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(CAES)

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VISION

To be a leading institution of academic excellence and innovations in Africa

MISSION

To advance training, knowledge generation and service delivery in order to enhance agricultural development, sustainable natural resource utilization and environmental management.

Abbreviations

CAES	College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
DABE	Department of Agricultural and Biosystems engineering
DANRE	Department of Natural Resource Economics
DAP	Department of Agricultural Production
DEIS	Department of Extension and Innovation Studies
DEM	Department of Environmental Management
DEM	Department of Environmental Management
DFTHN	Department of Food Technology and Human Nutrition
DGGCS	Department of Geography, Geo-informatics and Climatic Sciences
DRGT	Directorate of Research and Graduate Training
FBT	Department of Forestry, Biodiversity and Tourism
FTBIC	Food Technology and Business Incubation Centre
MAK	Makerere University
MUARIK	Makerere University Research Institute Kabanyolo
MUBFS	Makerere University Biological Field Station
NBDB	National Biodiversity Data Bank
NEF	Next Einstein Fellowship
SAS	School of Agricultural Sciences
SFECS	School of Forestry, Environmental and Geographical Sciences
SFTNB	School of Food Technology, Nutrition and Bioengineering

Foreword



This report provides an overview of the events that took place in the CAES in April- June 2017.

The report is structured along the thematic areas outlined in the Makerere University strategic plan 2008/09-2018/19 especially the core functions of Teaching and Learning, Research and innovations, Outreach and knowledge transfer partnerships.

Notable achievements in research and innovations include the breeding of blue flies and worms as source of protein in fish and poultry feeds in the School of Food Technology, Nutrition and Bio engineering.

The college was privileged to receive the Minister of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries Hon. Vincent Ssempijja who spend 12 hours in the college in quest for partnership to improve the agricultural sector.

Our own MUARIK acquired a new water pump and was connected to the national water grid as a part of the efforts to resolve the water shortages at the institute. This initiative was funded by college resources.

Several outreach activities including the participation in the annual source of the Nile agricultural show and trade fair, the 11th CBA international conferences were successfully held.

On Teaching and learning, we successfully conducted the Semester 11 examinations and dispatched students for internship and recess term. Arrangements for external examiners were also finalized.

Our long serving Prof. Elly Sabiiti was at it again. He was elected Vice President of the African Academy of Sciences for the East African Region and we are very proud to be associated with him.

The University Council finalized with the election of Principals and Deputy Principals in colleges where the posts had fallen vacant. I was re-elected Principal CAES and would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the staff and management of the university for entrusting me to lead the college for the second term. I pledge to be a servant of all and call upon all staff and students to cooperate to steer CAES to greater heights.

We also had elections at the School of Agricultural Sciences where the incumbent Prof. Johnny Mugisha was re-elected Dean. I congratulate Prof. Mugisha upon this and extend appreciation to Prof. Jacob Agea for expression of interest in the same

office and accepting the results. This was a reflection of democracy and mature politics.

Special gratitude goes to staff for the hard work and cooperation. I also acknowledge support from our development partners that contributes greatly to the high profile of Makerere University. At the national level, we are grateful to the Government of Uganda for its commitment to finance and support the university through different initiatives.

I thank you.

Prof. Bernard Bashaasha,

PRINCIPAL

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1.0: INTRODUCTION

1.1: College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences (CAES)

CAES is one of the ten colleges of Makerere University located within the Western part of Makerere University. Its main administrative center is in the Agriculture building located just opposite the University Main Library entrance. CAES has three Schools: School of Agricultural Sciences (SAS), the School of Forestry, Environmental and Geographical Sciences (SFEGS) and the School of Food Technology, Nutrition and Bioengineering (SFTNB).

The college has two institutes that handle research namely Makerere University Agricultural Research Institute Kabanyolo (MUARIK) and Makerere University Biology Field Station (MUBFS). The college has 14 centers serving as a base for knowledge transfer and partnerships. These are complemented by facilities located at Nyabyeya Forest College and Budongo Conservation Field Station that cater for Forestry students.

