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"Consolidating Quality, Competency-Based Learning, and Institutional Growth"

Editorial Message

Welcome to the June 2026 edition of our quarterly newsletter! This quarter has been heavily defined by a deliberate focus on institutional capacity building, practical skills enhancement, and technical advancement through extensive trainings across our member institutions. As leaders in higher education, our collective mandate extends far beyond traditional academic excellence. We are the architects of knowledge, developers of vital human capital, and strategic partners in Uganda's socio-economic advancement. To meet the evolving demands of our national development goals, we have prioritized equipping our academic, technical, and administrative staff with the critical competencies required to lead the next generation of learners. Dive into this issue to catch up on the benchmark events shaping our academic landscape.



Prof. Eriabu Lugujo
Executive Director, UVCF

KEY INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS

The Uganda Vice Chancellors' Forum (UVCF) General Virtual Meeting .

UVCF successfully convened its 78th meeting virtually, bringing together Vice Chancellors and heads of member institutions from across the country. The meeting provided an opportunity for members to review progress on ongoing initiatives, deliberate on emerging issues affecting higher education, and reaffirm the Forum's commitment to strengthening Uganda's university sector.

Discussions focused on a range of strategic priorities, including developments in health sciences education, institutional sustainability, digital transformation, academic staff development, and the continued enhancement of the Forum's governance structures. Members also reviewed progress on collaborative initiatives designed to improve service delivery and promote greater cooperation among universities.

The Forum reaffirmed its commitment to constructive engagement with key stakeholders and to advancing practical solutions that support quality, accessible, and sustainable higher education in Uganda. As implementation of several initiatives progresses, UVCF will continue working closely with member institutions and partners to promote a responsive and resilient higher education sector.

Competency-Based Education & Training (CBET) Workshop



Figure 1 Participants at the UVCF Competency-Based Education & Training (CBET) Workshop 25th to 26th June 2026

The Uganda Vice Chancellors' Forum successfully convened a two-day CBET workshop under the theme, "Making CBET Work: Practical Institutional Experiences." The workshop brought together university leaders, academic experts, and practitioners to share practical approaches to designing, implementing, and assessing competence-based programmes.

Through interactive presentations, case studies, live demonstrations, and institutional planning sessions, participants explored key aspects of CBET implementation, including curriculum design, assessment beyond written examinations, integration of CBET into university systems, industry expectations, digital learning tools, and strategies for addressing implementation challenges. The

workshop concluded with institutional action planning and a shared commitment to advancing quality, learner-centred education across Uganda's higher education sector.

Academic Registrars' Workshop

Academic Registrars Strengthen Professional Practice Through UVCF Capacity-Building Workshop - 7th – 8th May 2026.

UVCF convened a two-day capacity-building workshop for Academic Registrars under the theme, "Strengthening Academic Registries Through Practice & Benchmarking." The workshop provided a collaborative platform for Academic Registrars to exchange experiences, strengthen professional practice, and explore innovative approaches to academic administration in an evolving higher education landscape.

Participants engaged in practical sessions covering student service delivery, academic records management, document verification, examinations and quality assurance, data governance, leadership, artificial intelligence, and inter-university collaboration. Through expert presentations and interactive discussions, the workshop reinforced the critical role of Academic Registries in promoting efficiency, integrity, and excellence in university administration. The programme concluded with institutional action planning and a shared commitment to continuous improvement and collaboration across Uganda's higher education sector.



Figure 2 Certificate Award Photo: Certificate presentation at the Academic Registrars' Workshop.

Academic Registrars Launch National Professional Forum

A major milestone of the workshop was the establishment of the **Uganda Universities Academic Registrars Forum (UUARF)**, a professional platform that will strengthen collaboration, knowledge sharing, and peer learning among Academic Registrars across Uganda's universities. The Forum is expected to foster harmonisation of academic registry practices, promote professional development, and provide a unified voice on matters affecting academic administration.

Participants elected **Dr. Martha Kyoshaba**, Academic Registrar of Mbarara University of Science

and Technology, as the inaugural Chairperson of the Forum. The formation of UUARF marks a significant step towards enhancing collaboration and promoting excellence in academic registry services across Uganda's higher education sector.

Celebrating Kajubi Day: Legacy of a Higher Education Pioneer

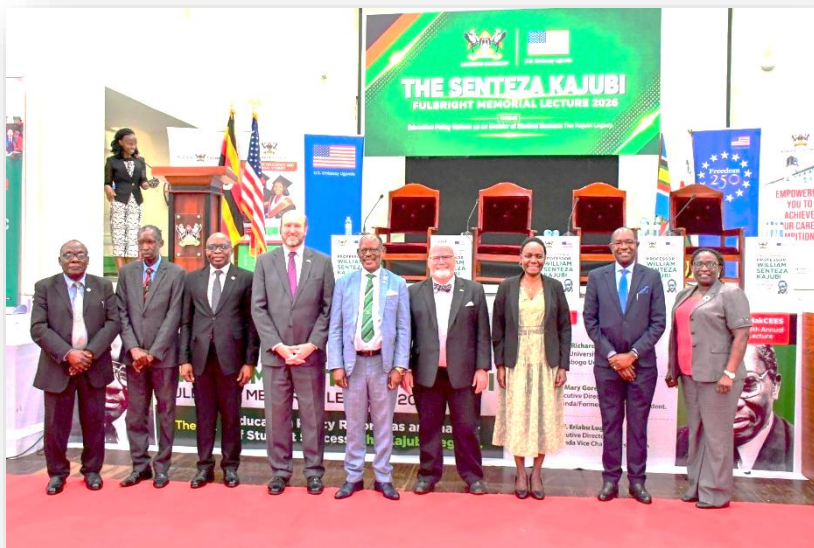


Figure 3 Panel Discussion Photo: Dignitaries and panelists at the Annual Prof. Senteza Kajubi Lecture.

