

# Do you know your university

Many students spend years at the university without knowing who their vice-chancellor is, yet even in a home, it is always important to know who the head of the family is. **Andrew Masinde and Conan Businge** bring you some of the vice-chancellors of universities in Uganda

## Hannington Sengendo, Nkumba University

Sengendo was born in 1954. He obtained his PhD in urban planning from Nottingham University (UK) in 1995. In 1995, he introduced the undergraduate programme of urban planning at Makerere University. He says the programme has since then produced professional physical planners now serving in and outside Uganda. Sengendo started teaching geography in 1986 in the geography department at Makerere University.

He headed the geography department from 1994 to 1998.

From 1998 to 2003, he was the associate dean of the Faculty of Arts at Makerere University. He then became the Dean of that Faculty in 2003 and served up to 2009.

Sengendo sat on many senate and university committees throughout his stay at Makerere University. He served as the deputy vice-chancellor of academic affairs at Nkumba University since 2010, until his appointment as vice-chancellor.



## Prof. John Ddumba-Ssentamu, Makerere University

On August 28, 2012, Prof. Ddumba-Ssentamu was appointed the vice-chancellor of Makerere University.

Ddumba-Ssentamu is a professor of economics and has made his mark as a guru in that field. He holds a PhD in economics from Makerere University, a master's degree in economics from the University of Waterloo, Ontario in Canada and a bachelor's degree in the same field from Makerere University.

Ddumba-Ssentamu is the chairperson of the Makerere University Senate, Makerere University Management and is a member of Makerere University Council.



## Prof. Mary Okwakol, Busitema University

Okwakol is the founding vice-chancellor of this public university focusing on science and technology. Prior to moving to Busitema University, she served as the deputy vice-chancellor of Gulu University – another public university – of which she was one of the founding leaders.

She previously held various positions at Makerere University from 1973, rising to professor of Zoology in 1999. The graduates taught, supervised or mentored by Professor Okwakol over the years, both at undergraduate and postgraduate level, are making important contributions towards development nationally and globally – in education, research and environment.

## Prof. Mauda Kamatenesi, Bishop Stuart University

Prof. Mauda Kamatenesi, who is the former dean of the Faculty of Science at Makerere University, officially assumed office on June 6, 2014.

She has over 15 years of institutions-based administrative experience, over 20 years in teaching and 14 years in research in the under listed institutions and capacity.

Kamatenesi holds a doctor of philosophy (Medical Ethnobotany and Ethnopharmacology) from Makerere University.

She also has a master's degree in environment and natural resources management, MUIENR from Makerere University.

## Dr. Ahmed Kawesa Sengendo, Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU)

Sengendo is the first Ugandan to serve as the rector of IUIU.

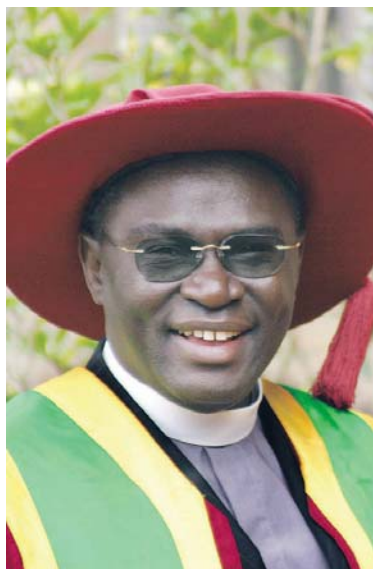
He has had a distinguished career as a lecturer, scholar and academic administrator at IUIU, which he joined as one of the pioneer staff when the university opened its doors in 1988.

He has served in various positions within the university, starting as the university secretary. He was then promoted to vice

rector from 2001 to 2003 and finally rector.

Prior to joining IUIU, Sengendo was a lecturer at Makerere University. He holds a bachelor of Science degree and master's degree from Makerere University and a PhD from the University of Kansas, US.

He was on Fulbright Scholarship for his PhD. Sengendo is an orator and those who have listened to his speeches are amazed by his oratory and rakish repertoire. He has been honoured on several occasions with various achievements.



## Dr John Senyonyi, Uganda Christian University

Dr Senyonyi holds a PhD in mathematical statistics and a master's degree in theology from Trinity International University, US and a doctorate of philosophy in mathematical statistics from the University of Melbourne in Australia.

In August 2010, he was appointed vice-chancellor of Uganda Christian University (UCU), one of the oldest private chartered universities in Uganda.

He joined UCU in 2001 as a chaplain and became the deputy vice-chancellor for finance and administration before taking on the role of vice-chancellor.

Senyonyi is also the founding director of Family Life Network and the chairperson of the mission committee of African Evangelistic Enterprise. In addition, he has presented and consulted for the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) and spoken at the New Wineskins for Global Mission conference. Senyonyi holds a certificate in management from the International Institute of Management, Sydney, Australia.

## Prof. Celestino Obua, Mbarara University of Science and Technology

Obua is the vice-chancellor and professor of pharmacology and therapeutics.

He has previously worked as the deputy principal of Makerere University College of Health Sciences, where he was and is still the co-investigator of the

MEPI-MESAU consortium project.

Obua contributed to the development of the current problem-based learning curriculum at the college.

He has spearheaded and built research infrastructure for pharmacokinetic studies which is now supporting 10 MSc and five PhD students. He is participating in strengthening adherence

to ARVs by developing adherence monitoring tools and interventions through the INRUD-IAA, a multi-country collaborative project.

