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he People of West Nile the night Tuesday 31st June/1st July 2020, celebrated the changed status of Arua becoming a city. A scientific inauguration of the occurred in virtual а symposium at Muni University, the only public university that the region boasts of.

The University Secretary/Accounting Officer Muni University, Rev. Fr. Dr Odubuker Picho Epiphany welcomed the guests to the university and said he was happy that Muni University was chosen to host such a historic event. "Guest Honour, indeed, this is a tectonic moment in history, not only of the West Nile Sub-region, but indeed, of the entire Country, Uganda, that amongst others, Arua, in the next couple of hours, will no longer be, any other thing, but A CITY." he stated.

Muni University Vice chancellor, Professor Christine Dranzoa who delivered the keynote address stressed the projections of Arua city. She said Arua city needs to plan effectively whether it will be an Arts and culture or a Techno Science city so that they know



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which districts will supply the materials industrialisation. "Arua city is unique because it sits on two international borders which offer a ready market for goods", She said. She noted that Arua city's growth will focus on the strength the of regional organisation, West development organisation. "All the regions have diverse needs and projects, unless we shall look at the value chain system", She said.

The Minister Urban Planning and Development Hon. Isaac Musumba who delivered a phone speech, congratulated the people of Arua upon attaining a city. "It is my

conviction that the people of Arua will guard the city jealously", He said. However, he asked the people in the City to avail land for infrastructural development especially investment like the creation of industries. The city must have dedicated percent industries so that they will supply goods to the neighbouring Countries. He tasked the leaders to reserve land for forestry to conserve the green vegetation in the city. Hon. Musumba said Ministry plans to do physical planning to ensure that the city fits into the status that it deserves.

Muni University is currently ranked 12th University out of 47 Ugandan Higher Education Institutions, in the uniRank of the most popular universities in Uganda. source <a href="https://www.4icu.org/ug/">https://www.4icu.org/ug/</a>





# M.U, WFP, WENDA PARTNERSHIP

uni University,
World Food
Program (WFP)
and West Nile
Development
Association WENDA have
formed a partnership to

formed a partnership to champion development in the Region.

The Head of World Food Program (WFP) in West Nile and Acholi region Dr.Fedah appealed to George Muni University to join hands with the organisation to transform lives, by helping to address issues affecting communities in the region. He said since 2018, WFP and Muni University have shared a strong relationship due to shared values and programs.

This was during a meeting with the management of Muni

University on 27th July 2020 to discuss how to make these programs and association relevant to the development of West Nile and how to produce sustainable impact.

He said West Nile Development Association (WENDA) has been

very vocal in advocating for development from a political wing, what is now needed is a technical arm hence it was proposed that Muni University provides the technical secretariat.

Dr. Fedah revealed that a regional development technical working group has been formed and in order to bring efficiency to this structure, Muni University will have a representation in each of the technical areas and will play a very important role. Muni is also designated to offer a Knowledge Hub on digital platforms which will have all the relevant information posted there.

Professor Christine Dranzoa said its very prudent Muni takes this challenge of playing supportive role as a technical institution of higher learning.

"This concept is resonating to our establishment function and statutory instrument. I am very happy that very critical issues have been brought on board, this will become a model which most of the regions will come and copy because it's the first of its



kind". She said

The University Management agreed to host and provide the secretariat for the partnership.

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To provide quality education, promote innovation and community empowerment for transformation

VISION

A model university for transformation and development MOTTO

Transforming Lives

## LAB QUALITY **MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

two weeks training was conducted from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 at Muni University for staff of Faculty Sciences Health that included the Physician, Biochemist, Microbiologist, the Lab Technicians and Lab Office Attendants, by a team from Bio Labs Red Services, to prepare them to give quality

The trainings were conducted Laboratory **Ouality** Management Systems (LQMS)

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and Biosafety and Bio security (BSBS).

The Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs- Associate Professor Simon Anguma Katrini who welcomed the Facilitators to Muni University appreciated them for moving the long distance from Kampala during the lockdown.

He requested them to integrate soft skills in to the training quality, integrity and honesty.

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Muni University Laboratory recently passed the international quality and safetv standards for qualifying as a centre for testing COVID. The assessment was done by a team from Ministry of Health (MoH) with support from US Centre for Disease Control and

prevention- CDC on 11th June 2020.

#### MUNI UNIVERSITY HOSTS TEAM FROM BUSITEMA UNIVERSITY

A team from Busitema University led by the University Vice Chancellor, Professor Paul Waako, visited Muni University on Tuesday 29th June 2020, in a bid to understand how Muni University was established as a university right from the (without having to transform scratch institution to a university), and also to establish a partnership in the areas of Teaching and Learning as well as Research and also comprehend if the two universities can share resources.

Professor Christine Dranzoa welcomed the Team to Muni and expressed happiness at their coming. She gave a historical background of how Muni University was established and gave highlights on where the university is going. The Teams had various discussions and then toured University which they did admit is indeed a beauty to behold.



Directorhe acting Gender Mainstreaming Directorate Makerere University, Dr. Euzobia M. Mugisha Baine and Mr. Erick Tumwesigye a Senior Gender Officer made a pre-visit to Muni University on 16th June 2020.

The Gender Mainstreaming Directorate of Makerere University is conducting a study aiming at enhancing women's participation and visibility in leadership and decision making in public Universities in Uganda.

The Duo was in Muni to introduce the research, understand the general overview of the structure of Muni University and Map out the population to participate in the interviews during field work, map out the accessibility of documents for review, Orient the research coordinators with the research and Set dates tools fieldwork.

Professor Christine Welcomed the team to Muni University and said it was a privilege to host them and share



information that can improve the gender landscape.

She said Muni University has a gender policy that is guiding its operation and an antisexual harassment policy has also been drafted. She said Muni University needs support to enhance the gender unit.

"So far we need support in terms of physical and human resource as well as in terms of bringing up the gender unit and support it. We have hosted so many trainings including a regional gender training.

She said the fact that the division in Makerere has taken interest in Muni University is a very good sign that we shall cooperate and build capacity of Muni University.

Dr. Euzobia appreciated the Vice Chancellor for creating a great impact. She said as a gender mainstreaming directorate, they have a five year dream of enhancing participation women's in decision making in public universities and when they succeed they will scale out to private universities.







