

The Acting Vice Chancellor emphasized that the University is earmarking a lot of knowledge translation initiatives with the aim of impacting policy and practice with well-researched evidence. This, he noted is undertaken through ten colleges, 30 Schools, 115 Departments, various research centres including African Centres of Excellence and other research units.

Front Row: Ag. Vice Chancellor-Prof. Umar Kakumba (2nd R), UNISA Head of Delegation-Prof. Tennyson Mgutshini (R), Prof. Thenjiwe Meyiwa (C), Dr. Maxwell Otim Onapa (L) and other leaders from Makerere and UNISA pose for a group photo after the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023, Telepresence Centre, Senate Building, Makerere University.



On behalf of UNISA, the head of delegation Prof. Mgutshini noted that at 150 years of age his institution is the premier institution in South Africa with over 370,000 students, and graduating over 54,000 annually. In terms of diversity, UNISA students originate from 110 countries, with the majority belonging to Southern African Development Community (SADC) and other African countries.

# Mak Hosts 6<sup>th</sup> Kampala Geopolitics



**T**he sixth edition of the Kampala Geopolitics Conference got underway at 10:00 AM on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 in the Yusuf Lule Central Teaching Facility Auditorium with the partners expressing pride at being associated with Makerere and what the University represents. It was truly a day for the century-old institution to bask in the limelight as accolade after accolade poured in.

"We are here today together because Makerere University is actually a temple of knowledge, a temple of academic freedom, of research, of science and of humanity" remarked the Ambassador of France to Uganda, H.E. Xavier Sticker (Pictured Top 2<sup>nd</sup> Left). "We are together in this temple because we are believers in Makerere University, we are partners today and beyond on a number of other activities, but we are also believers in what university represents... the words are so close between university and universality" added the Ambassador.

"We at Konrad-Adenauer Foundation are very pleased to once again co-host this prestigious conference alongside the French Embassy in Uganda, Makerere University, UN Women and the Alliance Française" continued Mr. Nils Wörmer, the Director of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung's (KAS) Regional Programme Security Dialogue for East Africa (Pictured Top 3<sup>rd</sup> Left).



"Every time I come to this great university I feel proud and privileged" exuded UN Women Country Representative, Dr. Paulina Chiwangu (Pictured Top 2<sup>nd</sup> Right). "We have some of the great leaders from the region who went through this great university, the likes of William Mkapa, former President of Tanzania, the likes of Julius Kambarage Nyerere, the father of the Nation of Tanzania" she added.

Dr. Chiwangu further lauded the Kampala Geopolitics Conference as "a beacon of intellectual discourse" dedicated to achieving several vital objectives namely; creating a dynamic platform that bridges expertise between Europe and Africa, as well as fostering open conversations in a manner that is both creative and informative.

It was on this creative and informative note that the Director of Alliance Française Kampala, Mr. Eric Touzé (Pictured Top Right) shared that his organization in addition to teaching French promotes the local Ugandan cultures in their own languages. "Thus it is quite natural that as part of the Kampala Geopolitics 2023, the Alliance was tasked with developing a program of cultural and artistic events... the idea is to introduce as a counterpoint to scholarly discussions, moments of reflections, moments of relaxation and moments of beauty."

Mr. Touzé then took time to introduce the artists; Charlene Komuntale and Mona Taha, whose art pieces hang from the auditorium walls. "The Ugandan, East African and African cultural and creative industries are key to the geopolitics of the region and the works

presented here reflect this" he added, thereafter, introducing Destiny Gladys Chaiga a poet and spoken word artist. Destiny is a first cohort fellow at the Content Catalyst Program under the Media Challenge Initiative funded by the French Embassy in Uganda. On the occasion, she recited one of her pieces, "Voices of Africa's Renaissance".

In his welcome remarks, the Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umar Kakumba (Pictured Top Left) shared that it was truly an honour and a privilege for Makerere University to annually provide a platform to debate current geopolitical trends in light of sustainable development, global peace and international cooperation. He noted that a lot has transpired on the global scene since Makerere University held the first Kampala Geopolitics Conference on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018, most notably, the advent and rapid growth of Artificial Intelligence (AI) as well as COVID-19 and its aftermath.

"One of the most important lessons that the pandemic taught us was the need to embrace blended teaching and learning, as an approach to ensure that we not only reconstruct our nations but also create more innovative ways of extending our services to our wider stakeholder communities" remarked Prof. Kakumba.

He was pleased to note that the 6<sup>th</sup> Kampala Geopolitics Conference would be accessible to both physical and virtual audiences. In this regard, he thanked the French Embassy and partner institutions for their generous contributions that have made the Kampala Geopolitics Conference an annual highlight on the calendars of staff, students, alumni, stakeholders and experts from various fields.



# Mak Trains PWDs in innovative skills



Right to Left:  
Mr. Apollo Muyanja Mbaziira, Ms. Patience Kaitezi, Mr. John Chris Ninsiima, Mrs. Winifred Kabumbuli, Dr. Cathy Mbidde, Ms. Berna Mugema and Ms. Victo Nalule (Seated) at the launch.

**M**akerere University has launched plans to equip persons with disabilities (PWDs) in the Kampala Metropolitan area with special skills.

The initiative is being funded by the Royal Academy of Engineering, to improve their daily incomes as well as elevate their living standards.

While commissioning the needs assessment campaign at Makerere University on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Ms. Patience Kaitezi, Rehabilitation Officer at the Ministry of Gender and Social Justice said with this project, there will be harnessing of hidden talents and skills for PWDs and the goal is to help their products penetrate the market.

"I am happy that Makerere is embracing innovations for people with disabilities. Let's appreciate what PWDs do and develop them in their respective innovations."

Mrs. Winifred Kabumbuli, the Dean of Students at Makerere

University, who represented the Vice Chancellor at the launch of the project encouraged the nominated persons with disabilities to seize this opportunity, embrace their talents, and let their innovation shine. "Your contributions have the power to reshape perceptions, break barriers and transform lives. Together, we can

create a society that truly values and harnesses the potential of all individuals," she said.

Dr. Mbidde said the project aims at identifying young persons with disabilities engaged in creating innovative business (Products/ services), identifying stakeholders that can provide support or opportunities to IYPWDs and also creating a platform for IYPWDs to share experiences and tap into opportunities.

"They have the potential because we have seen them engage in politics. We just need to create awareness for them and identify what they need."

In Uganda, 8.5 percent of the population have a disability. Young persons with disabilities face enormous challenges in accessing resources, living a decent life and exploiting opportunities. Yet these people have huge unexploited potential of unique talents and skills that drive creativity and innovation.

Some of the beneficiaries at the launch.





## ARUA 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference Tasks African HEIs to Transform Continent



The African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Conference was hosted by the University of Lagos, Nigeria from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Based on the theme “Reimagining the Future of Higher Education in Africa” the Conference was officially opened by the Vice Chancellor and ARUA Board Chairperson, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (Pictured above).

Prof. Nawangwe in his opening remarks emphasised the need for the Higher Education sector in Africa to work hard and transform the continent, and decried the de-funding of the sector, which followed neoliberal reforms. Additional remarks at the opening ceremony were

delivered by Prof. Folasade Tolulope Ogunsola, OON-Vice Chancellor, University of Lagos and Conference Host, Prof. Grace Otinwa-Professor of Exercise Physiology University of Lagos and Chair, Local Organising Committee as well as Prof. Ernest Aryeetey-Secretary General, ARUA.

The keynote address at the opening ceremony was delivered by Professor Adam Habib, Director, School Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London on the topic **“Reinventing Higher Education in the 21st Century: Bridging the Gap Between National Agendas and Transnational Challenges”**.

## Digitalizing of Academic Records and Processes in the Academic Registrar’s Department



**Mrs. Patience Rubabinda Mushengyezi**  
Deputy Registrar, Senate Division.

The Government of Uganda through the Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund (Mak-RIF) has funded the Digitalizing of Academic Records and Processes in the Academic Registrar’s Department, as well as the Mastercard Foundation through the Mastercard Relief Fund for the digitization of academic records and processes and procurement of equipment.

The main objective of the project is to improve the status of academic records and processes in the Academic Registrar’s Department, a move from manual processes to e-services.

**The project has realized the following achievements:** Secured the Senate building against fire

through the Installation of fire protection and detection systems in the Senate Building and in all the record rooms; Established the Digitization Centre in Committee Room 2 by Setting up a room for scanning, indexing students’ records and loading on to the system; Acquired the Academic Records Management System (MAK-ARS); Formulated the Academic Records Management Policy; Enhanced the safety of academic records; Transformed the management, tracking and retrieval of academic records in the Academic Registrar’s Department; Enabled the automation of graduation processes; and has **transformed** the management, tracking and retrieval of academic records in the Academic Registrar’s Department.

