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## OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE

**Date:** January 28, 2026.

**PRESS CONFERENCE HELD ON 28/1/2026 AT MAKERERE UNIVERSITY, 10a.m.**

### **PRESS STATEMENT**

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#### **MAKERERE 76<sup>TH</sup> GRADUATION CEREMONY**

Makerere University's 76<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony will be held from February 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at the Makerere University Freedom Square, starting at 8.30am. During the 76<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony, we shall confer degrees and award certificates to 185 PhDs, 2034 Masters, 6,043 bachelors, 137 postgraduate diplomas and 33 diplomas.

I am proud to announce that in comparison to the 75<sup>th</sup> graduation, we have registered a 30% growth in graduate student output. This is a result of our strategic decision to prioritize graduate education per our research-led agenda

I also wish to announce that the transcripts have been finalized and are ready for pick up. Today, I am handing over the ready transcripts to the College principals and can be picked up from respective Colleges even before the graduation ceremony.

#### **Important to Note:**

In preparation for the graduation ceremony, the University wishes to note the following:

##### **1. Pre-graduation clearances**

Graduands are reminded to clear all necessary payments such as tuition and all graduation fees. It is also important to check with your College to ensure your name is on the graduation list and all mandatory clearances with university officials have been finalized. Note and internalize the graduation schedule (**attached**) to know which day you are graduating.

##### **2. Securing the graduation gowns**

Graduation gowns will be issued starting from 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 from the University Hall (Dinning Hall), Monday to Friday, from 9am to 4pm. To collect your gown, check and ensure your name appears on the Senate Graduation list, present your student number or National ID, and proof of payment for the gown.

### 3. Security requirements

**Attendance:** For each day of graduation, entrance to the graduation ground will be by invitation only. Graduands will be issued with invitation cards which permits two guests per graduand. Do not come with more than two people or they will not be allowed access to the graduation venue.

Graduands are encouraged to arrive to settle at the Freedom Square by 7am on graduation day to for a seamless flow of planned activities including the necessary security checks.

**Prohibited items:** Prohibited items include firearms, sharp instruments like mirrors and knives, alcohol, cell or batteries and chemicals, canned food and drinks, laptops, flashes and hard disks, radios including pocket radios, bottled drinks, cameras, large bags or any other heavy items.

**Media:** All media and journalists who wish to cover the ceremony must be pre-accredited by the Makerere University Public Relations office or they will not be allowed to access the ceremony venue. The access point for accredited media personnel will be the Senate Building.

**Parking:** There will be two designated parking areas; Rugby Grounds for those coming through the Eastern and Main Gate; and the second one is the Makerere University Main Grounds at Makerere College School. For VVIPs, VIPs and procession parking will be at CTF1, Directorate of Legal parking, St Francis and St Augustine parking, JICA and Senate Building.

**Access Control:** To ease traffic flow and management, the University has planned three access points to the graduation venue: the School of Social Sciences, Senate Building and the University Swimming Pool.

### 4. For help and inquiries

Starting February 2, 2026, the Academic Registrar's Office and Graduation Committee will set up an information tent outside the Senate Building to provide guidance and handle all inquiries pertaining to graduation.

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