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**REMARKS BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR
PROF. JOHN DDUMBA SSENTAMU**

AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE CAES RESEARCH GRANTS OFFICE

ON

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AT

**THE SCHOOL OF FORESTRY, ENVIRONMENTAL AND
GEOGRAPHICAL SCIENCES**

- The Deputy Vice Chancellors Makerere University,
- Director , Graduate Research and Training, Makerere University
- Director, Quality Assurance Makerere University,
- Principal and Deputy Principal, CAES,
- Invited guests from partner institutions,
- Makerere University Staff and students,
- Ladies and Gentlemen.

I take this opportunity to thank you all for coming to participate in this very important function. I am honoured to listen and learn from the different speakers from CAES for having worked with the Directorate of Graduate Research and Training and that of Quality Assurance to set up the Research Grants Office being launched today. I must congratulate you all for your hard work and efforts.

As you may be aware, Makerere University's strategic goal is to be a research led university. This can only happen if there are adequate resources to support the core functions of teaching, research and outreach. I am very pleased with this initiative because of the multi-stakeholder engagements that bring to bear research problems to be addressed by University-based research teams. I also recognize the need for an education system focused on improving agriculture as one of the special pillars that can deliver a better Africa.

I am particularly impressed that the objective of the CAES Research Grants Office is to assist staff and students in securing resources to support cutting edge research, innovation and outreach to society. As

Vice Chancellor, I am fully in support of this initiative geared towards research, skills enhancement and improved service delivery.

Our Guests and participants, a science led economic growth, driven by research and innovations is the critical engine that has the potential to end hunger and eventually poverty in sub-Saharan Africa. Initiatives such as this one are the medium through which scientists and innovators present tested possibilities for the desired better Africa.

This event is in line with one of Makerere University's core function, which is Research and Innovations. Makerere University aims at consolidating and enhancing its research profile. The University also aspires to enhance transformation and utilization of knowledge, research and innovations.

As I conclude my speech, I urge management and staff of CAES to strengthen this college structure to harness, assure quality, efficiency and effectiveness in the training, research and development processes.

The university also looks forward to the development of highly professional staff in adequate numbers for innovative and adaptive training and research as well as engagement with public and private institutions in advocacy and policy support needed to underpin

agricultural and economic development of Uganda while sustaining the environment.

As Vice Chancellor, I want to reaffirm the university's commitment for a continued collaboration with CAES for better services . It is therefore my pleasure to be here at the opening of the CAES Research Grants Office.

I thank all those who have made this arrangement possible especially the Organizing Committee led by Prof. Moses Tenywa, the Directorate of Graduate Research and Training and the Directorate of Quality Assurance, sponsors and all Distinguished Participants who have spared their valuable time to be with us. Once again you are most welcome.

It is now my pleasure and duty to declare the CAES Research Grants Office open as **We Build for the Future**

I thank you.