

## **Dr Revocatus Twinomuhangi takes on as New Dean, School of Forestry, Environmental, & Geographical Sciences**

The outgoing Dean, School of Forestry, Environmental and Geographical Sciences (SFECS), College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES), Makerere University, Dr Fred Babweteera has officially handed over to the new Dean, Dr Revocatus Twinomuhangi. Dr Babweteera, an Associate Professor in the Department of Forestry, Biodiversity and Tourism at CAES has held the position for over four years starting January 2019. Dr. Twinomuhangi was appointed Dean, SFECS for a four-year term starting 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

Speaking at the handover ceremony held at the SFECS on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023, the Principal of CAES, Prof. Goretti Nabanoga commended the outgoing Dean for his outstanding contribution towards improving graduate training processes at the School. “When Dr Babweteera took over as Dean, the School had several challenges with regard to graduate training. Dr Babweteera has done a great job to improve graduate training processes. He has set the standards so high and the completion rates have greatly improved,” she noted, pledging total support to the new Dean to further improve operations at the School.

In his remarks, Dr Babweteera congratulated the new Dean upon his appointment and pledged to support him. Presenting the handover report, he highlighted the achievements registered during his term of office, and some of the areas that require special attention.

The achievements registered include streamlining the graduate training processes, improving completion rates for graduate students, developing a research agenda with focus on creating research groups, review of most of the academic programmes, and ensuring integrity of examination processes at the School. Prof. Babweteera implored the new Dean to ‘keep up the pace’ on graduate training to ensure students complete in time, operationalize the research agenda, and work towards improving the infrastructure at the School. In line with the 2020-2030 Strategic Plan that seeks to transform Makerere into a research-led University, Dr Babweteera

called for support towards equipping the training laboratories, and recruiting technicians.

Dr Babweteera expressed gratitude to the University Management for according him the opportunity to serve as Dean, SFEGS. He appreciated all staff for the cordial working relationship. “In a special way, I wish to extend my appreciation to my predecessor, Prof. Mnason Tweheyo; the current Principal of CAES, Prof. Gorettie Nabanoga; the former Principal, Prof. Bernard Bashaasha; the Deputy Principal, Prof. Yazidhi Bamutaze; my fellow Deans, and all Heads of Department as well as student leaders at SFEGS. I have experienced a lot of growth spiritually, and in character because of your mentorship,” he noted.

The incoming Dean, Dr Revocatus Twinomuhangi expressed gratitude to the staff of SFEGS and Makerere University Management for entrusting him with the leadership of the School. He appreciated the outgoing Dean for his outstanding service and pledged to build on his achievements to make the School greater. He committed to improve the quality of teaching and learning at both graduate and undergraduate levels, and to further strengthen research at the School.

### **Dr Revocatus Twinomuhangi’s profile**

Dr Twinomuhangi is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Geography, Geo- Informatics and Climatic Sciences, Makerere University. He is also the Coordinator of the Makerere University Centre for Climate Change Research and Innovations (MUCCRI) a unit in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. He holds a PhD in Geography from Makerere University obtained in 2010. He teaches Human Geography, Settlement Systems, Urban Geography, Natural Resources Management, Regional Development Planning, Spatial Decision Support Systems and Climate Change. His current research focuses on climate change adaptation and mitigation, and urban environment management. Throughout his years of experience, Dr. Twinomuhangi has provided expertise in the fields of environment and natural resource management, climate

change, urban planning and management, strategic planning and management, policy analysis, monitoring and evaluation, and impact analysis. He has authored several publications and attracted several research grants.