



REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
UGANDA HIGH COMMISSION - NAIROBI

REMARKS BY
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REPRESENTING THE
UGANDA HIGH COMMISSIONER TO KENYA AND SEYCHELLES

ON THE OCCASION OF
MAKERERE @100 CELEBRATIONS PRE-CENTENNIAL EVENT

HOSTED BY
MAKERERE UNIVERSITY STAFF AND STUDENTS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (MUSSAA),
KENYA CHAPTER

AT EMARA OLE SERENE HOTEL, NAIROBI, KENYA

THURSDAY, 8 JULY 2022

Dr Hellen Nambalirwa Nkabala, Director, Rotary Peace Centre, representing Rt. Honourable Daniel Kidega, Deputy Chair, Makerere University Council and Chair of Mak@100 Committee, Your Excellency Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o, Governor of Kisumu County and Patron of Makerere University Staff & Students Alumni Association (MUSSAA) Mr John Diro, President of Makerere University Staff and Students Alumni Association Executive Committee Members of Makerere University Staff & Students Alumni Association (MUSSAA) Mr Awel Uwhanganye, Executive Director, Makerere at 100 Centenary Celebrations, Representatives of the Family of Asaph Ngethe Macua, Makerere Alumnus, Artist and Author, Members of the Media Fraternity from KBC and KTN News and others, Makerere University Alumni in Kenya and all Invited Guests, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen.

My name is Aryabaha Evans, Minister Counsellor and Deputy High Commissioner, representing His Excellency Dr Hassan Wasswa Galiwango, Uganda's High Commissioner to Kenya and Seychelles. I salute the organisers for inviting the Uganda High Commissioner, to this auspicious event. I am a dynamic and proud product of Makerere University – with my own short and nice testimony, I join other proud products of Makerere University here in Kenya - with their own wonderful stories. Our deserved celebration of Makerere University today is consistent with the well-selected theme: “Leveraging the 100 Years of Excellence in Building a Transformed Kenyan Society.” Makerere University has greatly contributed to building individuals, communities, nations and humanity.

Ladies and Gentlemen

Makerere University has built the future of Humanity for 100 Years, and still counting. I joined Makerere University in 1992 and graduated with Second Class Honours, Upper Division in 1996. I enrolled for a master's in Contemporary Diplomacy in 2009 at the University of Malta, I graduated on top of my MA Class, with Distinction (Summa Cum Laude) in 2010. Currently, I am pursuing a PhD in Diplomacy and International Affairs. Thanks to the firm academic foundation that I received from Makerere University.

Distinguished Makerere University Alumni, Invited Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today, I am honoured to be part of Makerere University's story; a good story, a beautiful story, A story of the University that grew from 14 students in 1922 to over 40,000 students in 2022, A University that became independent in 1970, and remains among Africa's top five, for decades, A University that regrettably lost its Main Building during the COVID-19 lockdown in September 2020, But a University that thankfully embarked on reconstructing its iconic Ivory Tower in April 2022, and A university that deserves our benevolent, reciprocal and collective support as our Alma matter.

Ladies and Gentlemen, what is Makerere University to you?

For the last 100 Years, Makerere University has been precious to many, in diverse ways:

A University of Regional **Presidents**: Mwai Kibaki, Julius Nyerere and Joseph Kabira,

A University of astute **Diplomats**: Benjamin Mkapa, Paul Etyang, and Olara Otunu,

A university of **Revolutionaries**: Kanyama Kiyume, Henry Nkumbula and Oginga Odinga,

A University of prolific **Academicians**: Mahmood Mamdani and Sam Karugire and Ali Mazrui,

A University of remarkable **Scientists**: Francis Omaswa, David Duli and Patrick Ogwang Covidex,

A University of notable **Economists**: Tumusiime Mutebile, Chris Kasami and Ddumba Ssentamu,

A University of noble **Law Scholars**: Kiddu Makubuya, Onyango Oloka and John-Jean Barya,

A University of distinguished **Judges**: Julia Sebutinde, Wako Wambuzi and Bart Katureebe,

A University of renowned **Feminists**: Sylvia Tamale, Rose Mbowa and Thelma Awori,

A University of successful **Entrepreneurs**: Patrick Bitature, Hamis Kigundu and James Tumusiime,

A university of hilarious **Entertainers**: Kenneth Pablo Kimuli, Anne Kansime and Patrick Salvador,

A University of melodious **Composers**: Zadoka Atojoka, Mutekanga Igaga and Justinian Tamusuza,

A University of dexterous **Artists**: Nuwa Nyanzi, Rose Kirumira Namubiru and Nsibambi Ssendendo,

A University of amazing **Writes**: Charles Onyango Obbo, Mark Ouma and John Nagenda,

A University of celebrated **Poets**: Okot P'Bitek, Timothy Wangusa and Micere Githae Mugo,

A university of illustrious **Novelists**: David Rubadiri, John Ruganda and Ngugi wa Thiongo,

A University of ardent **Reformers**: Edward Rugumayo, Namirembe Bitamazire and Amanywa Mushega,

A University of seasoned **Provosts**: Frank Karimuzo, Ssentenza Kajubi and Barnabas Nawangwe, and

A University of inspiring **Chancellors**: Mondo Kagonyera, Apollo Nsibambi and Ezra Suruma.

Today, Makerere is a University of rich, glorious and refreshing history:

A university of two Schools, nine Colleges and eleven Halls of Residence,

A University of no disrepute, no borders and no nationalities,

A university of de-colonisation, liberation and Pan-Africanism,

A University of inspiration, integration and globalisation,

A University of excellence, multiplicity and diversity,

A University of resilience, endurance and proficiency,

A university of yesterday, today and tomorrow, and

A University that deserves our golden push into posterity,

As we build for the future - the Great Makerere,

My University, Your University, and Our University.

For God and My Country.

Thank You.