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PRESS RELEASE

Makerere University partners with Karolinska Institute Sweden to strengthen health research

Makerere University and Karolinska Institutet, the largest Medical University in Sweden will on 3rd May 2011 sign a Memorandum of Understanding aimed at strengthening Health Research and Training between the two institutions.

Makerere University has benefited from more than ten years of Sida funding and a large portion of this has gone to the College of Health Sciences for Ph.D training and infrastructure development. Karolinska has been collaborating with the College of Health Sciences in this training and was closely involved in setting up and operationalising the Demographic Surveillance Site in Iganga and Mayuge. This site has become very attractive to large scale projects including Malaria trials, Tuberculosis studies and Saving Newborn lives. These studies have principal investigators in the School of Public Health.

Both institutions have expressed great desire to make their ties stronger and wish to enter into an understanding to spearhead the following activities:

1. Exchange of students and academic staff
2. Collaborative research and exchange of academic papers
3. Organisation of joint academic and scientific activities
4. Exchange of scientific materials, publications and other information
5. Co-operation in training projects for specified areas of development

6. Joint delivery of award and non-award courses.

This MoU will bring together two large institutions with tremendous expertise in health research and will strengthen their capacity to compete for funding on the international scene. This is very important to widen the source of research funds and not to depend on few development partners.

We build for the future.

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