The Principal Investigator of this project is Mrs Patience Rubabinda Mushengyezi, Deputy Registrar, Senate in the Department of the Academic Registrar.



# Mak Celebrates Pan-Africanist Kwame Nkrumah

**W**hen you visit Makerere University, it is hard to miss the various landmarks bearing historical names, names of great people and Pan-Africanists. The students' Halls of residence that derive their names from Pan Africanists of our time include Nkrumah and Lumumba Halls. Nkrumah Hall is named after the West African Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah; who is remembered for leading Ghana to independence.

"As we celebrate the enduring legacy of Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, it is crucial to not only acknowledge the profound impact he had on the people of Ghana but also to understand how his vision continues to resonate with the youths of today," affirms Dr. John Serbe Marfo, a lecturer at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology. Nkrumah's life and work embody the very values that



*Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah's Monument at Nkrumah Hall.*

Nkrumah Hall at Makerere University proudly upholds – the ideals of Pan-Africanism, unity, and progress.

Nkrumah embarked on his journey as a statesman and visionary with a fervent call for the liberation of African nations from the clutches colonial rule. His unyielding commitment to the Pan-African cause earned him the revered title of "Osagyefo," a name that has become synonymous with the hallowed Nkrumah Hall. This title signifies his unmatched dedication to the

advancement of African people.

Mr. Duncan Nuwabigaba, the Hall Chairman says the idea of the annual Nkrumah day was birthed out of the need for students to connect with the Alumni to share experiences, opportunities, challenges and also lay strategies for giving back to their Hall. He appeals to all the alumni to come and join this annual celebration to take stock of their achievements and learn more about Kwame Nkrumah, his values and contribution to the world.

According to the warden, Mr. Rodney Rugyema, it is important for the residents both past and present to celebrate what they are, understand Nkrumah in the true sense and emulate him. According to Mr. Rugyema, Nkrumah Hall has produced many great people in all spheres of life including doctors, professors, politicians, guild presidents, managers, head teachers, directors, etc.

## Mak Muslims' Thanksgiving Ceremony (Shukur)

**T**he Makerere University Mosque Executive Board members organized a Thanksgiving Ceremony (Shukur) to appreciate Allah upon promotions attained by staff at various academic and leadership ladders. The event was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023. The staff were promoted to the rank of professor, associate professor and those that had ascended to leadership positions.

The event was attended by 50 participants, including the Mak Mosque Board Members, Professors and Associate Professors from



all colleges. Some of the newly celebrated promotions were: Prof. Yazidhi Bamutaze - Deputy Principal, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Assoc. Prof. Sauda Namyalo - College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Assoc. Prof. Faizal Buyinza - College of Business and Management Sciences, Assoc. Prof. Juma Kasozi - Deputy Principal, College of Natural Sciences, among others.

Dr. Aisha Nakiwala, Head

Department of Journalism and Communication, also the Vice Chairperson Mak Mosque Executive Board, emphasized that promotions are earned on merit and hard work. "When a time like this comes where many members from the muslim fraternity are promoted, it's reason enough to celebrate as well as thank Allah for that favour, she said." The ceremony ended with a prayer for more blessings upon muslim staff.

## Mak Commissions Committee to Interface with Stakeholders on Equal Opportunities

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023, the Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. Henry Alinaitwe officially commissioned a Mediation Committee to interface with complainants and stakeholders regarding the matter logged before the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) under Complaint Ref. No. EOC/CR/440/2023. Held at a press conference in the Council Room, Makerere University the commissioning was preceded by the establishment of the Committee on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 by the University Management. The Committee has the following as members:

- i. Assoc. Prof. Helen Nambalirwa Nkabala - Chairperson
- ii. Assoc. Prof. Sarah Ssali - Member
- iii. Dr. Chris Tuhirirwe - Member
- iv. Mrs. Winifred Kabumbuli - Member
- v. Ms. Faith Tabusa - Member
- vi. Ms. Ritah Namisango - Member/ Secretariat
- vii. Mr. Mark Wamai - Secretariat



Prof. Henry Alinaitwe (2nd Left) shakes hands with Assoc. Prof. Helen Nambalirwa Nkabala (Centre) as the Committee Members; Mrs. Winifred Kabumbuli (Right), Dr. Chris Tuhirirwe (2nd Right) and Ms. Ritah Namisango (Left) witness

## AICAD Selected to Host Africa Open Science Platform Regional Node



"The African Institute for Capacity Development (AICAD) has been selected to host the Africa Open Science Platform (AOSP) Node for the Eastern Africa region. This is a key milestone aimed at advancing scientific research and data sharing on the African continent," said the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe during a press conference held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

Left to Right: Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, Dr. Gaston Ampe Tumuhimbise and Mr. Hope Katongole.

After a very rigorous and competitive process, the National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa selected the African Institute for Capacity Development (AICAD) as a regional node for the African Open Science Platform (AOSP) taking charge of the East African region node. AICAD is a regional organization charged with linking university generated technologies to the communities to fight poverty with headquarters at Jomo Kenyata

University of Agriculture and Technology. AICAD has country offices located at Makerere University in Uganda, Sokoine University of Agriculture in Tanzania and Egerton University in Kenya.

The Vice Chancellor of Makerere University, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe congratulated AICAD on being appointed to coordinate this noble initiative in East Africa. Makerere University welcomes every initiative and programme that harnesses the

power of research to transform lives and societies. AICAD through this Africa Open Science Platform (AOSP) will enhance the ongoing efforts of ensuring that research, science and data contributes to reduction of poverty in the African region.

"The Makerere University Strategic Plan stipulates the re-positioning of Makerere University into a research led university. This is premised on the fact that no country can develop without research. The main goal of AICAD is fighting poverty using university generated innovations. I am happy to note that the National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa has appointed AICAD as a regional node for the African Open Science Platform (AOSP) taking charge of the East African region node. With this appointment, Makerere University is ready to work with AICAD to coordinate all member universities and other research data generating agencies to pursue the ideas of open science. The idea of open science and data sharing is key in the innovation process. When data is shared, solutions are quickly realized. I understand this is how the COVID-19 vaccine was quickly produced. Different research groups were able to share their data for a common cause," remarked Prof. Nawangwe.



## Message from the Chair **Mak Convocation**



**A**s we prepare to celebrate the 74<sup>th</sup> Makerere University Convocation Graduation from January 29<sup>th</sup> to February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, I take this opportunity as the Chairperson of the Makerere University Convocation, both as an honor and a pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of you on this momentous occasion.

Your graduation from Makerere University is a remarkable achievement and a testament to your hard work, dedication, and intellectual prowess. Today, you join a distinguished community of alumni who have gone on to make significant contributions to society, both nationally and globally.

As you stand at the threshold of a new chapter in your lives, I encourage you to reflect on the knowledge you have gained, the friendships you have formed, and the

challenges you have overcome during your time at Makerere. Remember that education is not just about acquiring facts and figures but about developing critical thinking, resilience, and a passion for lifelong learning.

Makerere University has equipped you with the skills and knowledge to navigate a world that is constantly evolving. Embrace change, seek out opportunities for growth, and continue to strive for excellence in everything you do. Your education is a powerful tool, and how you choose to wield it will shape not only your future but also the future of those around you.

As members of the Makerere University Convocation, you are now part of a network that spans generations and disciplines. Take pride in your affiliation with Makerere, and use the lessons you've learned to contribute meaningfully to your communities, professions, and the world at large.

Remember that success is a journey, not a destination. Be patient with yourselves, stay true to your values, and never underestimate the impact you can have on the world. Makerere University has prepared you to be leaders, innovators, and agents of positive change, and I have every confidence that you will make us proud.

As you embark on this exciting new phase of your lives, know that the Makerere University Convocation is here to support you. Stay connected with your alma mater, engage with fellow alumni, and continue to be ambassadors for the values of knowledge, integrity, research and service that define Makerere University.

May your futures be bright, your aspirations limitless, and your impact profound.

With warm regards,

George Turyamureeba Mugabi,  
CPA

**Chairperson, Makerere University Convocation**

# Scholars & Alumni of Mastercard Foundation light up Achukudu Community, Napak District



**O**n Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023, Scholars and Alumni of Mastercard Foundation at Makerere University commemorated their 9<sup>th</sup> Scholars' Annual Day of Community Service (Giveback). The Scholars Annual Day of Community Service was held at Achukudu Community Primary School, Napak District in the Karamoja sub-region. With a total population of 1,097 pupils, the school has only three government-paid teachers, and nine community-paid teachers. The lack of enough teachers is just one of the plethora of challenges. The other challenges included the lack of Classrooms, decent Ventilated Pit Latrines, and Desks. Therefore, when the Scholars of Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at Makerere University identified the school as one that deserved to be given a gift of a classroom block, it was a befitting choice!



