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# International body accredits UMI

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The recent accreditation of the Uganda Management Institute (UMI) by the International Commission on Accreditation of Public Administration (ICAPA) is a big step in the institution's quest to establish itself as a world-class institution.

The accreditation was handed out at the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA) annual conference on July 22. It will run for six years.

This means UMI is breaking new ground as the only institution in Africa with an accredited master's programme in public administration, option A (MPA) and as the first institution in East Africa to be accredited by ICAPA.

"The attainment of this certification makes us proud. It means UMI's MPA has been accredited to international standards. It also means that UMI will soon be a melting pot for groves of international



A new lecture block at UMI. Inset is Dr. James Nkata

academe," Dr James Nkata, UMI's director general, says. He also adds that it means that the institute will, henceforth, build capacity world over and be at the same level with reputable schools, such as the London School of Economics and Harvard. Nkata, who led a delegation to

the IASIA conference, received the accolades on behalf of UMI. Gerald Karyeija, an associate professor and dean of UMI's school of management science, says the accreditation gives a stamp of approval and external validation to the institute's highly sought-after public administration course.

"It will also make the public administration course more marketable," Karyeija says. "It also makes our students eligible for any exchange programmes anywhere in the world and sets pace locally. The other significant merit in the aftermath of this development will be the

attainment of fellowships, scholarships, placements and improved international job prospects for our students," Karyeija adds. **Plans.** Nkata says in five years time, UMI plans to have all its programmes internationally

**Criteria:**  
The ICAPA accreditation is awarded following a list of eight indicators issued by the United Nations, through its public administration and development management department. Some of the areas considered include how effectively a given training institution combines academic practice and community services, those considered reviews of praise by academic peers, employers and social inclusiveness. The vetting involves employers and clients.

accredited and affiliated with relevant global disciplines. "Our strategy is to create other courses that will meet the demand for quality international standards. At the same time, we will increase the institutional revenue for UMI and Uganda," Nkata says.