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Wits-Makerere Strengthen Partnership Through Joint Centennial Celebration

The year 2022 holds a special place in the hearts of Makerere University and the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg as both universities celebrate 100 years of academic excellence on the continent.

As a way to commemorate our joint 100-year anniversary, we are thrilled to announce a partnership between the two universities.

Since its humble beginning in 1922, Makerere University has been able to transform communities and societies through its wealth of human capital, numerous research outcomes and technological innovations that have served Uganda, East Africa, Africa and the world in general. As our motto states, we hope to continue building for the future in the next 100 years as we become a more research-led University.

The University of Witwatersrand is a research-intensive university, renowned for its academic excellence, teaching, research, and social activism. It seeks to bring its best resources to bear – academic expertise, research, and talented staff and students to find solutions to 21st Century local and global problems, many of which are unknown.

The centennial celebration presents both Wits and Makerere with a significant opportunity to map out a joint collaborative future.

On 7th December 2022, the University of the Witwatersrand and Makerere University will hold **a virtual centennial celebration, hosted by their respective vice-chancellors**, to commemorate their anniversary. The universities partner to further a joint agenda to contribute to societal transformation in the next 100 years. Staff, students and alumni are invited to attend the webinar.

The partnership between Makerere and Wits, will be formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding which will be signed virtually by the Vice-Chancellor of Makerere University, Professor Barnabas Nawangwe, and the Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Witwatersrand, Professor Zebulon Vilakazi (FRS).



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The main objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding are:

- (a) To pursue collaborative academic and industry research;
- (b) To establish linkages in areas of mutual interest including ICT, engineering and construction, education, health, sanitation, welfare, environment, urban planning, agriculture and innovative solutions for improved service delivery;
- (c) To promote strategic partnerships with international bodies which can enhance mutual interests;
- (d) To promote knowledge exchange and cooperation between the parties and other stakeholders;
- (e) To undertake interventions that target the development and implementation of appropriate and sustainable solutions in the city;
- (f) To mobilize resources, including funding and infrastructure for joint research and development projects; and
- (g) To build capacity through the training of staff and recognize the considerable benefits of providing internship opportunities that encourage knowledge exchange.

For more information on the Makerere University Centennial celebration, visit the website: [Home - Makerere University 100th Anniversary](#).

For more information on the University of Witwatersrand Centennial celebrations, visit the website: [Wits Centenary](#)

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