

Museveni reassures Makerere

By Cecilia Okoth

When President Yoweri Museveni was invited to attend the first term of Makerere University's 69th graduation ceremony, he used the opportunity to reassure the academic and non-academic staff of the university's commitment to a better academic environment.

He said that the student body is not the only one that is being reassured. He said that the university staff are being reassured in general standards. He said that the university staff should be reassured that the university is committed to a better academic environment.

Planned strike

Makerere University staff, both academic and non-academic, had planned to strike this week, but because of the graduation, they have decided to postpone their strike until the event is concluded.

The staff were meant to join other public university staff who declared industrial action last week over the 2018/19 salary emoluments arrears.

Museveni, however, stressed that his administration will get a salary increase at the same time, saying that the government will be looking at a different manner.

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Handling disputes

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Students celebrating their victory at the graduation ceremony yesterday. Photo by Moalanyi Ssentongo



Museveni receives the Makerere University Scholarly Award for his publications from Suruma as First Lady, Janet Museveni, looks on during the university's graduation ceremony yesterday

By continuing research, Makerere University is reclaiming its leadership position in providing solutions to Africa's challenges in Uganda and Africa as a whole, she said.

BETWEEN THE LINES

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CORRECTION

The correct flag for the NRM is MEMB33, not MEMB30 as appeared on page 1 of yesterday's paper.

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New body to regulate vocational institutions

By Elizabeth Bassemera and David Luma

Cabinet has approved a new body that will regulate vocational and technical institutions, ending the ambiguous mandate that has for long dogged the regulatory framework of vocational studies in the country.

Under the approved Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET) policy, Cabinet has paved the way for the establishment of the TVET Council, which will be mandated with the regulatory framework for technical and vocational education in the country.

According to a statement issued yesterday by Col. Shaban Bantwala, the deputy government spokesperson, the TVET policy also establishes an employer-led system, which the Government believes will improve the standards of vocational and technical training in the country.

"Cabinet approved the TVET policy, which focuses on the establishment of an employer-led TVET system, a TVET Council and the development and implementation of standards for trainers, institutional leadership and a TVET qualification framework that is harmonised with the regional framework," he said.

BETWEEN THE LINES: About the policy

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Currently, technical and vocational training is jointly regulated by Business, Technical, Vocational Education and Training (BTVEET) institutions under the BTVEET Act of 2008 on one hand and the Uganda National Council for Higher Education - NCHHE under the Universities and other Tertiary Institutions Act, 2001, on the other.

Mainstreaming quality, improving access to vocational and technical education, ensuring sustainable financing of vocational education and the recruitment of adequate vocational trainers are the other roles that the newly approved policy has placed on the TVET Council.

UBTES welcomes move

Onesmus Oryemba, the Executive Secretary of Uganda Business and Technical Examinations Board (UBTES), said the establishment of the TVET Council was not only a timely initiative by Government, but also an innovation that the sector players had been yearning for.

"It is a landmark development. For some time, we have pushed for this regulatory framework to cater for vocational and technical levels. Therefore, the TVET Council will regulate, develop standards and set qualifications. This development helps us to streamline the role of the NCHHE and that of the TVET Council. Let the NCHHE regulate higher tertiary institutions and the TVET Council regulate vocational lower level and technical diploma level," he said.

Mining and Minerals Bill

Meanwhile, on Monday, Cabinet also approved the Mining and Minerals Bill, 2018, which has been largely revised to cater for the licensing and mineral development framework in the country. Bantwala yesterday said one of the main reasons behind the proposed Mineral Bill was the need to organise and regulate artisanal and small-scale mining in Uganda and promote and protect health, safety and environment in the mineral sector.

"During the Cabinet session, ministers also approved the accession of Uganda to the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI). By joining the institute, Bantwala said, Uganda will closely monitor the greenhouse gas emission trends with a goal of reducing the emissions as outlined in the Paris Agreement on climate change. Increased access to sustainable services such as clean affordable energy, sustainable public transport, improved sanitation and sustainable waste management, are the other benefits that Uganda will derive from the GGII."



First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Janet Museveni (right), receiving a present from the new University Council chairperson, Lorna Magara, during the 69th graduation Ceremony yesterday. Photo by Moalanyi Ssentongo



Graduands listening to President Museveni's address. PPU photo

The publication is written in an indigenous African language, Kinyankole-Rukiga and is entitled Kanyawaga. The award was given to the President as Visitor to the institution by Professor Ely Sahim. "Thank you for recognising my work. I was able to extract most of the words from my father before he passed on. I

also thank Professor Marunga and others for helping me capture that very rich language," Museveni said. The 514-page book was co-authored by Prof. Manuel I.K. Marunga, Ms. Alice Mubonyi and Mr. Gilbert Gumusha. The book was written to document the language's rich vocabulary, as well as act as a springboard for a greater understanding of the Bantu languages of the region, Museveni said in the foreword. The President also pointed out that Kinyankole-Rukiga is intelligible in varying degrees from eastern Congo to western Kenya and from northwestern Tanzania to central Uganda. The book was published by Fountain Publishers.

Steven Galiwango Kasooli, the best student in sciences. Photo by Moalanyi Ssentongo