

Prof Denis Mpairwe Biography



Denis Mpairwe has worked for Makerere University for over 18 years and currently is serving as a Professor of Agriculture specializing in Animal Nutrition and Forage Science, conducting Research in crop-livestock integration and community outreach. He has over 30 years' experience in agricultural sciences, livestock production and management, natural resources and environmental management for improved people's livelihoods. Prof. Mpairwe entered Makerere University as a Lecturer in October 1999 and since then, he has served the University in different administrative capacities: Ag. Associate Dean, 2003 – 2005 Faculty of Agriculture; Head, Department of Animal Science, 2008 – 2011; Ag. Dean, School of Agricultural Sciences 2011-2012; and Head, Department of Agricultural Production, March 2011 – June 2019. Before Makerere University, he worked with the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) in the Department of Animal Production and Marketing for eleven years as Animal Production Officer and left the Department at the rank of Principal Range Ecologist in charge of Rangeland Development. Prof. Mpairwe offers expertise in livestock-environment interactions, analysis of integrated crop/livestock farming systems, agro-forestry, animal nutrition, range/forage science and management, health/nutrition interactions, dairy, beef, sheep and goat production. He has actively conducted and implemented fourteen (14) research projects with both national and international partners either as principal or co-investigator. These projects have attracted cumulatively over US\$ 1, 000,000/= to the University of which \$600,000 are funds for research projects he has been the team leader. He is currently the Country Coordinator and Principal Investigator of a 2.4 Million USD Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) led Drylands Transform Project (2020-2024) comprising of a multidisciplinary team with researchers from Umeå University, Gothenburg University, University of Nairobi, Makerere University, the World Agroforestry (ICRAF) and Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD). He has supervised to completion 10 M.Sc. and 5 PhD students and all have graduated. Currently, supervising 6 M.Sc. and 4 PhD students. Published widely in peer reviewed journals 47 original research papers and a reviewer to a number of international journals.