Prof. Dipio, Dr. Nabulya appointed to African Humanities Association executive committee

Two scholars from Makerere University's College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUSS), Prof. Sister Dominic Dipio and Dr. Eva Nabulya, have been elected to the Executive Committee of the African Humanities Association (AHA).

The African Humanities Association (AHA) Biennial Conference is a major international gathering of scholars, researchers, artists, and policymakers dedicated to advancing scholarship in the humanities, social sciences, and arts across Africa

The two were elected during the Association's 2026 biennial conference held from November 9 to 11 at the University of Ghana's West African Genetic Medicine Centre (WAGMC) in Accra, Ghana.

Held under the theme *"Engaging Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts Scholarship in Africa: Aspirations and Milestones,"* the conference brought together scholars, researchers, artists and policymakers from across the world to discuss the contribution of humanities, social sciences and arts scholarship to Africa's development.

Their election comes as Makerere University prepares to host the next AHA biennial conference in 2028.

Makerere was represented at the Accra conference by the Deputy Principal of CHUSS, Prof. Eddy Joshua Walakira, and teaching staff. The University's participation provided an opportunity to engage with scholars from other institutions, exchange research experiences and strengthen academic partnerships.

The election of Dipio and Nabulya gives Makerere University a voice in the Association's leadership and an opportunity to contribute to discussions on the direction and advancement of humanities scholarship in Africa.

As the next host institution, Makerere University is expected to bring together scholars from across Africa and beyond in 2028 to share research findings, build academic networks and discuss the role of humanities, social sciences and arts in addressing the continent's development challenges.

The conference in Ghana also provided a platform for examining the achievements and challenges of African scholarship, including the visibility, recognition and influence of knowledge produced by African scholars.

The election of the two CHUSS academics and Makerere's selection to host the 2028 conference underscore the University's growing engagement in regional and international academic collaboration.

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