



Muni University Inaugurates 4th Council



Eng. Aita Joel taking after unanimously being re-elected as Chairperson of the University Council

Muni University officially inaugurated its 4th University Council on 29th June 2026, marking a renewed phase of reform-driven governance aimed at strengthening academic excellence, innovation, and sustainable institutional transformation.

During the inaugural meeting, Eng. Joel Aita was unanimously re-elected as Chairperson, while Mr. Moses Kibrai was elected Deputy Chairperson. The duo will serve a four-year term, providing strategic leadership to consolidate the University's steady growth and long-term development agenda.

Eng. Aita returns after a highly transformative tenure during the 3rd Council, in which the University recorded remarkable institutional growth. Student enrolment increased from about 600 to over 3,100, academic programmes expanded from 13 to 34, PhD-qualified staff rose from 27 to 50, and professorships grew from 6 to 13, significantly strengthening teaching capacity, research output, and postgraduate supervision.

The swearing-in ceremony was presided over by Counsel Samuel Ondoma, who guided Council members and senior leadership through the

Oath of Office and Oath of Secrecy, reaffirming their commitment to integrity, accountability, and confidentiality in the discharge of their duties.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Simon Anguma Katrini, together with the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs), Prof. Jacob Agea, and the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Finance and Administration), Rev. Fr. Prof. Odubuker Picho Epiphany, also took their Oaths of Office and Secrecy.

In a move to strengthen inclusive governance, the Council unanimously elected Mr. Aliga Yunus to represent Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), while Arua City Council retained full representation on the governing body.

Student leadership representation was reaffirmed through the 11th Guild President, Hon. Terrace Atema, ensuring continued inclusion of student voices in institutional decision-making.

The newly constituted Council is expected to build on Muni University's strong growth trajectory by accelerating innovation, deepening research impact, strengthening academic excellence, and expanding community engagement across Uganda and beyond.

With this renewed leadership, the University signals a firm commitment to transformative governance, inclusive participation, and sustained institutional excellence

Media Briefing



The Chair Council Eng. Aita Joel and the Vice Chancellor Associate Professor Anguma Simon Katrini on 30th June 2026 addressed the media highlighting key University milestones including infrastructure development and the groundbreaking of the multi-billion Teaching Hospital on 21st August 2026.



Engineer Joel Aita the Chairman University Council during the presentation of the planned teaching hospital and research facility outlook



Proposed Muni University Medical School Lecture Block

Here are some links to stories of the media briefing as captured by different media houses:

<https://westnileonline.com/govt-commits-shs160bn-to-build-ugandas-most-advanced-muni-university-teaching-hospital/>

<https://www.youtube.com/live/H0Cl19vgZjg?si=IiGp4J-uXR499V3y>

<https://www.radiopacis.org/muni-university-unveils-shs160-billion-teaching-hospital-project/>

Muni University Strengthens its Global Research Footprint

Welcomes International Astrophysics Researcher



Muni University has further strengthened its growing global reputation as a rising centre of research excellence by establishing the Max Planck – Humboldt Research Unit, funded by the Max Planck Group and the Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation. The research unit is conducting cutting-edge research in collaboration with the renowned Max Planck Institute for Astronomy, based in Heidelberg, Germany. The Research Unit will accomplish two things simultaneously: advance cutting-edge astronomy research and build long-term scientific capacity in Africa.

Recently, Muni University recruited Dr. Slah Abdellaoui to the Research Unit as a Postdoctoral Researcher, who obtained his PhD from Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic. Through the Faculty of Science and the Department of Physics, Muni University has welcomed Dr Abdellaoui to its expanding community of researchers dedicated to advancing frontier astrophysics and developing science-driven solutions to pressing societal and developmental challenges.

This milestone marks a significant advancement in Muni University's strategic journey toward becoming a globally competitive institution recognized for research excellence, innovation, and impactful community engagement.

The appointment further underscores growing international confidence in Muni University as an emerging hub for scientific inquiry and collaboration, particularly in space science and astronomy.

According to Dr. Geoffrey Andama, Lecturer of Physics at Muni University and Head of the Max Planck–Humboldt Research Unit, Dr. Abdellaoui's arrival is opportune to kickstart the Unit's research activities.

