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ANNOUNCING: THE INAUGURAL NSIBIRWA ANNUAL PUBLIC LECTURE

Makerere University is excited to announce the launch of the **NSIBIRWA ANNUAL PUBLIC LECTURE** as part of its activities to commemorate 100 years of Excellent Service to Humanity.

The third of a series of Mak@100 Public Lectures will be held on Friday 6th April 2022, under the theme, **“Revisiting the life of the Late Katikkiro Nsibirwa in the lenses of Makerere at 100 years: The contributions of cultural institutions in engendering public goods”**

As history would have it, in 1945 when the colonial administration needed to expand Makerere College in a bid to establish the premier University of East Africa, one pioneer and visionary leader, Martin Luther Nsibirwa went against all odds and public sentiments at the time to offer up more land on Makerere hill. The life and martyrdom of the Late Katikkiro of Buganda Kingdom as a pillar for courageous and visionary leadership in the Makerere community is therefore worth remembering.

The extraordinary contribution of Nsibirwa to Makerere University’s journey of 100 years is further demonstrated when he also gave away his personal land in Mulago for the construction of a dormitory for the School of Nursing. The process of recognizing his extensive contribution to Makerere’s existence is evident in 1997 when the former Northcote Hall was renamed Nsibirwa Hall.

The 2022 Nsibirwa Annual Public Lecture will be inaugurated by the current Katikkiro, **Owek. Charles Peter Mayiga** who will also deliver a lecture on this historical moment appreciating the Late Nsibirwa’s contribution to Makerere and the role that cultural institutions can play in nurturing societal transformation. The lecture also provides a unique opportunity to honour the contributions of the Kingdom of Buganda to Makerere’s journey of 100 years.

The content discussed and the views shared in this public lecture will be shared widely but also archived for future reference purposes.

The Public Lecture is also expected to highlight the activities lined up to mark Makerere University’s 100 years of excellence. This will help paint a clearer picture of the historical journey Makerere has weathered as it tries to achieve its mission of building for the future.

For more information about Makerere University’s centennial celebrations, visit 100.mak.ac.ug