



MAKERERE UNIVERSITY



**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 17TH MAY 2022**

- **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 distinct honour and privilege to welcome you Honourable Minister to this brief interaction with members of the Makerere University Council and the Top Management.

We thank the Almighty God for His benevolence in making it possible for you to join the University community today, to unveil these critical capital development projects, which underline Government's commitment to

improving our infrastructure for teaching, learning, research, and community outreach.

As we celebrate 100 years of Makerere's service to our Nation, Continent and the World, Honourable Minister, on behalf of the University Council and 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, as well as 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 resolved 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 programme 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.

Nevertheless, and not to take any credit away from the aforementioned projects, our highlight for the day is the commissioning of the restoration of the Main Building.

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

Had it not been for your personal input we would probably not be gathered here today on the occasion of laying of the foundation stone of the new main building structure.

Maama, I wish to conclude by emphasizing that the University community extremely appreciates and greatly values the stewardship and support that the NRM Government accords to Makerere and the education sector in general.

The projects commissioned today, and those whose foundation have been laid, contribute to the vision of Makerere university we are building of the next 100 years.

It is therefore our humble prayer that the Good Lord will continue to bless and reward you most abundantly for your distinguished service.