Obua has been the team leader for the research task force in the Needs Assessment Twinning Programme Project of Makerere University – Johns Hopkins University.



## Prof. John Chrysostom Maviiri, Uganda Martyrs University, Nkozi

Prof. Maviiri was appointed in January 2015.

He started his lecturing career at St. Mbaaga Major Seminary College (1987 – 1991) and advanced as a lecturer, senior lecturer and associate professor at the Faculty of Theology of the Catholic University East Africa – CUEA (1995 – 2002).

Maviiri holds a diploma in Philosophy (Alokolum, Uganda), a diploma in theology (Ggaba, Uganda), another diploma in theology (Makerere University), as well as a licentiate and a doctorate in dogmatic Theology (Pontifical Urban University, Italy).



# vice-chancellor?

## Prof. Dawoud Shenouda, acting vice-chancellor, International University of East Africa

After stints in Nigeria, Egypt and Kenya, Shenouda, has amassed 51 years' experience in teaching.

He grew up in Egypt where he completed not only his primary and secondary education studies but also his bachelor's and master's degrees. For his PhD studies, he relocated to the Leningrad Electrical Engineering Institute.

He holds a bachelor's and master's degree in telecommunication, both obtained

from Cairo University, Egypt in 1965 and 1969 respectively. He obtained his PhD in computer engineering in 1973.

On completing his bachelor's degree at 22, Shenouda was employed as a project executive engineer with the Egyptian Railway Organisation. From 1976 to 1981, he taught at the University of Lagos, Nigeria as a senior lecturer.

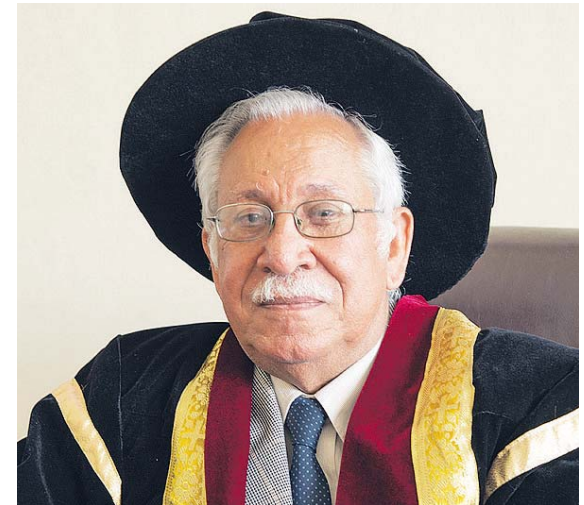
In 1990 and 1992, Shenouda was a UNDP (ICAO) computer expert based at the East African School of Aviation in Nairobi, Kenya.

Between 1992 and 1994, Shenouda was the head of the electrical engineering

department at Botswana University where he served until 2002, when he was before being transferred to the University of Kwa Zulu, Natal in South Africa as a director of THE computer engineering programme.

He was appointed the dean of the faculty of applied science at the National University of Rwanda in 2009. In 2011, Shenouda joined Victoria University, Uganda as the dean of the faculty of engineering.

He joined International University of East Africa in April 2013, where he has been a dean of the faculty of engineering for one year, and is now the acting vice-chancellor.



## Prof. Eriabu Lugujjo, Ndejje University

He has been an academician for over 30 years. Lugujjo obtained a first class B.Sc degree in mathematics and physics at Makerere University. He pursued graduate studies leading to M.Sc and Ph.D degrees both in electrical engineering, at the California Institute of Technology in the US.

Lugujjo did postdoctoral work at Bell Labs, specialising in metal-semiconductor systems using ion channelling techniques.

He first served as the head of the electrical engineering department and later as the dean of the Faculty of Engineering at Makerere University. He played a big role in the development of both undergraduate and graduate programmes in the department.

He participated in the



formulation of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) projects that sustained the faculty during the turbulent 1970s and early 1980s. Lugujjo has represented Uganda at several science and technology meetings at international level.

## Dr. David Lameck Kibikyo, Busoga University

Kibikyo is an associate professor of economics. He holds a PhD in social science, majoring in economics from Roskilde University Centre in Denmark. He also holds a master of arts in economics policy and planning from Makerere University.

Kibikyo holds a bachelor from science degree in economics from Makerere University and a master's degree in public international law from Kampala International University. He has been an associate professor in charge of research and quality assurance at the Kigali Institute of Management, where he previously served as director.

He also worked as the dean of the school of economics and applied statistics and deputy principal, College of Economics and Business at Kampala International University. He is a senior research fellow at the Centre for Basic Research and has published widely.



## Joy Constance Kwesiga Kabale University

Kwesiga is an academic administrator, gender specialist and community activist. In 1968, she graduated from Makerere University with a bachelor of arts degree in geography. In 1979, Kwesiga completed a postgraduate diploma programme in public administration at the Uganda Institute of Public Administration (now the Uganda Management Institute). Her master of arts in higher education and doctor of philosophy in education and gender issues were obtained from the University of London in 1987 and 1993, respectively.

## Dr. Eric Adriko, Muni university

Adriko is the first chancellor of Muni University. Dr. Adriko was installed by President Yoweri Museveni, after commissioning Muni University on September 12, last year. He is a former second deputy prime minister.