*Scholars, Alumni and the community of Achukudu Primary School during the commissioning of the classroom block on 2nd December 2023.*

school meet UNEB Center eligibility criteria. Prior to the construction of the class block and the donation of the classroom desks, the pupils of Achukudu community primary school were learning from an open grass thatched shelter (Pictured Bottom Left) and were sitting on tree logs. Therefore, the new classroom block and the classroom desks donated by Scholars and alumni of Mastercard Foundation at Makerere University will go along way in improving the quality of teaching and learning of the vulnerable young people of Achukudu Primary School.

The commitment of giving back to community by Scholars and alumni of Mastercard Foundation goes beyond what was achieved at Achukudu Primary School. From 2014 when Program kicked off at Makerere University, Scholars engaged in a number of initiatives to uplift the

community. For instance, in 2019, they constructed a residential block for teachers at Kabaale Primary School in Mityana District. In the same year they installed a chain link fence at Salaama School of the Blind in Mukono district. In 2020, they planted fruit trees and donated covid-19 protective materials to Kyangwali Refugee settlement. In 2021, Scholars funded the construction of a borehole and provided clean water for Bulamwiki Community in Iganga district. In 2022 they constructed a two-classroom block for vulnerable pupils of St. Katherine Nursery and primary School in Agago district.

We believe that this spirit of giving back to our communities, if embraced by everyone, is capable of breaking the chains of poverty and opening doors for a brighter future for Uganda and African continent.

The Scholars with support from the alumni, the Program Team, Members of the Steering Committee, and partners of the Scholars Program at Makerere University intervened by constructing a two-classroom block (Pictured Bottom Right), which was supervised by one of the alumni who is an Engineer. Alongside the classroom block, the Scholars also provided 40 desks, helping the



*The old grass thatched structure that the pupils were using as their classroom block.*



*The new classroom block and desks that were donated by the Scholars and Alumni of Mastercard Foundation*



# Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund (Mak-RIF) Milestones

## Brief About Mak-RIF

Makerere University has continued to receive funding from the Government of the Republic of Uganda, earmarked to support high impact Research and Innovations. The Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund (Mak-RIF) facilitates Makerere University faculty working with multidisciplinary partners/teams to conduct research that contributes to national development. This fund illustrates the increasing importance that the Government attaches to Research and Innovation as a driver of development and socio-economic transformation. The objective of the fund is to increase the local generation of translatable research and scalable innovations that address key gaps required to drive Uganda's development agenda. The fund fills a key gap in funding for research at the University and is aimed at complementing available research funding to address unfunded priorities critical to accelerating development across different sectors of the economy in Uganda.

Since inception, Financial Year 2019/2020 (now in the 5<sup>th</sup> year), Makerere University expects to receive a total of 30 billion Uganda Shillings (equivalent to about US\$ 8,100,000) under the fund each Financial Year.

## A Highlight of the Key Successes

- 1,075 multidisciplinary research and innovation projects (including PhD awards, multiyear projects and Commercialization Grant Awards; our most recent). Several research and innovation projects are now being supported



Dr. Cosmas Mwikirize (Right) officially launching the MakSol Cooker on behalf of Hon. Dr. Monica Musenero Masanza on 14th June 2023 at Makerere University.

to move to scale. These include; the Hybrid Solar Drier, Senga-Edusave: Transforming Senga (Auntie in the Luganda local dialect) services into skills that can be imparted into young girls to enable them stay in school, Improving accessibility of Science practicals for both private and public schools in Uganda, Harnessing Multimedia Technology: Digital Games and Animated stories, Phyto-Nutra Chicken Concentrate Feeds, Rice Husk Briquettes (Briqhusk), Multidisciplinary Mentoring Approach, E-health system-Mobile data collector, Digital land archival collection access, Smart Irrigation Control Kit, Ajon (local brew) Gold: Mechanizing processing and improving shelf life, Vitex Medical Tool: Curbing

antimicrobial resistance and effection control, Redvers e-mobility bike and Mpaffu Wine. Among others.

Read more on <https://news.mak.ac.ug/2023/12/mak-rif-commercialization-grant-awards-launched/>

- In place is a proactive and professional Grants Management Committee which has ensured the highest level of standards.
- An effective system for managing a large portfolio of grants has been developed.
- A Strong Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning function is operational and this is necessary for tracking project performance.
- Operations are characterized by a strong financial management system characterized by continuous management action to address non-compliance.
- A strong communication strategy which is key for research dissemination and stakeholder engagement.
- Established and leveraged capacity strengthening and building for enhancement of researcher skills in project management.
- Openness, equity, ethics, and transparency: key ingredients of success.

Read more on <https://rif.mak.ac.ug/>



# Mak Deans Forum Deliberates on Safeguarding Policy, Career Guidance & Mentorship



Prof. Umar Kakumba addresses the Deans Forum that deliberated on enhancement of safeguarding at Makerere University and the Draft Career Guidance and Mentorship Policy.

**T**he Makerere University Deans' Forum (MUDF) was inaugurated on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 following a sensitisation workshop for academic leaders aimed at building a sustainable research culture and research management systems for quality and relevant research output.

The Forum, it was further envisaged, would create a platform for Deans to share and network beyond the University Senate Meetings. Four years down the road, these interactions have borne fruit, with several collaborations across the board.

Prof. Umar Kakumba, the Deputy Vice Chancellor in charge of Academic Affairs (DVCAA) and Patron MUDF congratulated the outgoing MUDF Chairperson-Prof.

Rhoda Wanyenze, Vice Chairperson-Prof. Arthur K. Tugume and Executive Committee members for serving the Forum wholeheartedly.

Prof. Umar Kakumba made the remarks at the Forum held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 aimed at onboarding the Deans on the process of enhancing safeguarding at Makerere University through co-creation of the applicable policy. The same Forum was also aimed at validating the Draft Makerere Policy on Career Guidance and Mentorship, currently in its final stage of formulation.

"Today is a great opportunity to highlight the enhancement of safeguarding at Makerere" remarked the DVCAA. He emphasized that safeguarding is a contemporary and important aspect for Makerere University because "It builds the University we expect

for everybody to thrive, be they staff, students and all those that come to seek or provide services".

On validation of the Draft Makerere Policy on Career Guidance and Mentorship, Prof. Kakumba emphasized that it was important to institutionalize and customize these two closely linked aspects so as to produce graduates that not only have good grades but also possess the moral fabric and productivity that boosts their employability.

The objective of the policy is to ensure that all students at Makerere University access career guidance and mentorship support that enables them to make informed-career choices and builds their capability to effectively transition into the world of work. The policy will be implemented at college level, with support from the Career Guidance and Mentorship Desk under the office of the DVCAA.

The day's forum concluded with the election of new office bearers

for some of the positions of the MUDF Executive Committee. The former Vice Chairperson, Prof. Arthur K. Tugume was successfully elected to the position of Chairperson, while Committee Member, Prof. Saudah Namyalo was elected Vice Chairperson. Dr. Martin Baluku, Dr. Claire Mugasa and Dr. Justus Twesigye were elected as new committee members.

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Seated: The DVCAA & Patron MUDF-Prof. Umar Kakumba (3rd R), with the Chairperson-Prof. Arthur K. Tugume (C), Vice Chairperson-Prof. Saudah Namyalo and Members L-R; Dr. Justus Twesigye, Dr. Martin Baluku, Dr. Claire Mugasa and Prof. Godfrey Akileng as well as Deans and Directors (Standing) at the Forum on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Hotel Africana, Kampala.





# Gender Equality: Swedish Ambassador Calls for Full Involvement of Men and Boys



H.E. Maria Håkansson (4th L), Dr. Paulina Chiwangu (4th R) and Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (3rd Left) with officials and artists at the launch.

The Ambassador of Sweden to Uganda Her Excellency Maria Håkansson has emphasized the need to fully engage men and boys in all the initiatives geared towards achieving Gender Equality in Uganda and other parts of the world.

She said this on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at a press conference organized by the Embassy of Sweden in close collaboration with Makerere University Gender Mainstreaming Directorate, UN Women and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to unveil the National Orange Pledge campaign and officially launch the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.

The press conference was headlined by a Ugandan rapper and record producer Daniel Lubwama Kigozi, popularly known as Navio and Jason Michael Bosak Diakité popularly known as Timbuktu from Sweden.

According to Her Excellence Maria Håkansson, Gender Equality cannot be achieved without involving men and boys to take their responsibilities and be the drivers of change. "For real change to happen, we need to change attitudes and norms that might cause Gender Based Violence, one of the social ills

in Uganda and an extreme of gender inequality that occurs at all levels of society," she said.

