

# MAKERERE

P.O. Box 7062  
Kampala, Uganda  
Website: <http://mak.ac.ug>



# UNIVERSITY

Tel: (Gen) +256-414-532631/4  
Fax: +256-414-541068  
E-mail: [pro@admin.mak.ac.ug](mailto:pro@admin.mak.ac.ug)

## OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE

January 05, 2010

### **PRESS RELEASE: PRESIDENT MUSEVENI PLEDGES SUPPORT TO MAKERERE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS**

President Yoweri Museveni has pledged Government support for Science and Technology innovations done by Makerere University staff and students. The President said that failure by African leaders to add quality to raw materials and instead continue exporting commodities was responsible for the continent's backwardness. He said this while meeting a delegation from the Faculty of Technology headed by the Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. Venansius Baryamureeba, on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at State House, Entebbe. The Faculty of Technology presented their research work and innovations to an audience which included the ministers of ICT and Education and sports, Aggrey Awori and Namirembe Bitamazire respectively. Also present was the Minister of State for Finance (General Duties), Hon. Janan Omac. Research and innovations have been accomplished in the areas of renewable energy, including the Single Wire Earth Return (SWER), road technology, environmental monitoring, water safety, engineering materials, sanitary pads, and many others.

The Makerere delegation presented to the President a proposal for rehabilitation of laboratories in the Faculty of Technology and support to selected research projects, totaling Uganda shillings 25 billion over a period of 5 years. The projects include research in irrigation technologies, e-governance, electrical car, solar energy technologies, innovation systems and innovative clusters, remote controlled laboratories for schools and universities, rural communication technologies, as well as continued support to the *makapads* project. The President assured the dons that, with effect from the next financial year the Government would allocate the necessary resources to ensure the success of these projects, which are vital for Uganda's socio-economic advancement.

Prof. Baryamureeba thanked the President for inviting the Academics to make a presentation on their research. He assured the President of Makerere's readiness to work with the Government to find solutions for the country's economic challenges. He invited the President to visit the University during the forthcoming graduation ceremony.

The Makerere delegation included the Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor (Finance and Administration), Dr. Sandy Stevens Tickodri Togboa, the Dean of the Faculty of Technology, Dr. Barnabas Nawangwe, Heads of Departments, members of staff and students.

**Source: Gilbert Kadilo, Senior Public Relations Officer, Makerere University**