

2024 Nkrumah Day Celebrations

Kwame Nkrumah's Vision, Our Reality: Integration and Pan-Africanism in the 21st Century

Brief introduction

Nkrumah Hall is one of the 9 halls of residence at Makerere University. The Hall was named after one of the great Pan-Africanists Kwame Nkrumah whose influence and views on integration and Pan-Africanism united many Africans and influenced the attainment of independence for several countries. As Nkrumah Hall is set to celebrate 70 years of existence, we choose to focus on integration and Pan-Africanism; the ideas Kwame Nkrumah championed; to confront the challenges of our time.

In this 21st Century and modern era, Kwame Nkrumah's views and those of his contemporaries like Julius Nyerere, Patrice Lumumba, among others are needed more than ever to confront the challenges that East Africa and the African Continent face. These include but not limited to leadership, economic independence, regional integration, poverty emancipation, market for the African products, lack of patriotism, among others. To address these challenges, there is need for home/Africa bred solutions in order to raise a generation that appreciates the points of view of our fathers and champions of integration and Pan-Africanism. This symposium aims to honor Nkrumah's legacy and inspire a new generation of leaders to work towards a more integrated, prosperous, economically and politically liberated Africa.

Objective: To cause students, alumni and the general population to reflect on Kwame Nkrumah's contributions to Pan-Africanism and integration, and explore how his vision and that of his compatriots can inform and inspire current efforts towards a more united and prosperous Africa.

Theme for the Public Lecture/Keynote address

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Expected outcomes:

- A deeper understanding of Nkrumah's vision and legacy
- Identification of practical solutions to contemporary challenges
- Strengthened networks and collaborations
- Recommendations for policymakers and stakeholders
- A renewed commitment to African unity and prosperity

Target audience:

1000 people including;

- Scholars and researchers
- Policymakers and government officials
- Business leaders and entrepreneurs
- Civil society organizations
- Makerere University students and student leaders

Venue and date:Yusuf Lule Auditorium on Friday, 20thSeptember, 2024 at 2:00Pm.

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