1.2: CAES Schools and departments

The School of Agricultural Sciences (SAS) is comprised of three Departments. The departments are: (i) Agricultural Production; (ii) Agribusiness and Natural Resource Economics; and (iii) Extension & Innovation Studies. These departments offer Undergraduate, Masters and PhD degrees in their respective disciplines.

The School of Forestry, Environmental and Geographical Sciences (SFEGS) is composed of three departments (i) the Department of Forestry, Biodiversity and Tourism; (ii) the Department of Environmental Management and (iii) the Department of Geography, Geo Informatics and Climatic Sciences.

The School of Food Technology, Nutrition and Bioengineering (SFTBN) comprises two departments. (i) the Department of Agricultural and Bio systems Engineering and (ii) the Department of Food Technology and Human Nutrition. The SFTNB hosts an e- learning center (Telematics receiving studio) fully furnished with equipment. The SFTNB also hosts the Food Technology and Business incubation Centre (FTBIC).

1.3: Research institutes

1.3.1: Makerere University Agricultural Research Institute Kabanyolo (MUARIK)

MUARIK is a public institution and an arm of Makerere University that interfaces with the National Agricultural research system (NARS). Seated on 650 hectares of land it is being managed as a multi-disciplinary facility for training, research, outreach and production under the CAES. It is located 19 kilometers North-West of Kampala off Gayaza Township on the Kampala-Zirobwe Road. The institute houses the center for Continuing Agricultural Education Centre (CAEC), the undergraduate student hostel and facilities for over 30 graduate students under the regional programmes. The Tissue Culture, Animal Science and the Biotechnology laboratories are also located at MUARIK. Other facilities at MUARIK include CURAD, staff residences, poultry, dairy, and piggery units among others.

1.3.2: The Makerere University Biological Field Station (MUBFS)

MUBFS is located in Kibale National Park in Kibale district. It is mainly involved in research but it is increasingly hosting short international courses in Tropical Biology. Originally, most of the research at MUBFS was primatology but over the years, the research agenda has broadened to include ecological and behavioral research on taxonomy, and socio economic studies. There is adequate dormitory and guest house space for groups ranging between 10 and 60 and catering services. In collaboration with national institutions, the institute provides consultancy services to the government and other organizations in Uganda. Consultancy services include tailor made training in different fields of environment and natural resources, assessment and monitoring of environment and natural resources therein environmental impact assessments and audits, project monitoring and evaluation and facilitation.

1.4: Research Centres

Recognizing the importance of outreach, the college established a fully-fledged outreach facility called the Continuing Agricultural Education Centre (CAEC). Through CAEC, the College operates outreach programs for various stakeholders (farmers, policy makers, students etc). The presence of the CAEC therefore makes the College a key player in development-impact oriented training and research.

Other centres include the Plant Breeding, Biotechnology and Seed systems research center, the Remote Sensing and GIS Laboratory, the Molecular Biology Laboratory and the Water and Wetlands research Laboratory. Others are the National Biodiversity Data Bank (NDBD), the Food Technology and Business Incubation Center (FTBIC), the Makerere University Climate Change research and Innovations (MUCCRI), Centre for Waste Management, Centre for Mountain

Resources and Disaster Management, Rangeland Resources Centre and the Agricultural Policy Analysis Centre. All these operate at different capacities.

2.0: TEACHING AND LEARNING

2.1: Second Semester Examinations

End of Semester 11 examinations started on 5th July 2017 and ended successfully on 24th June 2017.

2.2: Internship and Recess term

Internship started on 25th June, 2017 and will be ending on 7th August 2017. Students were released to different institutions and staff deployed to do the supervision and monitoring.

Agriculture and food science students were also taken to Makerere University Agricultural Research Institute Kabanyolo (MUARIK) for the Recess term. Forestry students were dispatched to Nyabyeya Forest College and Budongo Field Conservation station in Masindi and were progressing well.