She acknowledged the full participation of university students in all campaigns and activities geared towards achieving gender equality as well as ending gender based violence when she said, "You are the leaders of tomorrow and you have an opportunity to build a future where everyone can thrive.

The Vice Chancellor of Makerere University Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe highlighted the various measures Makerere University has put in place to prevent and respond to gender based violence. To him, the Policy and Regulations against Sexual Harassment; the appointment

and capacity building for the Vice Chancellor's Roster of 100 eminent people from the various colleges and administrative units; recruitment and training of the Gender Mainstreaming Programme Student Peer Trainers and setting up Sexual Harassment Investigation Committees are bigger milestones to celebrate.

The UN Women Country Representative Paulina Chiwangu recognized the investment Makerere University, the Embassy of Sweden and UNFPA have made to end violence against women and girls. "Thanks to our collective efforts, the silence that used to shroud violence against women has now been broken" said.

Speaking at the Press Conference at Makerere University Rugby Grounds, Navio said that for the 20 years he has been an activist of Gender Based Violence, he has faced the reality of many young girls and women in Uganda being victims of sexual and physical abuse. He therefore sent a huge condemnation to men especially artists that who are perpetrators of Gender Based Violence and called for serious government action and clear policies and laws against such injustices.

Jason Michael Bosak Diakité popularly known as Timbuktu from Sweden appreciated the wider platform provided by the music industry globally for artists to act as role models and champion of change. The rapper highlighted the need to respect women for their roles and support towards community development.



# Mak Continues to make Good Strides Toward Internationalization

The Team from Makerere University led by Prof. Umar Kakumba (4th Right) with Prof. Justine Namaalwa (3rd Right), Dr. Godfrey Mayende (2nd Right) and Mr. Tony Oluka (Left) and some of the members of faculty at ASU.



From 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Prof. Umar Kakumba, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs, led a delegation to a bench-marking visit at Arizona State University (ASU) in the United States of America.

The main purpose of the visit was to Benchmark the eLearning Ecosystem, Practices, and technologies at ASU. However, Prof. Kakumba took advantage of the visit, to initiate and sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Makerere University and Arizona State University for collaboration in Research and other aspects of teaching and learning. The MoU also stipulated other key areas of collaboration;

During the Bench-marking visit, Prof. Kakumba and his team held a number of key conversations and meetings with various members of the faculty at ASU, in which a lot of experiential sharing and learning took place. The key takeaways from the bench-marking visit include;

- How to leverage Enterprise

Technology in the University Functions/Operations = Tech-enabling.

- EdPLus (the equivalent of IODEL) – Supports the Pedagogical aspects of Integration of Technology into teaching, learning, and research.
- The Critical Importance of Instructional Designers, educational Multimedia Specialists, and eLearning Special Needs officers.
- The Enterprise Technology (the equivalent of DICTS)- Supports the Digital

aspects of Learning and Research.

- Capacity Building for Staff/ Onboarding Faculty for Online Teaching through a Mandatory Master class/Course = “Online Teaching Course” Can be customized for Makerere University Faculty Onboarding Students to Online learning;
- Mandatory I CU Course: Tech-enabled Learning at Makerere University
- Setting up cost-effective Multimedia Studios (Small and standard size) for recording online course materials.
- Continued Technical Support from Enterprise Technology, at Arizona State University.

The bench-marking visit was a step in the right direction for Makerere University in many ways, critical among them being the internalization of the University through such collaborations and signing MoUs.

Prof. Kakumba (Right) and Dr. Rosen (Left) exchanging souvenirs after signing the MoU between Makerere University and Arizona State University (ASU)





# Mak Halls Renovation Kicks Off with Lumumba



**M**akerere University Management led by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 handed over the Lumumba Hall site to National Enterprise Corporation (NEC), for commencement of renovation works. The works to be undertaken over a period of twelve months are fully funded by the Government of Uganda at a cost of UGX9billion. NEC is a State-owned Corporation and is the commercial arm of the Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs.

Addressing the gathering, the Prof. Nawangwe appreciated the Government of Uganda for availing all resources required to undertake the project. In the same breath, he paid tribute to the United States Government for donating the Hall of Residence as an Independence gift to Uganda.

"Lumumba is the biggest and newest Hall of Residence we have. There have been no major renovations since it was constructed and this overhaul is meant to bring it back to life" added the Vice Chancellor. Renovation of Halls of Residence has been of utmost importance to the University Leadership and will begin with Lumumba Hall, followed by Mary Stuart Hall as funds are made available.

Lumumba Hall was built in the late 1960s and officially opened

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in 1971. It was named after Patrice Lumumba, a freedom fighter and the first Prime Minister of the Republic of Congo (currently the Democratic Republic of Congo). The Hall has the capacity to accommodate approximately 752 students.

The Acting Director, Estates and Works Directorate (EWD) Eng. Darius Muwanguzi noted that Lumumba's structure is still sound and the

overhaul is intended to restore the plumbing and electrical systems, as well as the flooring, window fittings and other amenities.

Receiving the site on behalf of the contractor, the General Manager NEC Construction Works and Engineering Limited, Eng. Brian Buhanda expressed delight at the firm being awarded another project at Makerere University, following the Perimeter Wall Fence Completion contract. He expressed the contractor's readiness to restore Lumumba to its original quality or better, given the advancements made with production of materials since the 1971 when the Hall officially opened its doors.

## The 19<sup>th</sup> RUFORUM AGM calls for comprehensive safeguarding policies with critical elements of safety & protection among African Universities



The RUFORUM Executive Secretary Prof. Patrick Okori.

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), a consortium of 163 universities in 40 African countries held its 19<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in Yaoundé, Cameroon from 28<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023.

The RUFORUM AGM 2023 brought together over 600 delegates from Africa and beyond including; Ministers, Development Partners, University leaders, students, private sector leaders; farmers and farmer representatives; emerging and early career researchers as well as other key stakeholders in agriculture and higher education to share experiences and chart a way forward for transforming higher agricultural and tertiary education as

Universities engage, discuss, and deliberate on emerging and contemporary issues in higher education. Among the issues that were discussed in this session was the need to enhance safe guarding among institutions of higher learning in Africa.

In the context of universities, safeguarding calls for promotion of safety and wellbeing of students, staff and other partners as the University delivers its services. All students and staff have the right to be protected, nurtured and free from all forms of harm/abuse regardless of their race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, nationality, ethnic or social origin, disability, or other status. The forms of harm/abuse could include Physical abuse, Emotional abuse, Sexual harassment and exploitation, Neglect or negligent treatment, Cyber bullying and other cybercrimes, financial exploitation, and Material theft/loss.

At the Vice Chancellors Forum, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe emphasized the need to develop comprehensive safeguarding policies where important elements of safety and protection are considered and all the common forms of risk, abuse and harm are emphasized. According to Prof. Nawangwe, with the Makerere University Safe Guarding Policy, the University is moving in a right direction of aligning its commitment

of being a professionally governed, equitable, and inclusive and gender mainstreamed institution.

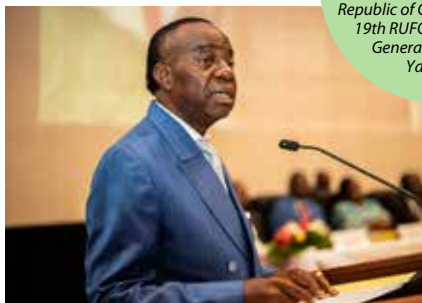
He also noted that over the years Makerere University has developed and operationalized governance and administrative policies as well as frameworks such as the Makerere University Policy and Regulations against Sexual Harassment, Makerere University Gender Equity

Policy, the Policy on Persons with Disabilities, Information and Communication Technology Policy which addresses issues of cyber security and abuse among others. However, these have not adequately address the key elements of safety and protection for both students and staff.

"These policies focus more on identification and prevention as elements of safeguarding with limitations on awareness, reporting and management of incidences. All in all, the policies lack some of the internationally considered forms of risk, abuse and harm. In Africa, we are the second recipients of refugees in the whole world, but we lack anything about protecting refugees in our policies and some of the policies do not have the strategic plans to address any form of risk, abuse and harm," he said.

According to the Vice Chancellor, the COVID 19 pandemic escalated the issue of mental health globally, an indicator that it is only in a safe and protected environment that people are mentally healthy to be fully creative and innovative. It is imperative that these policies are co-created with the Staff and students to ensure ownership with respect to the focus, implementation strategies and responsibilities as well as accountability.

Professor Jacques Fame Ndongo, Cameroon's State Minister, Ministry of Higher Education, representing His Excellency Paul Biya, President of the Republic of Cameroon at the 19<sup>th</sup> RUFORUM Annual General Meeting in Yaoundé.



they contribute to sustainable development in Africa under the theme: Transforming Higher Education to Sustainably Feed and Create Prosperity for Africa.

