

# MUNI UNIVERSITY NEWS LETTER



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## Foreword from Vice Chancellor

Dear reader, welcome to the first edition of Muni University Newsletter. I take This opportunity to invite you to read this informative Newsletter; this is one of our channels of informing our stakeholders on what we do and what transpires at the University. Please look out for the August Newsletter that if full of exciting News.

Our vision is to be a Model Academic and Professional University for transformation and development and our Mission is to provide quality education, generate knowledge, promote innovation and community empowerment for transformation.

We have embarked on a strategic journey to make Muni University a model University for academic excellence. We continue to inspire the academic, administrative, finance and research leaders to push forward the frontiers.

We are finally at the official University Campus at Muni Hill and we thank Government of Uganda for establishing Muni University in Arua. We thank MoES for this “stretch Assignment” that has given us a rewarding experience of establishing Muni University in a green field. To our partners, we cherish you for sharing our Vision and supporting a worthy cause.

We are making preparations for the commissioning of the University by the president of the Republic of Uganda, His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni; we will communicate the date after it has been confirmed.

I warmly welcome you to read and share the News with all stakeholders.

Professor Christine Dranzoa.

## Thanks Giving Ceremony.

Thanks giving ceremony was organized to welcome staff to the new site. This took place on the 1st of July 2016 at the official Muni University site at Muni Hill. In a move to recognize and appreciate the existence of various religious affiliations, joint prayers were conducted by Rev Patrick Acema chaplain of the Anglican faith, Rev Solomon Pachuto Ngos chaplain of the catholic church and Sheikh Hassan the secretary for Education Uganda Muslim Supreme Council Arua.

## Staff retreat at Murchison Falls National Park

The staff of Muni University went on a retreat to Murchison Falls National Game Park on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016. The retreat/tour was organized to appreciate staff for the hard work they exhibited during the period and also to commemorate the African Public Service day. The retreat included exciting activities like guided game drive where staff enjoyed seeing variety of game animals and variety of bird species, and hiking to the top



## Vice Chancellor of the University of Mpumalanga visits Muni

Muni University entered in to an academic collaboration with the University of Mpumalanga in South Africa. Professor Christine Dranzoa and Professor Thoko Mayesiko signed the agreement between their two institutions on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at the Muni University Council boardroom.

The two Professors were brought together by His Excellency the High Commissioner of South Africa in Uganda Maj Gen (Rtd) Lekoa Solly Mollo.

This follows a series of agreements that were signed for collaboration with other partners.

The Vice Chancellor, University of Mpumalanga Prof. Thoko Mayekiso was accompanied by a delegation of professors and a representative of the High commissioner of South Africa to Uganda Mr. Jabulani.

The visit which lasted for 4 days saw the two parties holding discussions on possible areas for collaboration which include capacity building, joint proposal presentations, staff and student exchange visit.

The event was also marked by tree planting by Professor Thoko Mayesiko, Mr Jabulani, Professor Christine Dranzoa and the Regional Manager of Stanbic Bank Mr. Ogwal Benard who came with a team from the Bank to participate in the discussions. (Stanbic Bank is a partner of Muni University).

The visitors concluded their stay with a dinner at the prestigious Desert Breeze Hotel and a drive to Murchison Falls National Game Park.



Professor Christine Dranzoa, staff of Muni University and the Peace Corps volunteers.



Fig. 21 The team from University of Mpumalanga, Stanbic Bank and Muni University at the Monument.

## Muni University corruption free zone.

In a 2015 survey conducted by the Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority, dubbed “performance results and corruption perceptions in public procurement” Muni University has been identified amongst the best performing institutions in Central Government entities.

According to the survey, there is a lot of corruption where several ministries, departments and agencies abused procurement procedure with impunity. Also interesting to note is that Arua district where Muni University is located is ranked among the best

Performing districts under the local governments.

We therefore congratulate the senior procurement Officer Mr Anguyo Richard and the entire Muni University Procurement and disposal Unit for making Muni University shine on the national scene. Big ups to you!