



## **A CONCEPT-NOTE**

### **THE INAUGURAL FRANK KALIMUZO MEMORIAL LECTURE AS PART OF THE MAKERERE@100 PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES**

**TOPIC:** “Remembering Frank Kalimuzo: Lessons for Universities in Cultivating a Culture of Service and Distinguished Leadership.”

#### **0.01 Introduction:**

In October, 2022, Makerere University will be celebrating 100 years of its dominance and contribution to providing higher education services to Uganda, the region and the world at large. Since its humble beginning in 1922, Makerere University has been able to transform communities and societies through its wealth of human capital that has served Africa and the world in general, numerous research outcomes and Technological Innovations.

For its first journey of 60years, Makerere University was predominantly under the leadership and Management of the Colonial masters. You may wish to recall that, even when Makerere University was under the East African University arrangement, with the University of Nairobi and the University of Dar-es-Salam as constituent colleges, it was still under the superior control of the University of London.

This White dominance soon started to give way in 1964, with the appointment of the former President of the Republic of Uganda, H.E. Prof. Yusuf Kironde Lule, who became the first black Principal of Makerere University College. The appointment of Prof. Lule, paved the way for Ugandan academics like Mr. Frank Kalimuzo in 1970 when he was appointed by the then President, Dr. Apollo Milton Obote to become the first Vice-Chancellor of the newly formed Makerere University away from the colonial and white man control.

As Makerere celebrates 100 years of existence, the short-lived life and contribution of the late Frank Kalimuzo, as its first Vice-Chancellor is worth remembering. Thus, a public lecture, in memory of the late Frank Kalimuzo’s contributions to Makerere has been organized as part of the Mak@100 Public Lecture series aimed at highlighting the celebration activities of Makerere at 100 years.

#### **0.02 ABOUT THE LATE FRANK KALIMUZO AND THE LECTURE:**

Born on 24th September 1925, the late Frank Kalimuzo was the first Vice-Chancellor of the newly formed Makerere University away from the colonial and white man control. He was appointed on 1st July 1970 by the then President H.E. Apollo Milton Obote. He held an Overseas Course B from Wadham College in Oxford, UK (1956), an Honors Degree (Economics Major) from the University College of Aberystwyth in Wales (1955) and a BA in Education from Makerere University (1946).

In his brief tenure as the first Vice-Chancellor, courses like Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Forestry, Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Technology, were added to the University’s Curriculum. Veterinary Medicine, which was being offered at Nairobi University, was also introduced at Makerere University while Music, Dance and Drama became diploma subjects. The Main Library and Albert Cook Medical Library were

extended in 1972. Later that year, during former President Idi Amin's rule, Mr. Kalimuzo was picked up by security personnel and was never seen alive again.

Universities play an important role in cultivating a culture of service and distinguished leadership. They prepare agents of change, the business, political, social and artistic leaders who define and build economies, societies and cultures. The late Kalimuzo's remarkable devotion to work and patriotism remained engraved in the core ethos of the University's leadership over years. Thus a public lecture in honor of those that share the former Vice-Chancellor's traits is in order.

### **0.03 OBJECTIVES OF THE PUBLIC LECTURE:**

The following will be the objectives of the lecture;

- 1) To celebrate the unique life and contribution of the late. Frank Kalimuzo, was the first black Vice-Chancellor of Makerere University. His courage, when he accepted the newly created office of the Vice-Chancellor in 1970, inspired more Ugandans to strive for Academic leadership positions at Makerere, that were formerly held by their white counterparts.
- 2) To provide a platform for Makerere's stakeholders to discuss and forge a way on how a major project can be started in memory of the Late Frank Kalimuzo including identifying a building or a road, to be named after the late Frank. Kalimuzo.
- 3) Lastly, to celebrate Makerere's rare achievement of 100 years and provide ideas on how Makerere prepares itself for the new journey of 100 years.

### **0.04 EXPECTED OUTCOMES:**

First, the Public Lecture is expected to broaden understanding of the contributions of Makerere's forefathers and first Administrators. This will shed light on the work environment during the early days but also assist participants to appreciate Makerere's journey of 100 years better. The content discussed and the views shared in this public lecture will be shared widely and also archived for future reference purposes.

Secondly, the Public Lecture is expected to highlight the activities lined up in the celebrations of Makerere at 100 years. This will provide a clearer picture of the challenges the University has weathered as it tried to achieve its mission of building for the future.

### **0.05 THE STRUCTURE/METHODOLOGY:**

The Frank Kalimuzo Inaugural Public Lecture will be 4 to 5 hours of lecture, aimed at highlighting the wonderful life journey of the Late and his contribution to Makerere University's journey of 100 years. The keynote speaker will have a one-hour moment to unpack the life and contributions of the late while using his life journey to draw lessons for modern-day operations of Higher education.

After the delivery of the keynote address, a **moderated session** with the keynote speaker will continue to shed more light to the audience on the key outcomes of the address. The public/audience will then be accorded a 30-minute question and answer session to make contributions, observations and any other matters arising.

The audience/participants will be composed of Makerere University's members of the Council, Management, staff, student and other invited guests.

Lastly, the Public Lecture will also include an online engagement, which will allow the wider Makerere University's stakeholders to follow the lecture proceedings online via zoom.

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