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**ON THE OCCASION OF THE BOOK LAUNCH IN HONOUR  
OF PROFESSOR JAMES MANYENYE NTOZI**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017**

**MAIN HALL**

- **The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda**
- **The Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities, Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu**
- **Members of the Diplomatic Corps**
- **Development Partners present**
- **Chairperson and Members of Makerere University Council**
- **Members of Management and Senate**
- **Prof. James Ntozi and Family**
- **The Book Authors**
- **Principals and other College Leaders**
- **Distinguished Guests in your respective capacities**
- **Students**
- **The Media**
- **Friends and Well Wishers**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen:**

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Good morning and a warm welcome to this book launch in honour of the long and distinguished service of Professor James Ntozi.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome in a special way, our Guest of Honour, the Right Honourable Prime Minister Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda. Thank you for always honouring our invitations. Permit me also, in the same vein to welcome Honourable Professor. Ephraim Kamuntu. All distinguished guests, I welcome you and recognise each one of you in your respective capacities.

Makerere University takes pride in her academic staff and their scholarly achievements such as manuscripts and books. These not only provide a platform to preserve valuable knowledge for the present and upcoming generations but also offer an opportunity to present research findings, ideas and knowledge in a tangible format for the present day reader and learner.

Ladies and Gentlemen, today's event is a clear testimony that Makerere University is committed to her aspiration of being the leading institution for academic excellence and innovations in Africa. We are gathered here today to honour and recognise an outstanding personality whose works have shaped the field of demography in Makerere University, the nation and indeed the continent for the last 45 years. Professor James Ntozi has also contributed towards Makerere University in various capacities. He has served as a Lecturer, Head of Department, Dean, Member of Senate and Ambassador of the University to the outside world. His unique skills and knowledge in the field of demography, acquired over a period of more than four decades of scholarly work, have been utilised the world over. This is evidenced by his various appointments to Boards of organisations and parastatals, as well as international engagements as Visiting Scholar and Researcher.

Today's book launch is therefore recognition of Prof. Ntozi's brilliant academic service. The book has been put together by Prof. Ntozi's compatriots and students across the African continent. It is, therefore, a product of highly organised collaborative effort, achieved with professional support of the Fountain Publishers.

I therefore take this opportunity to appreciate all these efforts. In a special way, I wish to thank Associate Professor Gideon Rutaremwa for spearheading efforts to publish this book two years ago while he was still Senior Lecturer at the School of Statistics and Planning. He has since moved on to join the United Nations.

I thank Prof. John Oucho, from the University of Nairobi for successfully accomplishing the task of Chief Editor of the publication. Prof. Oucho is in his own right a distinguished and accomplished scholar in the field of demography. We greatly appreciate your contribution, Prof. Oucho, and look forward to listening to your keynote address.

Our Chief Guest, we are proud to inform you that students who were trained and taught by Prof. Ntozi also helped to put together this piece of scholarly work. I therefore commend Dr. Fredrick Tumwine, Dr. Abel Nzabona and Mr. John Mushomi for working tirelessly to produce a piece of work that their teacher can proudly identify with.

The Centre for Population and Applied Statistics (CPAS) prides itself in being a research, knowledge transfer and capacity building unit under the College of Business and Management Sciences (CoBAMS). I therefore wish to thank the College of Business and Management Sciences under the leadership of Associate Professor Eria Hisali for providing all the support required by the Centre to publish this book. I equally congratulate the Centre under the able leadership of Mrs. Ssekiboobo Agnes upon successfully hosting this publication process.

When Makerere transformed into a Collegiate University six years ago, it was resolved that every College should form a research unit that would undertake research, knowledge transfer and capacity building. The Centre for Population and Applied Statistics (CPAS) has managed to perform this role and we congratulate it for fulfilling its mandate.

To Prof. Ntozi, Makerere University sincerely thanks you for your diligent and dedicated service. Today's event, as earlier mentioned, is to formally and publicly recognise you as an accomplished scholar. There is truly no greater achievement for an academic than to be recognised by not only your peers but your students as well. Congratulations!

Once again, Ladies and Gentlemen, I welcome you to this occasion. It is now my privilege and honour to invite the Hon. Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities, Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu, to address you.

I thank you.