The AGM also hosted the Vice Chancellors Forum a platform where Vice chancellors from all member



# MURBS Declares 12.34% Interest for 2022/2023



*Members of Council and Management join MURBS Trustees, Ambassadors and service providers in a group photo after the presentation of the Scheme's performance for FY 2022/2023 on 24th October 2023.*

**T**he Makerere University Retirements Benefits Scheme (MURBS) on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 declared an interest of 12.34% on members' balances for the financial ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The declaration was made at the MURBS 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 in the Yusuf Lule Central Teaching Facility Auditorium. The MURBS Fund value grew from UGX 299billion at the start of Financial Year 2022/2023 to UGX 352billion as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. This growth resulted in a net return of UGX 42billion, which was distributed to members as interest.

The declaration was preceded by a presentation of the MURBS Performance for Financial Year 2022/2023 to members of the University Council and Management at a meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at the Telepresence Centre, Senate Building, Makerere University. The presentation was attended by the Chairperson of Council, Mrs. Lorna Magara represented by the Chairperson Finance, Planning, Administration

and Investment Committee (FPAIC) of Council, Mr. Bruce Balaba Kabaasa, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe represented by the University Secretary, Mr. Yusuf Kiranda, among others.

Presenting the 2022/2023 performance on behalf of the Chairperson, Dr. Elizabeth Patricia Nansubuga, the Secretary Board of Trustees, Dr. Godwin Kakuba announced that on June 2021, MURBS became the first mandatory Employer-based Scheme in Uganda. Furthermore, he shared that the aforementioned TDSR amendment of 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023 that changed the Board of Trustees' size from five to seven also introduced the "Midterm" access by members to 12% of their accrued benefits, provided they are at least 45 years old and have saved with the Scheme for at least ten years.

The shifts due to Midterm access notwithstanding, one members' savings moved from the UGX 400-450million to the UGX 450-500million range, while three members joined the UGX 400-450million range. The largest number of members; 1,640 out of a total of 3,041 active accounts

(53.9%) fall in the category of savings below UGX 50million, a slight improvement from 54.8% last year.

Delivering the Vice Chancellor's remarks, Mr. Kiranda noted "the story of MURBS is simply one of the many good stories that will continue to stream out of Makerere year after year." He added that "The Chairperson's presentation of MURBS' good performance for the year 2022/2023 is very much appreciated by the University Management for it encourages the employees of Makerere University to remain focused on their core mandate, confident that their retirement benefits are secure."

He lauded the MURBS Board of Trustees for upholding professionalism and integrity, noting that the University Management has not received complaints concerning retirement benefits from any former employee of Makerere University over the last five years. The Vice Chancellor equally acknowledged the tremendous contribution by the Government of Uganda to a thriving sector by paying salaries on time, contributing to retirement benefits and creating an enabling environment for Schemes and their service providers to invest member funds.



*The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe and Members of Management pose for a group photo at the Makerere@100 Monument with Hon. Maurice Kibalya (Right) and the delegates at the end of the visit to Makerere University.*

## Mak Hosts Commonwealth Delegates Attending 27<sup>th</sup> CSPOC

**O**n Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Makerere University was privileged to host delegates of the 27<sup>th</sup> Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) hosted by the Parliament of Uganda from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024. A biannual event, the 28<sup>th</sup> Edition of CSPOC will be hosted by India in 2026. The delegation was led by the Member of Parliament for Bugabula South Hon. Maurice Kibalya, who also served as Makerere Guild President from 2005 to 2006.

The delegates were received at the Yusuf Lule Central Teaching Facility Auditorium by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe and Members of Management. Welcoming the visitors, the Vice Chancellor said that Makerere as the region's premier Higher Education Institution recognizes the need to conduct research that addresses issues such as climate change, food security, emerging diseases, natural disasters, fast population growth and conflicts that affect the community, country and continent.

"We do this mainly through 36 research centres. We also have centres of excellence such as the Africa Regional Centre of Excellence for Crop Improvement (MaRCCI) because food is going to be the most important thing to solve with the growing population. And we also have the Africa Centre of Excellence in Material Product Development and Nanotechnology (MAPRONANO), which is using the highest technology to come up with innovations in medicine and other engineering fields" remarked Prof. Nawangwe.

The Vice Chancellor informed delegates that Makerere, through dedicated funding for research and innovations from Government is modernizing her research infrastructure. "Our promise is that we are all set for the next century of service to humanity. I thank you for honouring us with your visit and I hope that you enjoy the rest of your stay in Uganda."

In his remarks, the Head of Delegation thanked the University Leadership for preparing to host the delegation at short notice,

and apologized on behalf of the Parliament of Uganda and the CSPOC Organising Committee for the absence of the Speakers and Presiding Officers who were visiting Quality Chemicals Limited the same day. He nevertheless informed the Leadership that the Parliament of Uganda is set to host the Pan-African Parliament in May 2024, and is scheduled to host the African Parliamentary Union in 2024, during which events visits to Makerere University will be arranged.

Commending the strides made by the University in research and innovations and acknowledging the need for more support to consolidate these efforts, Hon. Kibalya reassured, "We are proud of Makerere University... Vice Chancellor, you have the best will at the current Parliament."

Following the briefing, the delegates toured the Makerere University Innovation Hub as well as a showcase of projects funded by the Government of Uganda through the Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund (Mak-RIF).



## MUBS: 2023 highlights



**2023 has been a year of bumper harvest for Makerere University Business School in terms of PhDs, Research and Publications, Collaborations, graduation, students affairs, among others.**

During the 74<sup>th</sup> Graduation, MUBS will present the highest number of graduands to receive degrees of Makerere University in a single day. MUBS has produced 23 PhDs, of these 10 are from Makerere University, while 13 are from other universities. This is a big milestone for us as an academic institution.

On March 16, 2023 MUBS held its 24<sup>th</sup> graduation where 1143 students received post graduate diplomas, diplomas and certificates. Of these, 73 graduands were Luzira Inmates that study under the MUBS Corporate Social Responsibility Program. Their graduation ceremony was held at Luzira Upper Prison on September 14, 2023.

Regarding Research, Publications and Innovations at MUBS, we thank

the Government of Uganda, Mak-RIF and other Organisations for the research fund extended to us. These Funds have transformed MUBS tremendously.

MUBS was also delighted to host both National and International Conferences in the Country, these included the MUBS 27<sup>th</sup> Annual International Management Conference, Women in Climate Change Conference, Second East African Food and Security Symposium, International Climate Finance Conference, among others.

MUBS also hosted the Archbishop's visit on July 23, 2023, when the Most Rev. Dr. Stephen Kazimba visited MUBS to confirm students and Staff into holy communion. And on November 26, 2023 Cardinal Emmanuel Wamala visited MUBS to Launch the construction of the Cardinal Wamala Students' Centre.

With regard to the development of inter-institutional relations, spread of knowledge, equipping

our students with work-related experiences, MUBS has been able to sign over 5 collaborations between other institutions of higher learning, Financial Institutions and other organisations, such as Finance Trust Bank, Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie, College of International Development and Global Agriculture China, KEDGE Business School, among other.

Through these organisations, the School has launched centres to enhance these collaborations and among them is the Climate Finance and Sustainability Centre.

As the Students being the centre piece of the Institution, we have been able to run all Students activities diligently and successfully and these activities include the 2023 Guild elections, Course works and Final Examinations, Freshers Orientation and Freshers ball, Guild handover, Students sports activities, among others .

## CAES Develops Solar Powered Cooker

Makerere University on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 launched a Solar-powered Cooker developed by researchers from the Department of Agricultural and Bio-systems Engineering at the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES) in collaboration with Intellsys (U) Ltd. The MakSol Cooker was officially launched by the Minister of Science, Technology, and Innovation, Hon. Dr. Monica Musenero Masanza, represented by Dr. Cosmas Mwikirize, Superintendent-Industry Value Chains Development at the Science, Technology and Innovation Secretariat (STI)-Office of the President (Pictured Top Left, Second from Left).

The cooker is an output of a research project titled, ***“Development, Production Scale-up and Commercialization of an Electric Solar Cooker (MakSol Cooker) to reduce the Cooking Carbon Foot-Print in Households”***.

The project was supported by the Government of Uganda through the Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund (Mak-RIF) and the Science, Technology and Innovation Secretariat-Office of the President. The newly developed MakSol Cooker will greatly increase access to modern zero-emission cooking for off-grid communities. With a battery life of 5 years and 20 years for the solar panels, the cooker comes with seven unique benefits; zero emissions, zero recurring cooking costs, clean cooking, minimal fire outbreak, easy to clean, minimal heat loss to the surrounding and a cool kitchen. MakSol Cooker is powered by direct current from a battery charged by solar modules and currently costs UGX4,300,000.

