



REMARKS
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**DURING THE HIGH PROFILE LAUNCH OF
PROFESSOR EMMANUEL TUMUSIIME-MUTEBILE CHAIR
OF MONETARY POLICY, BANKING AND FINANCE AND
CENTRE FOR PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT**

VENUE: MAIN HALL, MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

DATE: TUESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER 2015

- **The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda, Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda**
- **The Representative of the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Sports/Director for Higher, Technical, Vocational Training and Education, Mrs. Elizabeth Gabona**
- **Distinguished Members of the Diplomatic Corps present**
- **The Governor Bank of Uganda, Prof. Emmanuel Tumusiime-Mutebile and your family**
- **Chairperson and Members of Makerere University Council**
- **Deputy Governor, Bank of Uganda**
- **Members of University Management**
- **Staff and Students of Makerere University**
- **All Invited Guests in your respective capacities**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen:** I warmly welcome you all to Makerere University on this occasion when we are launching the Professor Emmanuel Tumusiime-Mutebile Chair in Monetary Policy, Banking and Finance. Thank you for honouring our invitation. You have made us proud.

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I wish to welcome in a very special way, the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda and a great alumnus of Makerere University, Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda. Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, we are most honoured by your presence and thank you for giving this occasion the honour it deserves. Makerere University is grateful for your continued support to all our endeavours. It is with a similar spirit that we welcome all distinguished guests in your various capacities. We are privileged to have your presence at this extraordinary event in honour of a very outstanding alumnus of Makerere University, Professor Emmanuel Tumusiime-Mutebile.

The Professor Emmanuel Tumusiime-Mutebile Chair in Monetary Policy, Banking and Finance and The Mutebile Centre of Excellence for Private Sector Development were conceived in appreciation of his outstanding public service and commitment to national development.

Makerere University takes pride in celebrating his prominence and reputation at both national and international level. We celebrate Prof. Mutebile's notable career in the banking and financial sector.

The launch of this project has been in the pipeline since 2007. At this juncture, I would like to appreciate and thank all the persons that have made today possible. Today's launch is not only Prof. Mutebile's honour but that of Makerere University as well.

The *Distinguished Professor Emmanuel Tumusiime-Mutebile Chair in Monetary Policy, Banking and Finance* aims at bringing together all his works and ideals in Monetary Policy reform, Banking and Finance and their impact on the socio-economic transformation of Uganda. This is based on his widely valued expertise in these specific fields, for which he is being honoured.

His knowledge and expertise can be harnessed to further inform policy formulation not only in Uganda but the region at large, as we strive for increased socio-economic development towards attaining the national Vision 2040. The proposed Chair will be hosted by the School of Economics under the College of Business and Management Sciences (COBAMS), whose leadership has been fully active in the endeavour of launching the project. The Chair will be occupied by a distinguished Professor with the task of building programmes and mobilising resources to sustain and uphold it. The 1st Chair holder will be identified and accredited by Professor Tumusiime-Mutebile.

On the other hand, *The Mutebile Centre of Excellence for Private Sector Development* will be a hub of information, research, innovations and knowledge transfer. It will promote projects aimed at enhancing community development and job creation. This will be achieved through cooperation with the private sector. The Centre will be self-financed through its projects and activities.

The Centre will also house Prof. Mutebile's biography including profiles and documentaries of his life achievements as well as his writings and publications, among others.

Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, Ladies and Gentlemen; this is a well-deserved honour to Prof. Mutebile. We therefore thank each one of you in your respective capacities for reserving time to be witnesses of another historic milestone for Makerere University, which is currently ranked number two on the continent in terms of research output and publications.

Finally, allow me to thank H.E The President of the Republic of Uganda and his Government for providing a conducive environment that has enabled us to carry out academic activities and come up with different initiatives such as the one we are witnessing today.

Once again, you are most welcome to this ceremony and I now take the honour to invite the Chairperson of Makerere University Council, Eng. Dr. Charles Wana-Etyem, to address us.

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Thank you.