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REMARKS BY THE AG. VICE CHANCELLOR, PROF. SARAH SSALI

AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

HELD 16th OCTOBER 2025

Time: 2pm. Venue: Vice Chancellor's Boardroom

Vice Chancellor's Press Statement

UNIVERSITY RANKINGS: MAKERERE STILL NUMBER ONE IN THE REGION

It gives me great pleasure to share with our stakeholders and the general public that Makerere University has been ranked Number 1. in the East African region, in the *Times Higher Education* rankings released this month of October 2025.

In its 2026 World University Rankings, *Times Higher Education* (THE) places Makerere University in top position in East Africa, and in the 801-1000 band globally. The ranking considers five performance indicators, namely: Teaching; Research environment; Research quality; International Outlook; and Industry. Makerere's overall score was 37.2, significantly outperforming peer institutions in the Region that average scores of 18.8.

In particular, Makerere University continues to thrive in Research Quality where we scored 54.2% but even better in International Outlook where we scored highest with 69.7%. *See Table 1 for details.* On the continent, Makerere University ranked 8th in the 2024 Sub-Saharan African University Rankings.

We would like to reassure all stakeholders and well-wishers that Makerere University continues to hold steadfast as the regional leader in higher education. Our commitment to deliver excellence in our teaching, research, and socioeconomic impact has not wavered.

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Thank you.

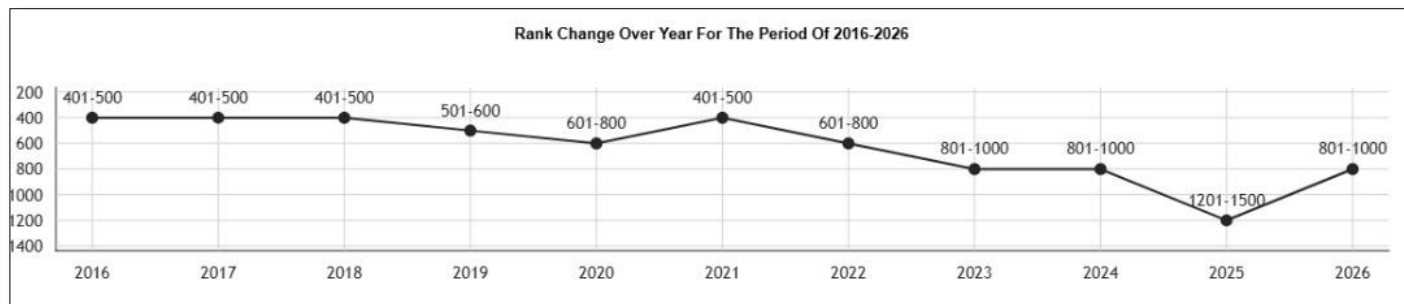
Fact Sheet

UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

Table 1: East African Universities – 2025 Ranking Comparison

Rank	Name	Overall	Teaching	Research Env.	Research Quality	Industry	Int. Outlook
801–1000	Makerere University	35.5–38.9	21.5	26.6	54.2	32.8	69.7
1501+	Kenyatta University	10.3–27.2	14.3	9.1	34.2	17.4	54.6
1501+	Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences	10.3–27.2	21.6	14.9	30.3	27.5	54.6
1501+	University of Dar es Salaam	10.3–27.2	14.5	11.1	26.5	21.9	47.2
1501+	University of Nairobi	10.3–27.2	15.9	16.1	39.7	22.5	49.4
1501+	University of Rwanda	10.3–27.2	14.1	14.9	25.6	21.1	57.5

Figure 1: Makerere University Performance over ten (10) years



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