In her remarks, the Minister called on the public to embrace the technology in a bid to create positive impact on public health, and mitigate the environmental consequences of traditional cooking practices. “The solar cooker will not



only improve air quality but also alleviate the burden of deforestation and reduce the reliance on unsustainable energy sources. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all the researchers, scientists, and innovators who have made this remarkable achievement possible. Their dedication, passion, and ingenuity have paved the way for a brighter and more sustainable future for our nation.”

## The NARO-Makerere Third Joint Scientific Conference

The NARO-Makerere Third Joint Scientific Conference held on 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Speke Resort Munyonyo sought to establish appropriate and viable strategies towards accelerated agro-industrialization, with focus on the African continent. It was officially opened by the Prime Minister of



the Republic of Uganda, the Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja (Pictured below) and graced by the Minister of State for Animal Industry, Hon. Bright Rwamirama; the Vice Chancellor of Makerere University, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe; the Chair NARO Council, Dr William Olaho Mukani; the Director General NARO, Dr Ambrose Agona; the Chief of Party, USAID Feed the Future, Mr. Anthony Nyungu among others.

Organized under the theme; ***“Innovations for enhancing productivity and agro-industrialization”***, the conference aimed to bring to the forefront, cutting edge innovations and opportunities supportive to Africa’s agro-industrialization drive, provide a platform for the establishment of viable networks and collaborations that will catalyze agro-industrialization, and to stimulate generation of new knowledge to address emerging challenges.

During the three-day conference, participants including researchers from Makerere University and NARO as well as representatives from the public and private sector deliberated on a number of issues in line with the challenges and opportunities in Mechanization and Agro-Industrialization; modernization of post-harvest management and food safety systems; intensification of crop productivity and seed systems; acceleration of the development of the Animal Resources-based Industry; management of interactions amongst agriculture, fragile ecosystems and the changing environment; and embracing ICT-based innovations for agricultural transformation.



# Makerere University hosts CSAE Economic Development workshop 2023



Left to Right: Prof. Eria Hisali, Dr. Ibrahim Mike Okumu and Prof Stefan Dercon at the CSAE Economic Development Workshop.

**M**akerere University hosted Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) 2023 from November 27-30 at Yusuf Lule Central Teaching Facility II (CTF).

CSAE brought together economic scholars across the world.

The Center has brought together economic scholars from Africa, Europe, North America, and Asia among others to discuss how the economy of Africa can be developed through conducting research.

According to Prof Eria Hisali, the Principal of the College of Business and Management Sciences (CoBAMS), they are looking at scholars doing research to the extent that it can help them to understand the problems hindering development, understanding the obstacles and finding the correct solutions to the development of the African countries.

"Researchers are presenting their research to get advice, get room for improvement and pave a way of translating the research finding into policies," he said.

He noted that it is a great opportunity for researchers from different universities both on the African continent and outside the continent to present the work that

**"A lot of research is still academic because we don't create space for advisors. Very many economists are not good translators of research not only in Uganda but throughout the world"**

they are doing and to understand the economies of the different countries.

Prof Stefan Dercon, the Professor of Economic Policy at the University of Oxford who doubles as the Director of CSAE revealed that African researchers need to improve the quality of their work and create avenues for associating with policy makers to appreciate their work for the development of their economies.

"Scholars are presenting their research and we give them feedback, share knowledge and learn from each other. A lot of research is still academic because we don't create space for advisors. Very many economists are not good translators of research not only in Uganda but throughout the world," he noted.

Prof Ibrahim Mike Okumu, the Dean of the School of Economics said this forum brings together

scholars to discuss issues of the African economy among their colleagues who appreciate the African context saying, "They are here for quality checks. We have an opportunity to improve the quality of research papers that scholars across the African continent have developed. By improving the quality, we are trying to get authenticity, proof that the methodologies, the quality of analysis that we have is of standard and consequently we can have credibility regarding policy recommendation that will come from research papers."

Dr Oluwabunmi Adejumo, a senior lecturer at Obafemi Awolowo University in Nigeria who is conducting research on the clashes between herders and farmers from different states of the country from which over 10,000 fatalities were registered in 2020, advocates for a law of migrating herders to a separate place and stay away from farmers.

She noted that herders in Nigeria graze their cattle on the crops of farmers when the green space is exploited as a result of climate change like drying out of Lake Chad.

## EASLIS Celebrates 60 years of service to humanity

Celebrations to mark 60 years of service for the East African School of Library and Information Science (EASLIS) were held with a call on Information scientists to change their mind set and embrace the digital technology in order to contribute to the national transformational agenda and improve livelihoods. The School celebrated its 60 Years of teaching, research and innovation in the field of Library, Records, Archival and Information Sciences from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 under the theme,



Primary and Secondary school students posing for a group photo with the College and School leadership on Day 1 of the Celebrations.

As part of the celebrations, EASLIS organized primary and secondary schools quizzes and tertiary institutions talk show on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The quiz for Primary schools focused on importance of school libraries and solicited proposals on how they can be improved. The tertiary talk shows attracted university students from Mbarara, Makerere, Kabale, Kyambogo and other universities who discussed the role of information scientists, challenges and how they can be addressed. Students were also asked what role information scientists can play to guide government in the proper management of projects such as oil and gas, national identity card replacement, registration of digital car number plates, managing the upcoming elections 2026. Students made a number of proposals for

government to address challenges affecting library and information scientists.

The celebrations were officially opened on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023, by the Minister for Public Service Hon. Muruli Mukasa who underscored the role of Libraries, records and information scientists in facilitating the operations of Government and other organizations, preservation of the documented heritage of a nation and supporting accountability, transparency and good governance. Due to their critical importance across the Service, the minister pledged government commitment to address the challenges in managing Library and Information Centers in the country including professionalization and infrastructural development.

During the celebrations, the Director of Research

and Graduate Training, Prof. Edward Bbaale implored information scientists to contribute to the development of research and innovation hub at Makerere University and also embrace digital technologies in management of information and data. Describing the event as a testament to Makerere University's unwavering commitment to academic excellence, research and the nurturing of intellectual talent, Bbaale said, library and information sciences play a pivotal role in any university, serving as a cornerstone for teaching, research, and innovation.

During the closing ceremony, the following personalities received awards: The Rising Star Award was presented to Mr. Geoffrey Magimbi in recognition of his outstanding academic resilience and success. Magimbi, joined the school as a Custodian, but he is currently, pursuing Master's degree. Two Leadership Awards were presented to Prof. S. AH. Abidi (in honor of his long and exemplary service as Director EASLIS (1972-2002) and the other to Ms. Sarah Kagingo, in appreciation of her loyalty and dedicated service as the first Guild President from EASLIS (1997-1998).



Prof. Tonny Oyana (Standing) making his opening remarks.



## Prof. Senteza Kajubi eulogized for enormous contribution towards the education sector



Left to Right: Ms. Amy Petersen, Dr. Ronald Bisaso, Mr. Yusuf Kiranda, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, H.E William W. Popp, Prof. Anthony Mugagga Muwagga, and Ms. Ellen B. Masi at the lecture.

The United States Ambassador to Uganda His Excellency William W. Popp and Makerere University professors have praised the two-time Vice Chancellor the late Prof. William Senteza Kajubi for his enormous contribution towards the education sector.

This was during the 4<sup>th</sup> Fulbright memorial lecture held on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Makerere University in memory of a great educationist under the theme: **"Uganda's Higher Education in the Digital Age: Navigating the future through technological advancements"**.

According to Prof Barnabas Nawangwe, the Makerere University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kajubi left a remarkable legacy, which advocated for equal access to quality education and he is described as the father of the education sector.

"We celebrate him, not only as a leader but also a symbol of unity and resilience. His dedication to our nation's progress and his unwavering commitment to the development of the education system continue to inspire us all," he said.

The late Prof. Kajubi is remembered for being the father of

Universal Primary Education (UPE) and Universal Secondary Education (USE) that ensured that all children can have access to education.

Prof. Nawangwe called for togetherness to work towards the future of the country as they celebrate the legacy of the late scholar.

He lauded the U.S for their continued commitment to nurturing change makers through its Fulbright Program which facilitates exchange of knowledge, skills and culture. The late Prof Kajubi is celebrated as one of the first Africans to benefit from the Fulbright program in 1952.

The Fulbright program is an international exchange program that is sponsored by the U.S government and it has fostered mutual understanding between the United States and other countries since 1946.

Prof. Nawangwe noted that since the outbreak of Covid 19, the university has continued to embrace digital technology in the form of blended learning. And he said the university's obligation to conducting research that will alleviate Ugandans from poverty is a sign of giving back to the government of Uganda for the investments done at the University.

