

MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

PROGRAMME FOR THE OFFICIAL MAIDEN VISIT OF THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Tuesday, 21 – Wednesday, 22 July 2026

DAY ONE — Tuesday, 21 July 2026 Theme: Research Infrastructure, Emerging Technologies and Enterprise Creation			
TIME	ACTIVITY / EXPECTED FOCUS	VENUE	RESPONSIBLE
8.30–8.45 am	Arrival, reception and protocol briefing • Reception by the Vice Chancellor and University Management. • Brief protocol, security and movement briefing.	Main Building	PRO / Protocol PAVC
8.45–9.00 am	Courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor	VC's Office	VC / DVCs
9.00–10.30 am	Opening and strategic framing session with University leadership • Welcome remarks by the Vice Chancellor. • Institutional presentation: Makerere's research and innovation strategy, major infrastructure, externally funded portfolio, patents and IP, start-ups and spin-offs, commercialised technologies, industry partnerships, specialised STI human capital and priority projects. • Makerere's contribution to NDP IV, the Tenfold Growth Strategy and national mission-driven value chains. • Strategic vision address by the Honourable Minister and moderated discussion.	Council Room	VC / DVC (RGT) STI-OP
10.30–10.45 am	Group photograph and refreshments	Council Room	PAVC / PRO
10.45 am–12.20 pm	Engineering, advanced manufacturing and product-development infrastructure • CEDAT mechanical and manufacturing workshops; electrical and electronics laboratories; renewable-energy and power-systems facilities. • Marconi Research and Innovation Laboratory; selected civil engineering, construction-materials and infrastructure innovations. • MAPRONANO / scanning electron microscopy and materials-characterization capabilities • Live demonstrations of no more than five high-potential technologies linked to mobility, agro-processing, infrastructure, electronics and industrial production.	CEDAT	Principal, CEDAT Facility Leads
12.20–1.05 pm	Digital technologies, artificial intelligence and national	RENU / CoCIS	Principal, CoCIS

	compute infrastructure • National AI Research Cloud at RENU. • CoCIS Artificial Intelligence and Data Science laboratories. • Selected applications in health, agriculture, environment, climate, cybersecurity and public service delivery. • Discussion on utilisation, governance, data access, operating sustainability and national scale-up.		RENU / Lab Leads
1.05–1.50 pm	Lunch Break	Senior Common Room	PAVC / DVC (RGT)
2.00–3.15 pm	Agro-industrialisation and food-technology infrastructure • Food Technology and Business Incubation Centre. • Agricultural engineering fabrication, mechanisation and post-harvest technologies. • Food formulation, pilot processing, quality assurance, packaging and enterprise incubation. • Demonstration of technologies relevant to coffee, banana, dairy, cereals, fruits and other priority value chains.	CAES	Principal, CAES Facility Leads
3.20–4.00 pm	Natural sciences and strategic research platforms • Site and development plan for the proposed NMR facility. • Selected materials, chemistry and biotechnology platforms. • Space science, earth observation and geospatial technologies.	CoNAS	Principal, CoNAS Facility Leads
4.05–5.15 pm	UniPod / MUTIC: innovation, prototyping and enterprise-creation pipeline • Digital fabrication, makerspaces and product-development facilities. • Curated demonstrations by student innovators, research teams and incubated start-ups. • Evidence of transition from prototype to certification, investment, production and market entry. • Discussion on intellectual property, licensing, incubation, venture financing and industry linkage. <i>The showcase should prioritise investible and market-facing innovations</i>	UniPod / MUTIC	Manager, UniPod DVC (RGT)
5.15–5.30 pm	Day-one synthesis and confirmation of priority issues for Day Two	UniPod	PAVC / STI-OP

DAY TWO — Wednesday, 22 July 2026 | Theme: Health and Life Sciences, Translation, Industry and Agreed Action

TIME	ACTIVITY / EXPECTED FOCUS	VENUE	RESPONSIBLE
8.30–8.45 am	Arrival and refreshments at the Health Sciences cluster	Mulago / CHS	PRO / Protocol
8.45–10.15 am	Biomedical research, genomics and clinical innovation infrastructure • Makerere University Biomedical Research Centre. • Genomics, Molecular and Immunology laboratories; biobanks and associated bioinformatics capacity. • Medical devices, diagnostics, biomarkers, clinical research and translation pathways. • Discussion on quality systems, accreditation, shared use, maintenance and linkages to local manufacturing.	CHS / MakBRC	Principal, CHS Facility Leads
10.20–11.15 am	Public-health research, data systems and policy translation • Population-health research infrastructure and surveillance systems. • Health-data platforms, implementation research and policy translation. • Examples of research that has shaped national programmes or created scalable solutions.	MakSPH	Dean, MakSPH
11.20 am–12.15 pm	Infectious-disease research, diagnostics and compute capacity • IDI flagship laboratories, diagnostics and biotechnology platforms. • Compute and AI capacity supporting clinical and infectious-disease research. • Global research partnerships and pathways for local technology development and enterprise creation.	IDI	Director, IDI
12.20–1.20 pm	One Health, veterinary biotechnology and preclinical infrastructure • Central Laboratory Animal Research Facility and relevant BSL laboratories. • Biomarker Research Facility. • Research Centre for Tropical Diseases and Vector Control. • Technologies for vaccines, diagnostics, therapeutics, vector control, biosecurity and animal-source value chains.	CoVAB	Principal, CoVAB Facility Leads
1.20–2.00 pm	Working lunch	Makerere University Guest House	PAVC
2.00–3:30 pm	Strategic dialogue: translating research into products,	Main Hall / Council Room	DVC (RGT)

enterprises and national impact

- Researchers and innovators present the principal barriers to technology translation and scale.
- Technology transfer, intellectual property, regulation, certification, procurement, industry partnerships, venture financing and commercial management.
- Defined contributions from CHUSS, School of Law, CoBAMS and CEES on innovation culture, technology law, business development, communication, STEM human capital and societal adoption.

Selected Deans / STI-OP

3.30–4.20 pm**Curated innovation and enterprise pitches**

- A maximum of 10 high-potential technologies, spin-offs and student enterprises from across the University.
- 5-minute pitch to showcase: problem addressed, maturity level, IP position, evidence of validation, target market, financing need and next milestone.

Main Hall / Freedom Square

DVC (RGT)
UniPod / All Colleges**4.20–5.20pm****Exit Session and adoption of an agreed action matrix**

- Minister's observations and strategic guidance.
- Agreed actions, responsible institutions and officers, timelines and follow-up mechanism.

Council Room

VC / PAVC
STI-OP**5.20–6.00 pm****Joint press briefing, closing remarks and departure**

Main Building

PRO / Minister's Office