Arrangements for the External Examiners have been finalised. Majority were booked to arrive on 30th July, 2017. Despite the financial difficulties the college expects to receive 11 external examiners.

3.0: RESEARCH AND INNOVATIONS

3.1: Food Scientists turn to insects for poultry and fish feeds

Last year, Nicodemus Kaweesi, a poultry farmer, started rearing black soldier fly larvae, to feed his chicken (layers). Today, he has no regrets given that as a result of supplementing his chicken feeds with silver fish (mukene) his birds lay twice the number of eggs the used to lay before the change and birds are heavier.

Kaweesi, a farmer with Bisirikiwa Agricultural Group, at Nansana in Wakiso district says he started feeding his birds with larvae in March this year. The birds are healthier and lay eggs with a yellow yolk. Some of birds lay two eggs in one-and-half days.

He derives his joy from research findings from the School of Food Technology, Nutrition and Bio-engineering, in conjunction with the Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS), together with International Center of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) from Kenya and other stakeholders, under the INSFEED (Integration of insects in poultry and fish feed) project that undertook research to prove that insects can be used to replace the mukene(silver fish).

The insects are a source of protein in fish and poultry feeds. The project is funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRS) of Canada and the Australian Center for International Agriculture Research (ACIAR) of the Australian Government.

Traditionally, farmers have been mixing silver fish in feeds for the chicken and fish to provide protein, however, some farmers have been complaining that the dealers of silver fish add small stones in product to make it heavier.

Protein is important

The project initiator, Associate Professor at the Department of Food Technology and Nutrition, School of Food Technology, Nutrition and Bio-Engineering Dr. Dorothy Nakimbugwe, explained that in Uganda, the region and worldwide, there is a need for protein, such as soya beans and silver fish, among both humans and birds.

She revealed that given that background, the school decided to come up with the innovation of breeding nutritious alternatives to feed animals.

“ In Kenya and Uganda , the prices of chicken feeds have gone up and some farmers have gone out of business, the food supplement for animals is also eaten by humans, so that is why we went into this innovation. We discovered that the insects contain the same protein that silver fish contain,” Dr. Nakimbugwe says.

She noted that whereas the insect are expected to supplement silver fish as an alternative source of protein, INSFEED research demonstrated that the insects have high potential over the silver fish in the long run as a cost-effective protein source.

Nakimbugwe reveals that according to their research, 16 types of insects were collected tested and only three types of insect- blue calliphora flies and the cricket were found to be safe for animal consumption.

She added that although some farmers prefer feeding the birds and fish directly with worm, it is advisable that the worm be dipped in boiled water for five minutes to kill any bacteria they may have.

In Kenya according to Komi Fiaboe, the leader of insects for Food Feed and other Uses programme, the initiative was launched in March, 2017 and was successful with most of the farmer's have saved on the money spent on feeds.

Breeding flies and worms

The blue flies are trapped at the garbage sites, where they normally gather to eat. On the other hand, the pre-pupae worms are bred from rotting chicken husks, rotting mangoes and jackfruit for two weeks.

Joan Nakiyemba, a research assistant at Makerere University, explain that saw dust removed from chicken houses can be kept in a container and after rotting for three weeks, the worms come on top of the husks and they are harvested.

They are then dried using solar heaters at the university and mixed with maize bran to make feeds. For the fish, the feeds can easily be fed to the fish directly.

The blue Calliphora flies are harvested from the dumping sites like Kiteezi in Wakiso district

4.0: INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT/EQUIPMENT ACQUIRED

MUARIK acquires a new water pump; connected to the NWSC

Makerere University Agricultural Research Institute acquired a new water pump. The pump was purchased under the Principal's Office at accost of slightly over 10 million shillings. The institute was also connected to the national water grid to supplement the pumps.

