

CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS TO THE 4TH ARU GRADUATION CONGREGATION

THEME: "Contributing to African Renaissance through Higher Education"



Hon. Justice Ezekiel Muhanguzi

Distinguished Guests, parents and Graduands. On behalf of African Rural University I welcome you to this 4th Graduation Ceremony.

As I have always indicated a University is an important tool for development and this particular university is extremely unique in this regard.

Today we mark our fourth graduation under the theme "**Contributing to African Renaissance through Higher Education**" This is reflected through the continued effort by university towards endogenous knowledge development.

Today we graduate four more Rural Transformation Specialists with BRD and two CREB candidates. This is progressively increasing the pool of women leaders who have passion for rural areas.

To the Graduands this morning: For the last 4 years you have undergone intensive and rigorous preparation through theoretical training, project work and field based training through practicum and internship). You are now ready to go out and transform your communities where you will be assigned.

I urge you to effectively fulfill your individual responsibility in rural transformation.

Secondly we expect you to continuously contribute towards African renaissance through research and continued generation of value based knowledge. We need to appreciate the values and virtues of our society upon which transformation initiatives should be buttressed. Go out and be effective change makers and agents.

The Parents and Guardians here today: My heartfelt thanks and appreciation for providing and encouraging these Graduands to reach this very admirable level.

I wish to thank the Government of Uganda and other partners in this District of Kagadi for the

continued support and favorable working environment you have provided and continue to provide to this University. We pledge as a University to strengthen the partnership and work collectively towards the realisation of society's aspirations Uganda Vision 2040.

To our major partners and supporters especially: Mustard Seed, Social Initiatives, Schooner Africa and the African Food and Peace Foundation: We thank you for this unwavering support and pledge to ensure value for money.

The co-founders, my colleagues in Council, the senate and management team, thanks for a job well done and may this continue as you awaken the sleeping genius in each of us.

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