UVCf Joins the Nation in Honoring Prof. William Senteza Kajubi's Legacy

The Uganda Vice Chancellors' Forum (UVCf) joined the higher education community in commemorating the 6th Annual Professor William Senteza Kajubi Fulbright Memorial Lecture, held on 23 April 2026 at the Main Hall, Makerere University under the theme, "Education Policy Reform as an Enabler of Student Success: The Kajubi

Legacy."

The lecture brought together education leaders, policymakers, academics, students, and development partners to reflect on the enduring legacy of one of Uganda's most influential educationists. The event was graced by H.E. William W. Popp, the United States Ambassador to Uganda, while the Vice Chancellor of Makerere University, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, welcomed participants and reaffirmed the importance of partnerships in advancing higher education. Prof. Eriabu Lugujjo delivered a thought-provoking reflection on Prof. Kajubi's philosophy of education, highlighting the values of lifelong learning, learner-centred education, confidence, and ethical leadership as enduring pillars for shaping future generations.

MEMBER INSTITUTION HIGHLIGHTS & UPDATES

Kampala International University (KIU) Holds Glamorous Graduation Ceremony

KIU Celebrates Academic Excellence at 33rd Graduation Ceremony

Kampala International University (KIU) celebrated its 33rd Graduation Ceremony, conferring degrees and diplomas on 1,844 graduates across a wide range of disciplines under the theme,

"Fostering Sustainable Innovations and Future-Ready Graduates through Competency-Based Education."

The graduating class reflected the University's continued investment in quality education and innovation, with 101 First Class graduates recognised for outstanding academic achievement. Male graduates constituted 55.8% of the cohort, while 44.2% were female. In addition, 52.6% of the graduates completed programmes in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), underscoring KIU's growing contribution to developing skilled professionals in critical sectors.

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TOTAL GRADUATES

101

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STEM COHORT

Cavendish University Uganda Champions Refugee Inclusion Through a Higher Education Dialogue:

In a significant step toward advancing inclusive higher education, Cavendish University Uganda, through the Faculty of Socio-Economic Sciences and in partnership with Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, hosted a workshop on 11 June 2026, titled **"Refugees in Uganda's Universities: Asylum Status, Protection Challenges, and the Right to Education."** The workshop brought together refugee and foreign students, academics, and stakeholders from universities across Uganda to discuss the challenges and opportunities shaping the educational experiences of refugees and asylum seekers.



Figure 4 Refugee Inclusion Dialogue Photo: Panel discussion on refugee education at Cavendish University Uganda.

IUIU and TOGÜ Strengthen Global Academic Partnership Through 2nd International Symposium on AI-Driven Engineering Systems:

The Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU), in collaboration with Tokat Gaziosmanpaşa University (Türkiye), successfully hosted the 2nd International Symposium on AI-Driven Engineering Systems (ISADES 2026) from 19–20 June 2026. The symposium attracted over 140 research papers and focused on emerging applications of artificial intelligence in engineering, including smart infrastructure, automation, predictive maintenance, data analytics, and sustainable engineering solutions.



Figure 5 AI Symposium Photo: Delegates at the ISADES 2026 AI-Driven Engineering Symposium.

The Oldest University Still Operating:

The University of Bologna in Italy, founded in 1088, is widely recognised as the world's oldest university still in operation. It has been running for over 900 years, long before most modern nations existed.



Figure 6 Courtyard Photo: The historic University of Bologna in Italy, founded in 1088.

UPCOMING QUARTER GLANCE (Q3 & Q4 2026)

- ✓ **August 13th- 14, 2026:** Executive Secretaries, Personal Assistants and Administrators Training Workshop.
- ✓ **September 13th, 2026:** 79th UVCF General Forum Meeting
- ✓ **October 15th-16th, 2026:** UVCF Annual Conference
- ✓ **November 19th- 20th, 2026:** Financial Managers and Bursars Training Workshop

DID YOU KNOW? GLOBAL INSIGHTS ON AI & HIGHER EDUCATION

Eye Disease Detection

AI helps detect eye disease **10x faster** than traditional methods at Moorfields Eye Hospital (UK).

Impact: Time reduced to seconds

Patient Deterioration

AI predicts patient deterioration up to **48 hours earlier** at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Impact: 20% ICU reduction

Surgical Robotics

AI-powered robots performed **85%** of complex surgeries with greater precision at Medanta.

Impact: Enhanced Precision

Stay Connected

The Uganda Vice Chancellors' Forum remains committed to strengthening higher education across Uganda through collaboration, capacity building, and thought leadership. We invite all member institutions to actively participate in our programmes and contribute to the advancement of quality education.

Note to Member Institutions:

Kindly submit institutional milestones, innovations, and breakthrough stories for the next quarterly publication by **September 1, 2026**.

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