5.0: RESOURCE MOBILISATION AND COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS

5.1: Meeting held with the Assessment team for the proposed Centre of Excellence in water

On 3rd July, 2017, the college received team to assess the proposed Centre of Excellence in Water. This initiative is being spearheaded by the Department of Geography, Geo informatics and Climatic Sciences (GGCS)

6.0: OUT REACH ACTIVITIES

6.1: Participation in the 15th Source of the Nile National Agricultural Show and Trade Fair 17th – 23rd July 2017

The college participated in the 15th Source of the Nile National Agricultural Show and Trade Fair from 17th to 23rd July 2017 in Jinja. CAES is a major exhibitor at this show with permanent premises at the show grounds. This year, the College provided resource persons to facilitate the training sessions organized for farmers alongside the show.

List of exhibitors 2017

Names	School/ College	Responsibility
1. DR OKIROR JOHN	CAES COORDINATOR	Coordination
2. PROF. FRED KABI	CAES/ SAS/DAP	Dairy feeds
3. MUSINGUZI PATRICK	CAES/ SAS/DAP	Soil tests kit, fertilizer materials and soil amendments
4. DR ELIZABETH BALIRWA	CAES/ SAS/DANRE	Farm records
5. YIKII FRED	CAES/ SFEGS	Forestry products and tree seedlings
6. LUCY MULUGO	CAES/ SAS/DEIS	Forestry products and tree seedlings
7. TONNY OBUA	CAES/ SAS/DAP	Soy bean seed and variety demonstration plots
8. KYEYUNE GERALD	CAES/ SAS/DAP	Mushroom seed and products
9. AZIZ DARA	CAES/ SAS/MURAIK	Assorted products from MUARIK
10. JULIUS PETER AHANGAANA	CAES/ SAS/MURAIK	Assorted products from MUARIK
11. KASUJJA GEOFFREY	CAES/ SAS/DEIS	Technical support services and micro-gardens
12. OPOLOT DEOGRATIUS	CAES/ SAS/DAP	IMO for Pig production

13.OKIROR THOMAS	CAES/ SAS/DAP	Tissue culture and root crop demonstration plots
14.BUKENYA DAVID	CAES/ SAS/DAP	Tissue culture and root crop demonstration plots
15.DR. PETER TUMUTEGYERE IZE	CAES/ SFSNBE	Food and nutrition education and technologies
16.MANDA NANGOBI	CAES/SFSNBE	Technical support for food and nutrition technologies
17.GAD KAHUTA MUTEGEKI	STALL MANAGER	Maintenance manager
18.SSAMANYA	CAES/ SAS/MURAIK	Driver
19.STEPHEN	CAES/ SAS/DAP	Driver

6.2: The CBA11 Youth Conference on Climate Change opens in Kampala



Youth and invited guests pose for a group photograph with the Chief Guest Alhajji M.Jallow (In white Kanzu) after the opening ceremony at Hotel Africana in Kampala -Uganda

The 11 Community Based Adaption (CBA11) Youth conference was opened on 28th June, 2017 at Hotel Africana in Kampala on the theme, “Enhancing **the ability of youth to build ecosystem resilience**”.

The conference was officially opened by the FAO Country representative for Uganda, Alhajji M.Jallow and attended by the EU Acting Head of Cooperation Mr. Cedric Merel.

The Youth conference was organised by Makerere University in collaboration with the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and the Ministry of Water and Environment

The vice chancellor Makerere University Prof. John Ddumba-Ssentamu, the principal College of Agricultural and Environment Sciences Prof. Bernard Bashaasha and Coordinator Makerere University Centre for Climate Change Research and Innovation (MUCRI) Dr. Revocatus Twinomuhangi and over 150 youth international and local also attended.