"We are looking at what we can do in order to help the country to move forward on this digitization front. What we are going to do is to study the other countries that have gone before us, to know what they are doing, and pave away of how best we can do it without repeating what they did," he said.

"We are recognized as one of the most proficient and research intensive institutions in Africa.

And when it comes to clinical medicine, we compete with the best in the world," He said.

"We must address challenges of climate change, youth unemployment, good governance, emerging diseases among others".

His Excellency William Popp acknowledged Makerere's collaboration with the institutions in the US and applauded the VC for the far he has moved the University to being the one of the leading academic institutions in Africa.

He pledged more support and a good working relationship of the US and Makerere University. Prof Anthony Muwagga Mugagga, the Principal of the College of Education and External Studies called for the need for teachers to incorporate Artificial Intelligence (AI) in their teaching and emulate Prof. Ssentenza who did great things in the education terrain for close to 30 years.

"At the start of the year, I asked my colleagues whether robots won't replace us. But what I know is that a well-trained teacher will never be replaced." He noted.

He described Prof. Kajubi as a beacon of hope and progress in the field of education. "His unwavering dedication to the betterment of our region, and his indomitable spirit in the face of challenges, serves as an inspiration for all of us in the realm of education".



Assoc. Prof. Peter Olupot one of the PIs, (M) together with Research Assistants demonstrating the use of the prototype during the dissemination meeting at CEDAT Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 2023.

## Low cost point of use water treatment systems unveiled at CEDAT

Researchers at the College of Engineering, Design, Art and Technology (CEDAT) unveiled innovations for the provision of safe water at points of use, utilizing cheaper alternatives like rice husks and Nano zeolite components.

This was the outcome of research conducted at the College namely; Development of rice husk based granular activated carbon for point-of-use water treatment systems and Development of zeolite-based nanocomposite filters for drinking water treatment.

The studies were premised on the fact that surface and ground water from lakes, swamps, ponds and boreholes, the main water sources in Uganda get contaminated with microbes, nutrients, heavy metals, organic chemicals, oil and sediments that come from human activities such as agriculture, municipal

waste, pharmaceuticals and industrialization. These pollutants cause various water borne diseases and although there are conventional water treatment systems, these are not equipped to remove some pollutants like heavy metals.

The investigations were conducted by a team of researchers comprised of P. W. Olupot, H. M. Kalibbala, E. Menya, G.M. Wangi, J. Jjagwe, J. Wakatuntu, M. Turyasingura, R. Walozi, C. Kanyesigye and R. N. Kulabako, supported my MakRIF.

Dr. Robinah Kulabako one of the Principal Investigators observed that the Development of zeolite based Nano composite filters for drinking water treatment in Uganda was offering proposals or options that could be looked at as alternatives to drinking water treatment in Uganda. 'We need water when it is safe but in real life, we find that there are many

contaminants that are not visible to the eye but are a public health risk if the water is ingested,' she said and that the existing water treatment centers were centralized, costly to install and maintain and mainly in urban centers.

Dr. Peter. W. Olupot noted that there were a lot of rice husks that could be used to produce activated carbon for use in the treatment of water. Point of use water treatment systems on the market are not affordable to the ordinary citizen, he observed, and hence the need for a cheaper and user-friendly option as proposed. The study recommended that the public water treatment systems should adopt the use of these materials in addition to their protocols and encouraged people that can afford to buy the point of use water treatment systems.



# Appointed Emeritus Professors at Makerere University

**A**t the 489<sup>th</sup> meeting of Makerere University Council, Professor David Serwadda was granted the prestigious title of Emeritus Professor, a lifetime position acknowledging his exceptional contributions to academia. This honor, bestowed upon retired professors in line with the university's policies, aims to retain exemplary scholars who have reached the mandatory retirement age.

A distinguished infectious disease epidemiologist and former Dean at Makerere University's School of Public Health in Kampala, Professor Serwadda's academic journey partakes excellence. His pioneering research on HIV prevention, including reporting the first cases of Slim's Disease as an AIDS illness in Uganda (Lancet, 1985), laid the foundation for ground-breaking interventions. He co-founded and led the Rakai Health Science Program,



**Prof. David Serwadda**

significantly contributing evidence for antiretroviral treatment for HIV prevention, pivotal in shaping global strategies. His studies on circumcision as an effective HIV intervention further reshaped prevention approach.

## Short bio

David Serwadda is a distinguished professor, infectious disease epidemiologist, clinician, and former dean at Makerere University's School of Public Health in Kampala. He received his MB.ChB and M.Med (Internal Medicine) from Makerere University and an M.P.H and honorary doctorate from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Professor Serwadda has made seminal contributions to HIV Prevention. He was part of the team in Uganda that reported the first cases of Slim's Disease as an AIDS illness (Lancet, 1985). The Rakai Health Science Program's first evidence for antiretroviral treatment for HIV prevention underpins the current global strategy. Professor Serwadda is a recipient of numerous awards, including the Golden Jubilee Award, the highest civilian award given by the Government of Uganda.

**P**rofessor Philippa Musoke (MBChB, FAAP, PhD) is a US board-certified Paediatric Infectious Diseases specialist in the department of Paediatrics and Child Health, School of Medicine College of Health Sciences, Makerere University and is currently based at the Makerere University-Johns Hopkins University Research Collaboration in Kampala Uganda. Prof. Musoke chairs the Ministry of Health PMTCT and the paediatric antiretroviral treatment technical subcommittees.

Prof. Musoke has dedicated the past 28 years to teaching at the Makerere Medical School, treating sick children at the Mulago National Referral Hospital, and conducting research at MU-JHU Care Ltd. She has supervised and mentored numerous medical students, postgraduate students including PhD candidates, and junior faculty. At MUJHU, she has mentored and inspired multiple junior investigators, enabling



**Prof. Philippa Musoke,**

them to become independent investigators. Prof. Musoke is dedicated and committed to excellence in clinical care, training and research.

She is currently the international

vice chair of the US, National Institutes of Health (NIH), Division of AIDS, IMPAAct network. Prof. Musoke has published over 150 articles in peer-reviewed journals, presented research findings at national and international conferences, and contributed to the prevention and management of HIV globally. Prof. Musoke is a technical advisor for WHO and other international health organizations.

Since 1995, she has conducted multiple perinatal HIV prevention clinical trials addressing important challenges like the benefit of single-dose nevirapine (NVP) to the mother at the onset of labor and her infant at birth to reduce mother-to-child HIV transmission (MTCT) (HIVNET012), infant nevirapine dosing for prevention of breastmilk HIV transmission (HPTN046), and the benefit of triple antiretroviral therapy during pregnancy and breastfeeding in further reducing MTCT (PROMISE).

## Key Stories and Developments



**Prof. Ahikire Josephine**  
Principal CHUSS

### PhD COHORT Training

The PhD Partnership in historical humanities and humanistic social sciences between Makerere University and Gerda Henkel Foundation started in 2017 and has so far admitted over 61 fellows from several African countries. The College has sent out another call for 10 PhD entrants from across Africa for the 2024 intake. Deadline for submission of applications is March 29, 2024.

### CHUSS delivers Makerere's First Female Muslim Associate Professor



**Dr. Saudah Namyalo Birabwa**

Dr. Saudah Namyalo Birabwa broke through the proverbial glass ceiling to become the first Female Muslim Associate Professor produced by Makerere University in its 100 years of existence following her promotion in August 2023. Dr. Namyalo, is the Dean, of the School of Languages, Literature, and Communication. Dr. Namyalo becomes the second Muslim female Associate Professor in Uganda after Sarah Nachuha, who is an Associate Professor of Zoology at Kabale University.

The presence of Muslim women in academia is a topic that evokes both pride and concern for Makerere as a higher institution of learning. While we take pride in Dr. Namyalo's accomplishment, we also recognize the weight of responsibility it carries. The existence of only two Associate Professors from the Muslim community in a larger academic landscape highlights the need for more efforts in addressing the educational barriers faced by female Muslims.



### Mak-CHUSS Lecturer recognized for Defending Human Rights in Uganda

Beyond academia, Mak Don Dr. Jimmy Spire Ssentongo, a senior Lecturer in the Dept. of Philosophy was actively involved in justice-oriented social media activism using art to highlight social issues affecting Ugandans. Dr. Ssentongo won The Human Rights Defender of the year Award (2023) and The Civil Liberties Award (2023). These were given by the National Coalition of Human Rights Organizations - Uganda in partnership with the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Chapter Four Uganda in partnership with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung respectively.



