



AFRICAN RURAL UNIVERSITY

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AFRICAN RURAL UNIVERSITY
MAIN CAMPUS

9TH GRADUATION FOR CONFERMENT OF
BACHELORS OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT



Awakening the sleeping
genius in each of us

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WHO WE ARE

African Rural University (ARU) is a non-profit value-based, all-women's university located in Kagadi district, Western Uganda. ARU as the only university centered on rural transformation in East Africa provides transformational education that empowers women to become effective change agents within the African development context. With an educational approach that calls for a re-orientation of mindset and generating energy around visions and possibilities, rather than problem-solving, ARU blends traditional wisdom, science, humanities, and arts into academic programs that skill women to enable transformative processes for rural communities.

ARU's education blends theory (60%) and practical application (40%), engaging students in real-life community projects. They live and work with communities, fostering a direct link between academic learning and rural transformation.

ARU Vision

African Rural University is a value-based all women university that offers a professional Discipline in Technologies for Rural Transformation and enables students, Staff and supporters to have a shared vision and purpose; ARU is an institution that has:

- Governance and Management systems that nurture and promote participatory decision making, transformational education, training and endogenous knowledge development.
- Products which include community practice, publications, public lectures, library, Rural Transformation Specialists and research methodology based on the Visionary Approach.
- Professional Board of Trustees, Council, Staff and Promoters grounded in the principles of the creative process, disciplines of a learning organization and holistic development.
- A sustainable resource base and collaborates with public, private and academic institutions, Civil Society Organizations and the donor community that share similar philosophy of empowerment of rural people for self-reliance.

ARU Mission

African Rural University provides transformational education to create effective change agents and makers within an African development context.

ARU applies theoretical learning, innovative instruction, and field practice, so that ARU graduates can create conditions for rural people to improve their lives, transform their communities, awaken inherent leadership and increase their capacity for self-generating and sustainable change.

ARU Values

African Rural University (ARU) follows a set of values that guide its policies and practices:

1. **Respecting Life**

Acknowledging the dignity and interdependence of all beings, treating them with respect and consideration.

2. **Health**

Promoting holistic well-being, encompassing physical, spiritual, and mental health. Encouraging freedom of worship and active participation in various activities for mental and physical health.

3. **Freedom**

Empowering individuals to make choices aligned with their aspirations. Emphasizing the principle of "Most Important Now" (MIN) and discouraging distractions such as social activities and unplanned pregnancies.

4. **Peace**

Striving for the highest within each individual, fostering harmonious relationships with others and the broader community.

5. **Creating and Adjusting**

Keeping focus on the vision while remaining flexible in the course of action.

6. **Being True**

Staying true to oneself and others, aligning personal vision with reality, and supporting others' aspirations.

7. **Being Creators**

Emphasizing entrepreneurship and innovation over mere problem-solving. Providing ample opportunities for creativity and innovation in projects, practicum, and internships.

8. **Eliciting Abilities**

Encouraging individuals to recognize and utilize their own abilities and fostering a commitment to service.

9. **Justice:** Upholding values, virtues, and principles for fairness in practices.



CHIEF GUEST

Dr. Babikwa Jonathan Daniel

**DIRECTOR, DISTRICT SUPPORT COORDINATION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION
- NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY , UGANDA**

Dr. Babikwa Jonathan Daniel is currently serving as the Director of District Support Coordination and Public Education at the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), Uganda. He completed his Postdoctoral Fellowship in Education for Sustainable Development at the United Nations University in Yokohama, Japan, following his Ph.D. in Environmental Education from Rhodes University in South Africa. Prior to that, he earned a Master of Arts in Development Studies at the University of Dar-es-Salaam in Tanzania and a B.Ed. at the same institution.

With over three decades of professional experience, Dr. Daniel has been actively engaged in Development Studies, Environmental Education, and Education for Sustainable Development at both local and international levels. His proficiency spans various domains, including curriculum development, community-based environment and natural resource management, and transformative learning and teaching for development.

