



MAKERERE UNIVERSITY



OPENING REMARKS OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR, PROF. WILLIAM A. L. ANANGISYE FOR THE JOINT CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS OF MAKERERE UNIVERSITY WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM, CONFUCIUS MULTIPURPOSE HALL, TUESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Mrs Lona Magara, Chairperson of Makerere University Council;
Rt. Hon. Daniel Kidega, Vice Chair of Council and Chair of Makerere @100 Organizing Committee;
Mr Don Wanyama, Chief Executive Vision Group and Member of Makerere @100 Organizing Committee;
Mr Issa Mugabo, Brand Manager, Makerere University;
Mr Awel Uwihanganye, Chief Executive Makerere @100
Deputy Vice Chancellors of the University of Dar es Salaam;
Distinguished Alumnae of Makerere University;
Distinguished Participants;
Invited Guests;
Ladies and Gentlemen;

Good morning!

It is my great pleasure to extend a cheerful welcome to you all!

I am incredibly grateful to God for blessing us this morning to be part of the centenary celebrations of Makerere University, Uganda's largest and oldest institution of higher learning. We are humbled and exceedingly honoured to be part of the impactful contribution of Makerere University to our region, Africa and the world in its pursuit of meaningful and quality education.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

As the constituent college of the University of London, Makerere University gloomed students in various disciplines. Our Father of Nation, the late Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, was gloomed at this prestigious academic institution between 1943 and 1945. At Makerere, where much of the first generation of East African nationalists were trained, Mwalimu Nyerere wrote a letter under a penname JUKANYE to the newspaper, *Tanganyika Standard*, arguing for "African Socialism" and critically rejecting the individualism of European capitalism. At Makerere, Nyerere also read some early Enlightenment Philosophers, particularly John Stuart Mill, which influenced his long essay in Swahili on women's freedom written in 1944. The essay highlighted women's oppression and called for gender equality in African societies.

I am briefed that you will hold a symposium in honour of Mwalimu Nyerere on 13th and 14th October 2022 at the Makerere University Freedom Square. We commend you on this endeavor and we wish you all the best!

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Many of us might not be aware that the then Registrar and Vice-Principal of the University College Dar es Salaam, Dr. Wilbert K. Chagula, was admitted to Makerere University College in 1945. He completed the Licentiate in Medicine and Surgery at the age of 25. He returned to Tanganyika as an Intern at the Sewa Hadji Hospital in Dar es Salaam where he gained his final qualifications in medicine. In 1953, he returned to the Makerere University College Medical School, initially as a Tutorial

Assistant in the Department of Anatomy and later as a full academic staff member, remaining there for eight years.

Since then, Makerere University has produced graduates with national and international standing and its alumnae in Tanzania, who have excelled in government and non-government positions. All these are indicative of its continued efforts in upholding excellence in teaching and learning and knowledge exchange endeavours.

Among the notable alumnae include the late Mwalimu Nyerere and the late President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Benjamin William Mkapa (who graduated in 1962), whose keynote address will shortly be delivered in honour of his legacy. Other notable personalities include the honourable Cleopa David Msuya (Third Prime Minister); Edwin Mtei - The first Governor of the Bank of Tanzania (BoT); Prof. Geoffrey Mmari - former Vice Chancellor of the University of Dar es Salaam and other private Universities; Colonel. Catherine Mwamunyange; Colonel. Godfrey Nyoni; Rahma Hamza Mwapachu Bomani; and our member of staff, Dr. Aloyce Hepelwa, who heads the Department of Agricultural Economics and Business. These alumnae with diverse expertise testify to Makerere's relentless efforts in realizing its mission of building the future.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

The Tanzanian graduates with a wide range of expertise demonstrate that our relationships are long and historical, ranging from teaching and learning to research and knowledge exchange. For instance, some collaborative research projects for NORHED II 2021-2026 include

Mathematics for sustainable development; Environmental Risk Management under Increasing Extremes and Uncertainty; Enhanced Capacity for Aquatic Resources in East and South Africa; and Medical and environmental anthropology for twenty-first century East Africa. Other projects include Gender and digitalization across context (GENDIG), Energy Technology Network, and Energy Economics, Governance and Research Competence Building (EEGREC).

Ladies and Gentlemen;

This two-day event provides us with an avenue to celebrate the achievements of Makerere University, over a hundred years of teaching and learning, research and knowledge exchange. It also allows us to reinforce our historical relationship to uphold the core values of academic excellence and integrity in our pursuit of building the future of our nations and societies.

As part of the celebrations and in recognition of our long historical relationship, we provided you with a guided tour of the University Campus and an introduction to some of the innovations and research undertaken by the University of Dar es Salaam. In addition, we took you on a tour of crucial Landmarks, Research Centers and Innovation Spaces. We hope that the tour will open further areas for collaborative research, innovation and knowledge exchange endeavours.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

With these remarks, it is my honour to welcome Honorable Daniel Kidega, Vice Chair of Council and Chair of Makerere @100 Organizing

Committee, to deliver the keynote address in honour of the legacy of the late President Benjamin William Mkapa.

You are warmly welcome! Karibu sana!