



**REMARKS BY PROFESSOR JOHN DDUMBA-SSENTAMU,  
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**ON THE OCASSION OF THE HIGH PROFILE BOOK  
LAUNCH  
*“INFORMED AND HEALTHY: THEORETICAL  
AND APPLIED PERSPECTIVES ON THE  
VALUE OF INFORMATION TO HEALTH CARE”***

**AUTHORED BY  
PROFESSOR MARIA G. N. MUSOKE**

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MAKERERE UNIVERSITY MAIN HALL**

- **Hon. Mary Karoro Okurut, representing the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister of Uganda**
- **Lady Justice Prof. Lillian Tibatemwa-Ekirikubinza**
- **Hon. Ministers and Members of Parliament present**
- **The Chairperson and Members of Makerere University Council**
- **Members of Makerere University Senate**
- **The University Management and all members of Makerere University community**
- **The Author Prof. Maria G.N. Musoke**
- **Distinguished Guests in your various capacities**
- **Students**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen: Good Morning.**

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I welcome you to this High Profile Book Launch of *“Informed and Healthy: Theoretical and Applied Perspectives on the Value of Information to Health Care”*, authored by one of our long serving members of staff, Prof. Maria Musoke.

In a special way, I warmly welcome our Chief Guest, Hon. Mary Karoro Okurut, Minister in Charge of General Duties in the Office of the Prime Minister. We thank you for honouring our invitation and representing the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister of Uganda, Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda, who wrote the foreword to the book we are launching today.

Makerere University as a 94-year old institution has a long and admirable history of authors who have risen to outstanding heights in all spheres of scholarship. It is therefore a great honour to witness yet another scholar who has reached the same heights.

Prof. Maria Musoke is an information authority in her own right, who made most of her sabbatical leave to produce this important resource. Prof. Musoke’s work encourages us to achieve value for time during periods of research and sabbatical.

Health information in Uganda is besieged by a host of challenges. These include the appropriateness with which it is gathered, as well as the care with which it is preserved.

Fortunately for us, Prof. Maria Musoke has used her vast experience as a Researcher, Librarian and Professor of Information Science to come up with this book; a must-read for students and information professionals.

It is notable that Prof. Maria Musoke embarked on her sabbatical immediately after completing two terms as University Librarian (from 2004-2009 and 2010-2014), during which period she supervised the two-phase Library Extension Project, conversion of manuscripts, theses and documents into digital format and also enhanced usage of electronic resources. We are confident that this rich experience informed and greatly influenced the writing of this book, which we shall greatly benefit from.

Indeed we congratulate Prof. Maria Musoke for successfully transitioning from being an Administrator back into the role of full-time Professor. She managed to get back into the world of academia with ease and immediate productivity.

Once again, I thank our Chief Guest, Hon. Mary Karoro Okurut, representing the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, for honouring our invitation and I thank you all for taking time off your respective schedules to attend this event. I wish you fruitful deliberations and a productive day ahead.

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