



**SPEECH BY THE HON. MINISTER OF EDUCATION
AND SPORTS DURING INAUGURAL PROF. CHRISTINE
DRANZOA MEMORIAL LECTURE AND INAUGURAL
MUNI UNIVERSITY RESEARCH DISSEMINATION
SYMPOSIUM**

HELD ON 15TH JULY 2023

**IN MUNI UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE HALL,
ARUA CITY**

July, 2023

His Grace Archb.

PROTOCOL

Cabinet Ministers,
Ministers of State,
Members of Parliament,
Traditional Leaders
Permanent Secretaries,
Brigade Commr,
Regional Police Commander
Regional Prisons Commander,
Acting Vice Chancellor of Muni University,
Vice Chancellors of Universities,
Resident District Commissioner,
Local Council V Chairpersons,
Staff of Muni University,
Students,
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen.

- The Chancellor of Muni
- ^{Key note} ~~Chief~~ Speaker
- Cham Uni Council & members
- The Ag. Vice Chancellor Staff.
- RDC
- Family of late Prof.
- Local Council leaders
- Secretariat of WENOA
- ~~Student~~ Student Guild Leadership
- Students
- Media
- Distinguished Ladies & Gentlemen.

Salutation

I bring greetings from the Ministry of Education and Sports and express the commiserations the Ministry fraternity to Muni University Community during the occasion of the inaugural memorial lecture in honour of the Later founding Vice Chancellor, Professor Christine

Dranzoa. Her memories will always remain vivid in our minds. May her soul continue to rest in eternal peace.

In the same context, Professor Christne Dranzoa loved research and I would therefore, wish to congratulate Muni University for honouring her efforts in research by hosting the inaugural and historic Muni University Research Dissemination Conference.

I would like to applaud Muni University Council and Management for making the Memorial Lecture as one of the annual events in remembrance of the life and legacy of my late Professor Christine Dranzoa. I implore you to continue with this spirit of keeping her legacy alive.

I recall that there were a number of resolutions made during the burial of Prof. Christine Dranzoa; especially at the joint Local Council meeting in Moyo. I am happy that some of these resolutions are gaining traction and have been fulfilled today including the naming of the Lecture Block after her and then the Memorial Lecture. I challenge all of us to work towards fulfilling the other resolutions as well; most especially, the Christine Dranzoa Education Trust Fund.

The Theme

I am happy to learn that the theme of today's events is” **Upholding the Legacy of Transitioning Muni University to A Research-Led and Community-engaged University**”

I am equally delighted to learn that the objectives of today's event include:

- i. Reflecting on the contribution of the late Prof Christine Dranzoa to Muni University and to society,
- ii. Sharing the research and innovation outcomes from Muni University, and
- iii. Exploring new partnerships towards multidisciplinary research and innovations at Muni University as well as effective and meaningful community engagement.

The theme and objectives are very appropriate for Muni University, the people of West Nile region, and all of us who form the key stakeholders in the education sub-sector. My prayer is that through such events, Muni University will be able to catalyze the social and economic transformation of the West Nile Region and beyond.

Looking at all of you gathered here, I feel proud that the ideals for which the Government of Uganda established Muni University are being realized. The founding Vice Chancellor laid a strong a foundation and I am extremely happy that you are remembering her contribution; and stand

determined to build on the strong foundation she established. May we today reflect on those ideas she held dear for the University and our society and continue to champion them with greater boldness.

Research

It is gratifying to learn that Muni University is fully involved in research and innovations geared towards community transformation. I commend the University management, staff, and students for this great work and I encourage you to continue along this excellent trajectory in pursuit of new knowledge for transformation.

The Government through budgetary appropriation started allocating research and innovations funds to Muni University because we are convinced that the University has developed capacity in this regard. I am equally happy to note that the Research and Innovation funds have been increased in this financial year from one (1) billion to 2.5 billion. We shall work towards increasing the research support to the University provided you bring out tangible and commercialisable outputs from the research endeavours. I challenge the University to utilize these funds appropriately and also establish national and international partnerships to attract additional funds for research and innovation.

I want to thank everybody present for participating in these important Muni university events. This demonstrates your love towards this University. Let's all continue to support the university in its activities and unite in building it to a university of our dream.

I am very happy that Muni University has remained focused on Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines. I am also happy that the staff and students' numbers have grown with this year's admissions likely to bring additional 600 students.

Another bold step from the University we have noted with gladness is the expansion of postgraduate program which are going to admit about 300 students this year. These are all great milestones for which we need to be proud of and congratulate the University management and staff upon these momentous achievements.

I wish you God's blessings and thank you very much for your attention.

I say all these **FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY.**

→ A Big Generator for Muni - University
Due to the Passion of Prof. Christine for Quality
/improving Service delivery in ~~at~~ Muni Uni,
The Current leadership Under Prof Simon
budgeted for a Generator and bought it
already but its not as big as the
desire of Prof. to run PCR Machine in the lab
→ Given funds EPPORUN etc.

⇒ Permit me to convey greetings from the people of Moyo district.

⇒ The late prof Christine was born from Moyo district. Moyo is one of the districts in West Nile that has produced many ~~sons~~ incredible daughters & sons that served this country with dignity.

⇒ As we Commemorate the legacy of late Christine Moyo district has given birth to

- 1st female Pust in Uganda late Rachael Itudua
- founding VC of Muni Uni
- lawyers at a level of Justice Jane Orod HEJ in Private / Gov't
- Medical doctors - former Minister of Health Dr. Christine Ondoa, Dr. Elw Madraco Prof. S. Dipid
- Great mothers, mentors,
- Great Champions included the

List is long → West Nile in totality Profile all the daughters.

⇒ Appreciation to FAWE for giving us Scholarship opportunity - Moyo district - Consideration in future let's focus the scholarship for Girls

⇒ We Commit to Carry on with The legacy of Prof. Christine esp with focus to Girl child education dedicated

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Heroes