



**MAKERERE UNIVERSITY**



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**REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL, MRS. LORNA  
MAGARA**

**ON THE OCCASION OF THE INTERACTION WITH THE FIRST LADY  
AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS, HON. JANET  
KATAAHA MUSEVENI  
AT MAKERERE UNIVERSITY ON TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

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- **The First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni**
- **Members of Council**
- **The Vice-Chancellor**
- **Members of the University Management**
- **Representatives of Government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies**
- **The Guild Leadership**
- **Distinguished Guests, Ladies, and Gentlemen:**

It is my honor and privilege to welcome you, Honourable Minister, to this brief interaction with the Makerere University Council members and the Top Management.

Thank you for accepting to unveil these critical capital development projects, underlining Government's commitment to improving our infrastructure for teaching, learning, research, and community outreach.

On behalf of the University Council and the entire leadership, I wish to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to you for your strong commitment to Makerere.

The University has enjoyed exceptional support from the Government in the form of staff salary enhancements, infrastructure development, and funding for research and innovations since 2016 when you took over the stewardship of the Education Ministry. Thank you very much, Maama.

The two Central Teaching Facilities that you unveiled today have to a great extent, addressed the acute shortage of teaching space at the University.

Furthermore, the construction of the Dental Hospital, a project you passionately pursued, has enabled the Makerere University dental program to gain clearance from regional accreditation bodies. Most importantly, it empowers Makerere University to offer much-needed community services in dental care.

Upon completion, the School of Law Building, whose construction you commissioned today, will resolve long-standing office and teaching space issues at Uganda's premier School of Law.

Without taking any credit from the previously mentioned projects, our highlight for the day is the commissioning of the restoration of the Main Building, represented by the laying of the foundation stone.

Thank you, Honourable Minister, for your tireless efforts in mobilizing Government funding to the tune of UGX 21 Billion for this iconic landmark's restoration.

The Makerere Main Hall, the most recognized symbol of Makerere University, was built in 1941 with the British colonial Government's funds. Its foundation was laid by the Duke of Gloucester, representing His Majesty King George VI. In many ways, it represented the British education philosophy and plan for Uganda.

Today a new foundation has been laid by the First Lady of the Republic of Uganda and the Minister of Education and Sports. The building will be rebuilt using Government of Uganda funds. This marks the dawn of a new day. We will begin to see a philosophy of education aligned with Uganda's aspirations.

Since 1922, Makerere University has positioned itself at the forefront of human capital development for Uganda, East Africa and the world. Maama, the Council, and

the leadership of Makerere are committed to ensuring that Makerere plays a more deliberate and purposeful role in national development. As we pursue the strategic direction of being a research-led university, the research conducted must be high-quality, relevant, and impactful research whose primary goal is social transformation. Makerere University must take its leading role in the transformation of Uganda. Makerere University does not exist for itself but exists to serve the people and our country Uganda. With God's help, we will do our best to position Makerere to achieve this vision.

Once again, Maama, the University community greatly appreciates and values the stewardship and support that the NRM Government accords to Makerere university.

The projects commissioned today and those whose foundations have been laid today will spur Makerere university on its next 100 years' journey.

Thank you very much, Maama, for your time, commitment, and service to this great institution and our nation Uganda.

God bless you

Lorna Magara