

# Uganda needs better entrepreneurs - Suruma

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"We need more private enterprises, more and better services, more capital and more credit," says Makerere University chancellor Prof. Ezra Suruma on day two of the university's 68th graduation.



*PIC: Chancellor Prof. Ezra Suruma (second-left) conferred degrees to the graduands at Makerere University's 68th graduation ceremony on Wednesday. (Credit: Juliet Kasirye)*

## EDUCATION

**KAMPALA - Makerere University chancellor Prof. Ezra Suruma has said Uganda needs "more and better entrepreneurs and financial services".**

He said the country also needs more private enterprises, more and

better services, more capital and more credit.

"These are challenges as well as a great opportunities," Suruma said in his address on the second day (Wednesday) of Makerere University's 68th graduation ceremony being held at the main campus in Kampala.

The event, which kicked off on Tuesday, is running until Friday.

Suruma conferred degrees to graduands on a day that brought together the largest combination of science-based colleges at Makerere. The colleges are:

- College of Business and Management Sciences (CoBAMS)
- College of Computing and Information Sciences (CoCIS)
- College of Health Sciences (CHS)
- College of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Resources and Bio-security (CoVAB)

The former finance minister commended the College of Computing and Information Sciences for their research on epidemiology, credit risk analysis and infectious diseases.

He also hailed the college for their outreach programme of imparting ICT skills to school vacationers.



The College of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Resources and Bio-security was particularly commended for efforts in transforming challenges in the world of animal resources into economic and livelihood opportunities.

The college has done research on epidemics and the animal industry at large.

Meanwhile, vice-chancellor Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe hailed his predecessor, Prof. John Ddumba Ssentamu for his "dedicated service" to the university and wished him well in his future career endeavours.

This year, as many as 144 female scholars of the Female Scholarship Foundation are graduating, including four first class and 63 second class upper degrees.

They are part of the 1,020 socio-economically disadvantaged females that have been supported to study at Makerere over the last 16 years.

Nawangwe highlighted some of the transformative innovations that Makerere has developed, which are helping farmers across the country. They include a winnowing maize thresher, a retrofittable pedal tap and a solar irrigation pump.

Another is the solar dryer, which is enabling farmers to dry their agricultural produce, such as fruits and vegetables. It is also being used to dry briquettes.

Crescent Mwetware was the best Bachelor of Commerce student, with a CGPA of 4.60. For his achievement, he was fittingly presented with an award from ACCA Uganda.



*By the way, you can find the full graduation list [HERE](#).*

### THE 68TH GRADUATION CEREMONY PROGRAMME

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 16**

- College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES)
- College of Education and External Studies (CEES)
- College of Natural Sciences (CoNAS)

#### **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17**

- College of Business and Management Sciences (CoBAMS)
- College of Computing and Information Sciences (CoCIS)

- College of Health Sciences (CHS)
- College of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Resources and Bio-security (CoVAB)

**THURSDAY JANUARY 18**

- Makerere University Business School (MUBS)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**

- College of Engineering, Design, Art and Technology (CEDAT)
- College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUSS)
- School of Law (LAW)