

REMARKS BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR, PROF. JOHN DDUMBA-SSENTAMU

AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 5^{TH} ANNUAL CEDAT OPEN DAY AND FASHION SHOW,

ON THE THEME

"ENHANCING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR
TODAY'S YOUTH THROUGH TECHNOLOGICAL
INNOVATIONS"

ON FRIDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 2015

- Our Guest of Honour, the Minister of State for Higher Education,
 Science and Technology
- The Principal, College of Engineering, Design, Art and Technology
- Representatives of Government Departments and Agencies
- Members of The Private Sector
- Dear Members of Staff
- Students
- The Media
- Distinguished Guests
- Ladies and Gentlemen;

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On behalf of Makerere University and on my own behalf, I welcome you to the 5th Annual CEDAT Open Day and Fashion Show. I wish to warmly welcome our Guest of Honour, Hon. Prof. Sandy Stevens Tickodri-Togboa. Thank you for gracing this occasion.

We are privileged and delighted to host the 5th Annual CEDAT Open Day and Fashion Show, under the theme "Enhancing Employment Opportunities for Today's Youth through Technological and Artistic Innovations".

This open day will explore the creative and innovative projects done by students in collaboration with their tutors. The students have worked tirelessly with the help of their lecturers to display ideas on how they can help solve some of this country's challenges using technology.

I hope the private sector and SME's present today will walk away with a few ideas that can be commercialized. As a research institution, we pride in ground-breaking research but we know that without the private sector, our innovations will stay on the self. So I call upon you to explore ways of investing in these ideas.

These innovations being displayed here today in the sectors of science, health, education, agriculture, climate change and business highlight the fact that social and technological advances are at the heart of our academic, skills development and research agenda as a University.

I would like to thank the staff and students involved in this research that we are here to disseminate, you are doing a commendable job in uplifting the quality of our education and the university's research agenda. Engaging in research is the only way a country can develop. That is why at Makerere we have steadily moved from traditional classroom teaching to more learner centred pedagogy, which stresses research and innovation.

Once again, I welcome our dear Chief Guest and all distinguished guests to Makerere University and invite you to visit the exhibition stalls.

Thank you all for honouring our invitation.

I now have the pleasure and honour to invite the Guest of Honour to deliver his remarks.

We Build for the Future.