His international exposure includes years spent at the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania, Rhodes University in South Africa for his doctoral studies, and a post-doctoral research fellowship at the United Nations University in Yokohama, Japan. These experiences have enriched his understanding and strengthened his ability to work effectively with diverse socio-cultural background.

In Academia, he has held numerous positions, taught, supervised students and conducted research including at the prestigious Makerere University among others

In his current role at NEMA, he plays a crucial role in guiding the development and implementation of effective environmental education plans and strategies. His responsibilities include providing technical support to the Ministry of Education, liaising with national and international agencies, and mobilizing resources for program implementation.

Beyond his official duties, Dr. Daniel is actively involved in various professional boards, committees, and consultancy work. Notably, he has served as the National Coordinator for the Global Search for Sustainable Schools Project and has contributed to international initiatives, such as the Global Environmental Education Partnership.

His expertise extends to training and program development, where he has reviewed curricula, sensitized stakeholders on the impacts of oil and gas exploration, and trained academic staff in mainstreaming environmental issues. Additionally, he has undertaken numerous research and evaluation projects, evaluating initiatives ranging from e-learning programs to small grants environmental projects.

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

FOUNDERS/TRUSTEES



From the right: Mr Ephraim Rutaboba, Silvana Franco Veltkamp and Mwalimu Musheshe PhD Snr Ashoka Fellow



Hon. Justice Ezekiel Muhanguzi,
CHANCELLOR



Dr Mwalimu Musheshe, PhD,
Senior Ashoka Fellow
VICE CHANCELLOR



Prof. Samuel Kyamanywa
VICE CHAIRMAN (ARU COUNCIL)



Dr. Matthias Kasaija Magunda
MEMBER APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS BOARD



Mr. John Kyaboona
CHAIRMAN FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIONS BOARD



Namubiru Zula PhD
MEMBER APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS BOARD



Sr. Daisy Nakanwagi
**CHAIRMAN APPOINTMENTS
AND PROMOTIONS BOARD**



Alida Bakema-Boon
COUNCIL MEMBER



Bishop Nathan Kyamanywa
**MEMBER PLANNING AND
RESOURCE MOBILIZATION BOARD**



Mr. Fredrick Kabuye Musisi
COUNCIL MEMBER



Ssengonzi Bagenda Jerome
(D.Eng.), M.Sc. Eng.)
**SENATE REPRESENTATIVE
TO COUNCIL**



Jackline Katusabe
ARU GUILD PRESIDENT

UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT



Dr. Ferdinand Kaddu Mukasa
DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR



Ms. Rose Keishanyu
UNIVERSITY SECRETARY



Mr. Anthony Lwanga Claret
ACADEMIC REGISTRAR



Ssengonzi Bagenda Jerome
(D.Eng.), M.Sc. Eng.)
DEAN OF FACULTY



Ms. Tumukunde Patience
LIBRARIAN



Mr. Vincent Baleke
UNIVERSITY BURSAR

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

| S/N | Name | Position | Gender |
|-----|-----------------------------|--|--------|
| 1. | Prof. Kyamanywa Samuel | Member (Vice-Chair) | Male |
| 2. | Dr. Magunda Mathias | Member (Bunyoro Representative) | Male |
| 3. | Dr. Zuula Namubiru | Member (Representative Sister Institution) | Female |
| 4. | Dr. Sengonzi Jerome Bagenda | Member (Senate Representative) | Male |
| 5. | Bishop Kyamanywa Nathan | Member (Bunyoro Representative) | Male |
| 6. | Mr. Kyabooona John | Member (Representative of the Department of Education of the Local Government) | Male |
| 7. | Mrs. Patty Seybold | Member (Founding Body) | Female |
| 8. | Mrs. Alida Bakema Boon | Member (Founding Body) | Female |
| 9. | Sis. Nakanwagi Daisy | Member (Bunyoro Representative) | Female |
| 10. | Mr. Fred Musisi Kabuye | Member (Representative of the URDT Board of Directors) | Male |
| 11. | Mr. Ssempala Patrick | Member | Male |
| 12. | Ms. Ategeka Kasfa | Member (Staff Representative) | Female |
| 13. | Ms Alinda Joy | Member (Alumnae Representative) | Female |
| 14. | Ms. Jackline Katusabe | Member (ARU Guild President) | Female |
| 15. | Dr. Mwalimu Musheshe | Member Vice Chancellor (ex-officio) | Male |
| 16. | Ms. Keishanyu Rose | University Secretary | Female |