Objectives of the conference

- To provide a platform to stimulate, develop, and share information on how the youth can be encouraged to address climate change in their own communities
- To encourage the youth to become agents of change in addressing climate change in their own communities and to promote ecosystem resilience.
- To provide a space for networking and exchange of ideas, strategies, success stories and lessons in youth work on climate change.
- To enable youth learning from experts and from field experience in the fight against climate change
- To provide an opportunity to the CBA11participants to learn from youth perceptivities to climate change

6.3: The CBA11 International Conference on Climate Change opens in Kampala



L-R: IIED Director for climate Change Clare Shakya, Chair LDC Gebru Endalew, VC Makerere University Prof. John Ddumba-Ssentamu, Min. for Water and Environment Hon Sam Cheptoris, Permanent Secretary Min. of Water and Environment Mr. Okidi, Ireland Ambassador to Uganda HE. Donal Cronin and the UNEP representative Mette Wilkie during the opening ceremony at Royal Suites Bugolobi-Kampala

The 11th International Conference on Community-Based Adaptation (CBA11) was been officially opened by Uganda’s Minister of Water and Environment Hon. Sam Cheptoris.at the Royale Suites Bugolobi Kampala.

The conference was opened on 26th June, 2017 and also graced by the Ambassador of Ireland to Uganda H.E Donal Cronin, IIED Climate Change Director Clare Shakya, the United Nations Environmental Program representative Mette Wilkie and, the Chair, Least Developed Countries’ Gebru Endalew.

The CBA11 was organized by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), Uganda’s Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE), Makerere University Centre for Climate Change Research and Innovations (MUCCRI) and the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD).

The conference attracted 200 International participants and 100 Local participants focusing on empowering communities to use their own knowledge and decision-making processes to take action on climate change under the theme“, **Harnessing natural resources and ecosystems for adaptation**”.

6.4: Makerere University Agribusiness Students Association (MUABSA) holds its annual agribusiness symposium, mini expo and networking day.



Prof. Mondo Kagonyera gets the Award on behalf of Minister Amelia Kyambadde

On 7th April 2017, Makerere University Agribusiness Students Association (MUABSA) held its annual agribusiness symposium, mini expo and networking day at the School of Agricultural Sciences under the theme, “Filling Agribusiness GAPSA-A multi stakeholder’s responsibility”.

The Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives Hon. Amelia Kyambadde and former Chancellor Makerere University Prof. Mondo Kagonyera were the Chief guests of the event.

Other key speakers of the symposium included the Former Minister of Agriculture Hon. Victoria Sekitoleko, CEO Africa Agribusiness Academy Mr. Farid Karama, KFM presenter Ms. Phyllis Namuwoya, Hon. Dr Betty Pacutho and Major Rubaare Ronald among others.

Hon. Kyambadde received the award from MUABSA. However she was unable to attend due to an urgent call to attend a meeting at state house. The award was handed over to Prof. Kagonyera on behalf of Hon. Kyambadde

7.0: SUPPORT SERVICES

7.1: Staff Promotions

At its 546th meeting held on 21st April, 2017 the following staff were considered.

Name	Post considered	Department	Decision
Dr. Yazidhi Bamutaze	Assoc. Professor	Geography, Geo informatics and Climatic sciences	Promoted
Dr. Mildred KN Ochwo	Senior Lecturer	Agricultural Production	Promoted
Dr. Yusuf Byaruhanga	Associate Professor	Food Technology and Nutrition	Promoted
Dr. Nicholas Kiggundu	Senior Lecturer	Agriculture and Bio systems engineering.	Promoted
Dr. Dorothy Nakimbugwe	Associate Professor	Food Technology and Human Nutrition	Promoted
Mr. Onan Mulumba	Librarian (Academic)	University Library	Promoted

At the subcommittee of the appointments board at its 24 meeting held on 30th and 31st March 2017, Mr. Isaac Egesa Obuli, the security officer was promoted to the rank of Custodian.

7.2: Council Recommends College Principals and Deputy Principals

At a special meeting held, 29th June 2017, Makerere University Council received and considered the recommendations of the University Senate on the Report of the Search Committee for Principals and Deputy Principals.