## Public skilling in Solar Photovoltaic Installation, Biogas Production

The Department of Physics, College of Natural Sciences (CoNAS), Makerere University through the Renewable Energy Research Group (RERG) in 2023 trained 30 students and members of the general public in solar photovoltaic installation and maintenance, biogas production, and solar thermal systems. The five-day hands-on training was conducted at the Physics Department premises at Makerere University in August 2023. Topics covered include; Introduction to Basic Electronics, Photovoltaic Systems (PV system components, sizing, installation,

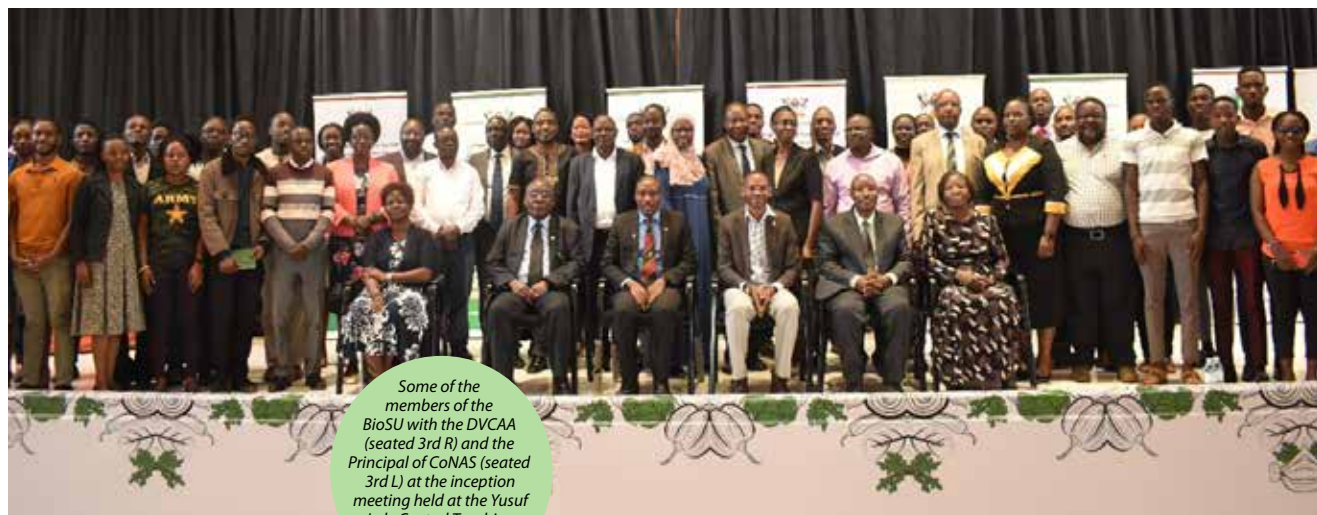


Mr. Jimmy Chaciga (Left), a PhD student funded by the EnergyNET Project guides some of the trainees

maintenance and system safety), Biogas Technology (design, construction, operation and maintenance), and Solar Heating Systems (basic principles, design, construction, operation and maintenance). The annual training programme is supported by the EnergyNET Project funded

by NORAD, Norway, and the International Science Program (ISP), Project UGA -01, funded by SIDA, Sweden. It is open to researchers, students, trainers (teachers, technical institution tutors,) solar suppliers, holiday makers, electricians and any other interested persons.

## Formation of the Biology Society of Uganda



Some of the members of the BioSU with the DVCAA (seated 3rd R) and the Principal of CoNAS (seated 3rd L) at the inception meeting held at the Yusuf Lule Central Teaching Facility at Makerere

The School of Biosciences, College of Natural Sciences (CoNAS), Makerere University spearheaded the formation and operationalization of the Biology Society of Uganda (BioSU). Formed in 2023, BioSU is founded on Uganda's aspirations for a strong bio-economy to spur national development under National Development Program III (NDPIII). Cognizant of the importance

of Biology applications that account for over 60% of Uganda's science, technology and innovations (STI) ecosystem, it is envisaged that bringing together biology professionals will augment and consolidate their contribution to national development. On 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023, the School of Biosciences held an inception meeting for BioSU. During the meeting, Biology

professionals deliberated on a number of issues in line with the formation of the BioSU, and the continued failure of the subject of Biology. The meeting featured a panel discussion in which a number of factors undermining performance in Biology were highlighted and possible solutions proposed.

# Using the Black Fly Larvae as a source of insect protein for animal production



Stakeholders that converged at CoVAB during the launch of the innovation in February 2023

**T**he College of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Resources and Biosecurity (CoVAB) in Collaboration with Michigan State University embarked on upscaling the use of the Black Fly Larvae as a source of insect protein for animal production.

The Black fly larvae is known to be one of the most environmentally friendly sources of insect protein that is highly nutritious and cheap to rear making it a possible replacement of expensive animal protein-based feed ingredients like mukene or silver fish. The Black Soldier Fly Larvae farming is said to be growing rapidly despite some challenges of safety and quality of the larvae produced from different farms, the nutritional content as well as the mixing ratios with other feed ingredients.

Dr. Amulen Deborah and Dr. Patrick Vudriko the respective Principal and Co-Investigators are

working together with Prof. Eric Benbow and Dr. Jennifer Pechal from Michigan State University in implementing the USAID funded project namely; Scaling cost effective, safe and quality Black Soldier fly insect larvae enterprise for COVID-19 Livelihood resilience in Uganda.

The intervention will come up with a policy brief on the use of Black Soldier fly larvae in livestock value chains, to guide policy formation, support a Masters' Student on Veterinary Medicine to come up with one formula for Black Soldier Fly

**one of the most environmentally friendly sources of insect protein that is highly nutritious and cheap to rear**

based diet for broiler chicken. 100 youth and women will be trained in BSFL startups and for sustainability purposes to support the Centre for Insect Research and Development (CIRD) as a one stop knowledge center.

Dr. Vudriko Patrick pointed out the need for sustainability and empathized the need to consider the economics of the enterprise, the alternative wastes and their supply chain management as well as the legal framework, in addition to the National technical capacity for BSF development at Ministry and Local Government levels as institutions mandated to undertake training. He called for a product diversification as part of a holistic value chain development, zero waste not only looking at the larvae but maximizing revenue from all products.



# SoL serving Vulnerable Communities through the CLAPMOC Programme

The Public Interest Law Clinic (PILAC) is an innovation at the School of Law (SoL), Makerere University with interventions that have reached nearly 600 students, over 1000 indigent clients and over 200 legal practitioners.

One of the interventions is the Community Outreach and Mobile Legal Aid Programme (CLAPMOC) which involves the provision of legal aid services; research and advocacy in access to justice and social economic rights issues; training of students and legal practitioners on public interest litigation; instituting public interest litigation cases; holding public lectures and conferences among others. Under CLAPMOC, students have been able to balance both theory and the practical side of the law which has been very helpful to them both in class and in field.

The objectives of CLAPMOC include: 1. Practical experience where students have the chance to apply their legal knowledge in a real-world context. 2. Enhance empathy, clients served are vulnerable or disadvantaged which fosters empathy among law students. 3. Improved legal skills through diverse range of cases tackled during Pro Bono engagements. 4. Professional Development to public service and social justice for law students in the job market. 5. Inspiration and values through experiences of helping those in need through legal Aid can inspire law students to carry a commitment to pro bono work throughout their legal careers.

CLAPMOC students attended various events through 2023 where they sensitized participants about legal aid services provided by PILAC and SoL. The students attended the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Pro Bono Day organised by the Uganda Law Society where legal professionals, law students and



CLAPMOC students with Dr. Patricia Atim (1<sup>st</sup> left), Mr. Bernard Oundo, President ULS (center) and Ms. Sandra Ayebare, PILAC Paralegal (3<sup>rd</sup> right) pose for a photo at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Pro Bono day in 2023

volunteers converged to provide free legal services to those in need. On the 8<sup>th</sup> of August, 2023, staff and students participated in a Legal Awareness day conducted at Alliance of Women Advocating for Change (AWAC-Uganda) in Nakulabye with the aim of sensitising sex workers and young women with disabilities about HIV/AIDS. The students also attended the Youth and Innovation Expo held at Makerere University, they provided legal advisory services and sensitisation to the visitors.



Lecturers: Ms. Grancia Mugarura (Standing Left), Dr. Zahara Nampewo (Seated 2nd left), PILAC supervisors; Mr. Jonan Rumashwa (Right) and Ms. Sandra Ayebare (2nd Right), CLAPMOC students, and the AWAC team.

Community outreach and mobile legal aid programs are invaluable to law students as they offer real world exposure, enhancing practical skills and fostering a deeper understanding of social issues. Engaging in such initiatives not only strengthens student's legal knowledge but also instills a sense of social responsibility, preparing them to be well-rounded and empathetic legal professionals.



Daisy and Jjing, CLAPMOC students at the Youth & Innovation Expo for PILAC and SoL

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