SENATE

| S/N | Name | Title | Position |
|-----|---|--|-----------|
| 1. | Mwalimu Musheshe (PhD Ashoka Fellow) | Vice Chancellor | Chairman |
| 2. | Lwanga Anthony Claret | Academic Registrar | Secretary |
| 3. | Dr. Ferdinand Kaddu Mukasa | Deputy Vice Chancellor | Member |
| 4. | Keishanyu Rose Nyamakuru | University Secretary | Member |
| 5. | Tumukunde Patience | University Librarian | Member |
| 6. | Baleke Vincent | University Bursar | Member |
| 7. | Namutosi Doloka | Quality Assurance Officer | Member |
| 8. | Dr. Sengonzi Jerome Bagenda | Dean of Faculty | Member |
| 9. | Odoi Joseph | Communications Officer | Member |
| 10. | Tusiime John | Head of Community Engagement | Member |
| 11. | Jackline Katushabe | Students Guild Representative | Member |
| 12. | Ategeka Kasfa | Administrator and Ag Dean of Students | Member |
| 13. | Twesiime Paolino | TWS Representative | Member |
| 14. | Eva Murora | Head of Research | Member |

MANAGEMENT

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| 7. | Mr. Vincent Baleke | University Bursar |
| 8. | Ategeka Kasfa | Dean of Students |

CEREMONY PROGRAMME

| Time | Event |
|----------|--|
| 8:00 AM | Graduands take their seats. |
| 9:00 AM | Invited guests and parents take their seats. |
| 10:00 AM | Academic Procession. |
| 10:15 AM | Anthems. |
| 10:35 AM | Chancellor constitutes the 9th Graduation. |
| 10:40 AM | Welcome Remarks from ARU VC. |
| 10:50 AM | ARU Chairman addresses Congregation. |
| 11:00 AM | Chief Guest addresses Congregation. |
| 11:15 AM | Entertainment. |
| 11:30 AM | Chancellor addresses Congregation. |
| 12:00 PM | Conferment of degrees by the Chancellor. |
| 12:15 PM | Chancellor dissolves the congregation. |
| 12:30 PM | Anthems. |
| 12:45 PM | Closing procession. |
| 1:00 PM | Luncheon. |

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The Chancellor's Procession shall include the following

- Members of Academic Staff
- President of the Students' Guild
- Dean of Students
- University Bursar
- University Librarian
- Academic Registrar
- Members of the University Council
- Chairpersons of Council Committees
- Deputy Chairperson of University Council
- Chairperson of Council
- Mace Bearer
- Vice Chancellor
- The Guest of Honour
- Chancellor

ANTHEMS

The Uganda National Anthem

Oh Uganda! may God uphold thee,
We lay our future in thy hand.
United, free,
For liberty
Together we'll always stand.

Oh Uganda! the land of freedom.
Our love and labour we give,
And with neighbours all
At our country's call
In peace and friendship we'll live.

Oh Uganda! the land that feeds us
By sun and fertile soil grown.
For our own dear land,
We'll always stand,
The Pearl of Africa's Crown.

Bunyoro Kitara Kingdom Chorus

Bunyoro Kitara Tukugonza nyina itwe
Nitwe abaana b'ihanga Abakutamu ekitiinisa

Lero Turakoraki
Tukugiza Mukama
Nitwijuka ekitiinisa
Kyhanga lyaitu Bunyoro

Emyenda ya Kitara
Tukwatanize hamu
Twesigege Omukama
Nukwo twombeke Bunyoro

Mu njura nomu ihunga
Mu rubaale n'enkuba
Omu businge n'obubi
Katufere hali Bunyoro.

The EAC Anthem

Ee Mungu twaomba ulinde
Jumuiya Afrika Mashariki
Tuwezeshe kuishi kwa amani
Tutimize na malengo yetu.