"The recruitment of Dr. Abdellaoui demonstrates the growing international confidence in Muni University's research capacity and academic excellence. Through the Max Planck–Humboldt Research Unit, we are not only advancing cutting-edge astronomy research but also strengthening our community engagement agenda by applying scientific knowledge and innovation to address social and developmental challenges affecting communities in West Nile and beyond," Dr. Andama said. Dr. Abdellaoui expressed strong enthusiasm about joining Muni University and contributing to its expanding international research profile.

"I am honoured to join Muni University and to work within a dynamic academic environment that is committed to research excellence and global collaboration.

I look forward to working closely with colleagues in the Department of Physics and the Max Planck–Humboldt Research Unit to conduct cutting-edge astrophysics research that addresses critical scientific and societal challenges facing West Nile, Uganda, and Sub-Saharan Africa. This partnership offers a unique opportunity for scientific discovery, innovation, and meaningful impact,” he said.

Speaking on the development, the Vice Chancellor of Muni University, Associate Professor Anguma Katrini, described the recruitment as a major milestone in the university’s internationalisation and research transformation agenda.

He commended Dr. Geoffrey Andama for his visionary leadership, dedication, and relentless efforts to build a strong Department of Physics and to position the university within global research networks.

“I commend Dr. Geoffrey Andama for this impactful collaboration and his tireless efforts to strengthen the Department of Physics at Muni University. His commitment to advancing international partnerships is opening new frontiers for research, innovation, and academic excellence at our institution,” said Associate Professor Anguma Katrini.

The Vice Chancellor emphasised that strategic global collaborations are central to Muni University’s ambition of becoming a leading research-intensive university.

“These collaborations significantly enhance our research capacity, increase our international visibility, and create new opportunities for staff and students. They are

instrumental in positioning Muni University as a centre of excellence in research and innovation while inspiring the next generation of scientists, researchers, and innovators,” he added.

Associate Professor Katrini also warmly welcomed Dr. Abdellaoui to the university community.

“On behalf of Muni University, I warmly welcome Dr. Slah Abdellaoui to our institution. Feel at home in West Nile and at Muni University. We highly value knowledge transfer, mentorship, and international collaboration. We look forward to benefiting immensely from your expertise in astrophysics as we work together to advance scientific research and develop solutions that positively impact our communities, our region, and the world,” he said.

The collaboration established with the Max Planck Institute for Astronomy is expected to strengthen joint research initiatives, increase high-impact scholarly publications, enhance postgraduate training and mentorship, facilitate staff and researcher exchanges, and accelerate the development of innovative scientific solutions to contemporary global challenges.

As Muni University continues to attract distinguished international scholars and forge strategic partnerships with leading global institutions, it is steadily positioning itself as a rising African centre of excellence in research, innovation, and transformative higher education—driving knowledge that delivers real-world impact locally and globally.

Muni University, in Partnership with GIZ, Launch Renewable Energy Short Course to Empower Youth Across Greater Northern Uganda



Muni University, in partnership with GIZ, has launched a Short Course in Renewable Energy Skills Development leading to a Certificate in Solar Design and Installation, aimed at equipping youth across the Greater Northern with practical, industry-relevant competencies in renewable energy technologies, installation, maintenance, and innovation, as part of its broader commitment to addressing youth unemployment and strengthening employability through skills-based training.

Despite increasing access to tertiary education in Uganda, many young people continue to struggle to secure meaningful employment due to a persistent mismatch between academic qualifications and the practical skills demanded by employers. A World Bank skills and jobs diagnostic for Uganda further notes that a significant proportion of graduates enter the labour market without adequate job-ready competencies, contributing to low transition rates into formal employment.

Concerns have also been raised about graduate employability, with employers frequently pointing to gaps in hands-on technical competencies, problem-solving abilities, and applied workplace skills. Research on Uganda's labour market similarly shows that only a small share of graduates secure formal employment within a few years after graduation, with the majority absorbed into informal, low-productivity, or vulnerable forms of work.

It is against this background that Muni University, through its Energy Research Centre for Skills Development in Renewable Energy, has introduced this hands-on training programme to empower youth with practical skills in clean and renewable energy systems, contributing to both employability and the green transition agenda. The renewable energy sector is widely recognised by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) as one of the fastest-growing employment sectors globally, with Africa's transition to clean energy expected to create millions of new jobs in installation, maintenance, innovation, and off-grid energy solutions.