The University Council unanimously recommended the following candidates for the position of Principal and Deputy Principal respectively to the Chancellor for appropriate action:

College	Principal	Deputy Principal
College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES)	Prof. Bernard Bashaasha	Dr. Gorettie Nsubuga Nabanoga
College of Natural Sciences	Prof. J.Y.T Mugisha	Dr. Fredrick Jones

(CoNAS)		Muyodi
College of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Resources and Bio-Security (CoVAB)	Prof. John David Kabasa	Dr. Samuel Majalija
College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUSS)	Prof. Edward K. Kirumira	Dr. Josephine Ahikire
College of Education and External Studies (CEES)	Prof. Fred Masagazi Masaazi	Dr. Paul Muyinda Birevu
College of Computing and Information Sciences (CoCIS)	Prof. Tonny Oyana	Dr. Agnes Rwashana Semwanga

The University only advertised the position of Principals and Deputy Principals in the Colleges where current contracts for the respective positions were coming/had come to an end.

7.3: Prof. Johnny Mugisha re-elected Dean School of Agricultural Sciences

The incumbent Dean School of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Prof. Johnny Mugisha was re-elected to serve for another four year term (2017-2021) in a peacefully concluded elections held on 21st June, 2017 at the school premises.

The Deanship race attracted two candidates. The incumbent Prof. Johnny Mugisha and Prof. Jacob Agea who is also Head Department of Extension and Innovation Studies at the same time the School Senate representative.

Prof. Mugisha gathered 51 votes . Of these 41 were by ballot votes and 10 by proxy. Prof. Jacob Agea who had expressed interest in the same office gathered 26 votes (23 by ballot votes and 03 by proxy).

The number of eligible voters (Academic staff) was 82. The total number of votes cast was 77, 01 vote was invalid while 04 abstained.

In the history of Makerere University, the School of Agricultural Sciences has had the largest number of Deans since the formation of Colleges.

- The first Dean, Prof. Bernard Bashaasha served from 31 January 2011, resigned in December 2011 but served for another six months till 04 June 2012 (*15 months*).
- The second Dean, Associate Prof. Patrick Okori served from June 2012 up to September 2012 (*4 months*) when he left for sabbatical leave.

- The third Dean in Acting capacity, Associate Prof. Denis Mpairwe took over until 01 June 2013 (*8 months*) when Prof. Johnny Mugisha was appointed for 4 years that that ended on 31 May 2017.

7.4: Prof. Elly N. Sabiiti elected Vice President of the African Academy of Sciences for the East African Region.



Prof. Elly N. Sabiiti of the School of Agricultural Sciences was elected Vice President of the African Academy of Sciences for the East African Region. Prof. Sabiiti is a Professor of Crop Sciences who has served Makerere University for over 30 years. He has a wealth of experience and expertise in various fields of agricultural and environmental sciences.

He attained a Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship from the International Livestock Centre (ILCA) Ibadan, Nigeria (1989-1991) and a PhD from the University of New Brunswick Canada (1983–1985), after graduating with an M.Sc. in Agriculture (1976–1979), and a B.Sc. in Agriculture from Makerere University (1973-1976).

Professor Sabiiti has administrative experience on over 35 national and international boards and committees, and has participated in 11 consultancies.

Prof. Sabiiti has visited over 45 countries in Africa and overseas and belongs to over 22 professional bodies.

He has been recognised by many local, regional and international institutions for his outstanding contributions to science and technology, his leadership skills and community service. He has won 15 National awards, 2 regional awards, and 6 international awards.

Prof. Sabiiti has published over 150 science and technology papers that have been of value to government and many public/private organizations, and communities.

Prof. Elly N. Sabiiti is also the Chairman of Bishop Stuart University Council, Mbarara, Member of Busitema University Council, Chairman of the Inaugural Lecture Organizing Committee, Makerere University, Member of the Global Council, IAP/SEP, and Coordinator, Centre of Excellence in Waste Management, SAS. He has also worked with committees of Uganda National Health Programs such as paediatric HIV, Malaria, New-born health and also facilitated courses in Eritrea and Kenya.

7.5: SAS holds a re-union party

On Friday 30th June 2017, staff from the CAES were treated to a party with lots of food and drinks. The re union party was organized and financed by the Dean School of Agricultural Sciences (SAS), Prof. Johnny Mugisha. The party was hosted at the school quadrangle. Different categories of staff attended the party. Their representatives were also given a platform to give their remarks.

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