

OPENING REMARKS

2ND EASTERN AFRICAN LITERARY AND CULTURAL STUDIES CONFERENCE

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Guest of Honour
Members of Council, Management and Staff of Makerere University
Colleagues from sister Universities in Uganda and the Eastern Africa Region
Dignitaries here present
All Protocol Observed

On behalf of the College of Humanities & Social Sciences, welcome to the 2nd Eastern African Literary and Cultural Studies Conference under the theme "Textualities of Space: Connections, Intricacies and Intimacies". Tunawakaribishwa saana kwetu.

Today is not my day and it is my day at the same time. It is not my day because we celebrate the achievement of the by the Department of Literature, Makerere University in partnership with the Department of English, Stellenbosch University, South Africa who have worked so hard and in concert to make Makerere University proud today. Thank you so very much. It is my day because of course the Department of Literature is in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences which is under my charge. And so the College basks in the glory of achieving yet another milestone in reviving the spirit of the Humanities & Social Sciences in public debate. Guest of Honour and the Leadership of Makerere University, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences is alive and kicking. In the last three years we have had several events in all our five Schools and the Makerere Institute of Social Research that prove that as a University we have something really precious in CHUSS. Your support is much appreciated.

We are not just satisfied with having perhaps the most re-known Alumni of Makerere University who have caused change in Africa's development, such as some of the Speakers you will hear in this very Conference, we are right now living the our treasured reputation. My prayer is for the College membership not to let up. For example, the elections times are upon us now, let us contribute to critically needed debate on national development issues with the candidness and constructive critique that they deserve for the wellbeing of our people. Aren't we supposed to Build For the Future? Then let us be seen to do so!

In a special way I want to thank the Chairs, the Speakers and everybody who has a particular role in this Conference. You have worked so hard and congratulations to you are in order. Thanks also to our esteemed financial contributors to the realization of the Conference. People at Makerere right now probably know the power of financing more than anybody in this room at the moment. To all of you, ongera sana.