The training programme forms part of Muni University's broader strategy to strengthen technical and vocational skills in renewable energy while supporting Uganda's transition to clean energy. Implemented in collaboration with GIZ under the Promotion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Programme (PREEEP), the initiative seeks to expand access to practical, market-oriented training in renewable energy technologies, equipping young people with competencies needed to support solar energy deployment, energy efficiency, and sustainable community development across Northern Uganda.

The programme was officially launched with a strong emphasis on practical training, discipline, and skills transformation for young people from the region. Speaking at the launch, Opio Innocent Miria, Lecturer and Head of the Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering and GIZ–Muni University Liaison Coordinator, highlighted the programme's transformative impact on the community. He noted that the initiative is designed

as a direct outreach intervention to equip participants with practical, industry-relevant skills that enhance employability, improve livelihoods, and promote self-reliance.



The inaugural cohort comprises 30 trainees, with plans to recruit additional participants in subsequent cohorts. To expand the programme's reach and increase the number of beneficiaries, Muni University looks forward to partnering with government agencies, development partners, the private sector, and other organizations committed to youth empowerment and skills development.

He highlighted that the training is intended to ensure that participants leave with tangible, job-ready skills in renewable energy systems, stressing the importance of commitment and seriousness during the 14-day intensive programme.

The Head of Short Course Training and Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, Amandu Yassin Is'haq, underscored the transformative purpose of the initiative, noting that the programme is designed to build sustainable capacity among youth and empower them to pursue decent livelihoods through technical skills development. He encouraged participants to maintain discipline, respect, and commitment throughout the training period, emphasizing that the opportunity is a critical step toward personal and professional transformation.

The Dean, Faculty of Technoscience, Dr . Geoffrey Andogah, highlighted the economic and innovation potential of the renewable energy sector, noting that rising energy demand across Uganda and the region presents significant opportunities for youth employment and entrepreneurship. He encouraged trainees not only to focus on using renewable energy technologies but also to think innovatively about how such technologies can be developed locally, emphasizing research and innovation as key drivers of Uganda's energy future.

Representing GIZ, Denis Rukundo noted that the initiative aligns strongly with both national and international development priorities in renewable energy expansion and sustainability. He emphasized that building local technical capacity is essential for long-term energy access, particularly in rural and underserved communities, and called for strengthened institutional infrastructure, including laboratories and skilled instructors, to support sustainable training programmes.

He further emphasized that universities must remain at the forefront of linking research, training, and community needs in order to accelerate energy transformation and sustainability outcomes.

The Vice Chancellor of Muni University, Associate Professor Anguma Katrini, commended GIZ for its financial and technical support and reaffirmed the University's commitment to practical skills development

and community transformation. He noted that while national renewable energy training initiatives exist, Muni University's approach is focused on decentralizing access to skills by bringing training opportunities closer to communities in West Nile and surrounding regions.

He further emphasized the importance of linking universities to community realities, stating that communities must understand the role of universities, just as universities must understand the challenges faced by communities. He added that although the trainees are not yet part of Muni University, they represent the broader West Nile region and are key beneficiaries of the University's outreach mission.

The Vice Chancellor urged participants to take the training seriously, noting that the modern economy increasingly depends on technical and technological skills. He also encouraged trainees to become ambassadors of renewable energy knowledge within their communities and to contribute feedback that can inform future training, innovation, and sector development.

The programme is expected to contribute to addressing Uganda's youth unemployment challenge by bridging the gap between education and practical skills, while also promoting green energy solutions, entrepreneurship, and sustainable livelihoods in line with national development priorities.

Partnerships

Partnership with PROJECT Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights



Muni University and PROJECT Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights had their second meeting on 24th June 2026 during which discussions were held towards establishing a formal partnership to strengthen operational research, learning and adaptive programming across West Nile Region.

PROJECT SRHR is an initiative housed under the International Rescue Committee which is implementing interventions to address teenage pregnancy in the West Nile Region. The Team familiarized themselves with the Administrative and Financial structures of Muni University.