Chorus
Jumuiya Yetu sote tuilinde
Tuwajibike tuimarike
Umoja wetu ni nguzo yetu
Idumu Jumuiya yetu.

Uzalendo pia mshikamano
Viwe msingi wa Umoja wetu
Natulinde Uhuru na Amani
Mila zetu na desturi zetu.

Viwandani na hata mashambani
Tufanye kazi sote kwa makini
Tujitoe kwa hali na mali
Tuijenge Jumuiya bora.

African Rural University Anthem

African Rural University
The Cradle of learning
African Rural University
The cradle of creating
African Rural University
The center for transforming

You have a vision
That is inspiring
You have a mission
That is empowering
Chorus--

You educate a woman
Uganda to be prosperous
You educate a woman
African to be at peace
Chorus-

You educate a woman
The world to be free
You educate a woman
Humanity to be happy
Chorus-

They come from the East
They come from the South
They come from the West
They come from the North
To drink on the well of wisdom.
Chorus--

CHANCELLOR CONSTITUTES CONGREGATION

By the powers entrusted to me on this 1st day of December 2023, I constitute this Assembly into the 9th congregation of African Rural University. May I now invite the Vice Chancellor African Rural University, Dr. Mwalimu Musheshe, to give his welcoming remarks.

VICE CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS TO THE CONGREGATION

Mr. Chancellor Sir, I now take the honor to invite the Vice Chairman of the University Council to give her welcoming remarks.

AFRICAN RURAL UNIVERSITY (ARU) COUNCIL VICE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH TO THE CONGREGATION

Mr. Chancellor Sir, I now request you to invite the Chief Guest to give his speech.

CHANCELLOR

I now invite The Chief Guest, Dr. Babwika Jonathan Daniel, to give his speech.

CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS TO THE CONGREGATION

Speech by the Chancellor at ARU's 9th graduation held on December 1st, 2023, at ARU campus.

VICE CHANCELLOR

Mr. Chancellor Sir, I now invite the Academic Registrar to invite the Faculty Dean to present candidates for the conferment of Degrees of African Rural University.

ACADEMIC REGISTRAR

Mr. Chancellor Sir, may I invite the Faculty Dean, Jerome Ssengonzi (D.Eng), to present the candidates for the conferment of Degrees of African Rural University.

| S/N | NAME | REGISTRATION NUMBER |
|------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Ainebyona Ritah | 19/ARU/BRD/001 |
| 2 | Barungi Juliet | 19/ARU/BRD/005 |
| 3 | Kokoi Christine | 19/ARU/BRD/006 |
| 4 | Musiimenta Annet | 19/ARU/BRD/008 |
| 5 | Nakayiza Grace | 17/ARU/BRD/003 |
| 6 | Nuwamanya Ustine | 19/ARU/BRD/011 |
| 7 | Sasira Bless | 19/ARU/BRD/012 |

DEAN

Mr. Chancellor Sir, I have the honor to present to you the following candidates who have satisfied the requirements for the conferment of the degree of Bachelor of Rural Development of African Rural University. The following are the best candidates Kokoi Christine (CGPA 4.7) and Ba-rungi Juliet (CGPA 4.7).

CHANCELLOR

By the powers entrusted to me, I confer to those whose names have been read the degree of Bachelor of Rural Development of African Rural University.

VICE CHANCELLOR

Mr. Chancellor Sir, I now invite you to dissolve the 9th congregation of African Rural University.

CHANCELLOR

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ARU Adverts

Accredited Courses:


- Bachelor of Rural Development
- Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Agriculture
- Diploma in Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management
- Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development

Currently ARU is admitting for Bachelor of Rural Development and Bachelor of Sustainable Agriculture.

For details, Please contact thr Academic Registrar on:

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WELCOME TO
AFRICAN RURAL UNIVERSITY

A value based all women University in Uganda
that offers courses for Rural Transformation.

ENROLL TODAY
Bachelor of Rural Development (BRD)
Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Agriculture (BSSA)

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In Memoriam of Hon Joyce Mpanga
A Pillar of Transformation at ARU

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