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**AT THE UONGOZI SUMMER SCHOOL
2014 CLOSING CEREMONY**

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- **The Chief Guest, Hon. Kamanda Bataringaya, Minister of State for Primary Education, representing the Hon. Minister of Education and Sports**
- **The High Commissioner of Rwanda in Uganda, H. E Frank Mugambage, the Ambassador of Burundi in Uganda, H. E Jean Bosco Barege, the High Commissioner of Kenya in Uganda, H.E Geoffrey Okanga, and the High Commissioner of Tanzania in Uganda, H.E Dr Ladislaus Komba**
- **The Vice Chancellors of the University of Dar es Salaam, University of Nairobi, the National University of Rwanda and the University of Burundi**
- **Members of Makerere University Management**
- **The Principal, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. Edward K. Kirumira**
- **The Chair, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Makerere University, Dr. Suzie Nansozi Muwanga**
- **Makerere University Staff and Students**
- **The Uongozi Summer School participants from Makerere University and sister Universities**
- **Distinguished Guests**
- **Ladies and gentlemen:**

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I take this opportunity to welcome you to this great institution, Makerere University. I recognize all of you in your various distinguished capacities and I thank you for taking off time to join us at this Closing and Graduation Ceremony of the 2014 Uongozi

School. I salute our visitors and participants from outside Uganda. Thank you for coming.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to invite each one of us to join me in welcoming our Chief Guest.

We are aware of your busy schedule and demand on your time and therefore greatly value your personal presence here, which is indicative of your love and support for the youth in Uganda and the region.

The Uongozi School is a forum for exchange of ideas and research amongst students in the East African region aimed at nurturing their intellectual and civic abilities as leaders of tomorrow.

Makerere University, through the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, subscribes to the East African Uongozi Institute because of several reasons. One of the core functions of the University is to establish Partnerships and Networking. We are therefore proud to be part of the East African “**Uongozi**” School. The activities of the Uongozi School, which are aimed at instilling leadership qualities and competencies in the next generation of leaders, are a shared priority.

Makerere University’s mission “*To provide innovative teaching, learning, research and services responsive to national and global needs*” is directly aimed at the youth, who constitute about 80% of the University community. In preparing Youth to tackle challenges in society, we aspire to equip them with the same leadership

qualities and competencies that will enable them conquer the world as leaders of tomorrow.

I therefore thank the Department of Political Science and Public Administration for actively and appropriately representing Makerere University and for ensuring that the youth in Uganda have an opportunity to participate in such fora.

I am very sure that the students who participate in this activity turn out better citizens that can positively contribute to the development of their countries.

I now take this opportunity to congratulate all the Graduands today and to wish them well. As you start the next stage of your journey, you take with you the knowledge, professional skills and maturity to make a major contribution to your chosen field, and to society. Since many of you will end up in leadership roles sooner or later, I believe the knowledge and skills acquired from the Uongozi Summer School 2014 will remain of relevance.

I thank the conveners and facilitators of the Uongozi School for the great work they are doing to equip our students with knowledge and skills aimed at fostering democracy and improving leadership on the African Continent.

Once again, thank you for honoring our invitation and allow me to end my remarks by inviting our Chief Guest, **Hon. Kamanda Bataringaya**, to address us.

Thank you for listening to me.