The Vice Chancellor Assoc Prof. Anguma Simon Katrini appreciated the Faculty of Health Sciences for the initiative, saying universities thrive on partnership especially ones that promote transformations. He said West Nile is leading in teenage pregnancy and the situation is bad adding in villages you find 10-year-old mothers whose futures are cut off. "As a university we have to make an intervention, this partnership comes in

handy to address our 3rd mandate. West Nile is afflicted with many issues, teenage pregnancy is one of them, our youth are getting incapacitated because of the problems. I am fully in support of this partnership" he stated

According to the SRHR Coordinator this project is designed to address a common recurring and bad practice-issues of teenage pregnancy- happening in some regions, West Nile being one of them however they don't have evidence to show whether the issue of teenage pregnancy is increasing or reducing. 'We have a lot of resource that we can leverage on, this partnership therefore will help us to build evidence, we hope to come to an agreement that Muni University will help us in the areas of operational research and adaptation. He spoke

Other discussions included Institutional collaboration frameworks, governance, administrative support, financial management considerations and other operational aspects necessary for establishing a sustainable partnership.

Partnership with BOKU

Muni University, in partnership with BOKU (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna – Austria) and Palm Corps, under the AMUTI project funded by APPEAR, has received a Diversity Prize awarded by the BOKU Rector, recognizing excellence in international partnership.



Muni University Administrative Staff Association Elects New Executive Committee



The Muni University Administrative Staff Association (MASA) elected a new executive committee during its Annual General Meeting (AGM), held on 17th June 2026 marking a significant milestone in strengthening staff representation, welfare, and participation in the University's development.

MASA is established pursuant to Section 68 of the Universities and Other Tertiary Institutions Act, 2001 (as amended), which provides for the formation of Administrative Staff Associations in Public Universities.

The Association serves as a platform for promoting staff welfare, professional development, effective communication with management, institutional cohesion, and meaningful participation in the growth and development of Muni University.

Presiding over the election process was Rev. Fr. Prof. Epiphany Picho Odubuker, who served as the Electoral Commission Chairperson. He officially dissolved the outgoing committee and guided members through the election of a new executive team.

In his remarks, Rev. Fr. Prof. Odubuker, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration emphasized the importance of staff associations in advancing the welfare and professional interests of university employees. He encouraged members to utilize the association as a vehicle for collective development and innovation.

"This association presents an opportunity for members to mobilize resources, initiate income-generating projects, and strengthen staff welfare. Staff associations play a vital role in universities and should be accorded the importance they deserve," he said.

The election saw Mr. Hirya Ronald, Senior Deputy Academic Registrar, elected as the new Chairperson of MASA, while Mr. Morris Marachto, Deputy chief Audit, was elected Vice Chairperson. Other members elected to the Executive Committee include Mr. Ronald Toko as the Speaker, Ms. Tiko Lillian-Treasurer, Ms. Monica Ocokoru-General Secretary assisted by Ms. Keren Candiru.

Ms. Achan Nancy, Mr. Martin Emukuny and Ms. Adyango Catherine were elected as Executive Members to support

the leadership and operations of the Association. Speaking after his election, Mr. Hirya thanked members for the confidence they had placed in him and pledged to provide inclusive and accountable leadership

“This is not about individual leadership; it is about all of us working together. We have listened carefully to the issues and gaps raised by members, and we are committed to addressing them collectively. Thank you for entrusting us with this responsibility. We are determined not to betray your trust and will work closely as a team to advance the interests of the association,” he said.

He further emphasized that MASA is not a political platform but rather a forum for unity, collaboration, and collective action aimed at improving the welfare and professional growth of administrative staff.

Mr. Wahid Abdul Ijosiga, Head of Human Resource Management, congratulated the newly elected executive committee and called upon its members to provide accountable and visionary leadership. He urged them to prioritize the welfare of members, strengthen the association, and remain committed to advancing its mission and objectives.

He encouraged the new leaders to focus on growing the association, meeting members’ expectations, and ensuring transparency in their operations.

“The success of this association depends on your commitment to serving its members. Ensure that the association grows, remains responsive to members’ needs, and lives up to its expectations. Always remain accountable to those who have entrusted you with leadership,” he advised.

Mr. Wahid also pledged to dedicate time to mentoring the new executive committee, including providing guidance on effective leadership and management practices during their initial meetings.

The AGM concluded with members expressing optimism that the new leadership would build on the achievements of the outgoing committee and steer MASA towards greater impact, unity, and sustainability.

The newly elected executive committee is expected to spearhead initiatives aimed at enhancing staff welfare, strengthening engagement with university management, and promoting the overall development of Muni University.



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