

# You can now transfer to other

By Conan Businge

With regional integration finally taking root in East Africa, there is a mad rush to cross borders for higher education.

As students cross to Uganda, there are also universities opening in other East African countries like Kenya, Tanzania and Rwanda.

With the credit transfer of students' scores, there is more reason to think broadly about studying in any of the East African countries.

You can cross to the neighbouring countries in case you are not interested in Uganda's education system.

Students will soon start switching from one university to another in the region, without losing their accumulated credits or marks.

This would give students an opportunity to use their diplomas to be admitted in either second or third year at the university, instead of joining in first year.

A case in point, Yusuf Sharanda, joined the International University in East Africa (IUEA) with a higher national diploma, but was allowed by the university to start from third year.

Sharanda excelled in his examinations, graduated and was later retained by



University of Nairobi has various campuses across Kenya and is home to many students in the region

the university as a faculty administrator."

He is just one of the 1,000 students who have been allowed to have their credits transferred from other universities in the region to IUEA's grading system. "In the first year, the IUEA admitted about 700 students under

the credit accumulation and transfer system," the acting vice-chancellor Prof. Daoud Shenouda, said.

Close to 300 applied to be enrolled under the same arrangement in the following academic year, but according to Shenouda, the number reduced since universities

were now rigid on releasing partial results to their students.

The harmonisation initiative is meant to ease the movement of students. It is also part of a quality assurance initiative that was started in 2007.

"This arrangement will soon be in all major universities in the country," explains Prof. Opuda Asibo, the executive director of the National Council for Higher Education.

"As of now, the system is being piloted in some of the major universities in the country, for a period of one year," he added. Asibo, however, declined to name the universities where it is being piloted.

The East African Credit Accumulation and Transfer project was undertaken by higher education authorities in the region's five countries almost five years ago.

Currently, experts are working on minimum standards for some courses such as psychology, counselling, community

development, development studies and social work programmes.

Below are the regional universities where one can enrol for an education.

## KENYA

### University of Nairobi

This is Kenya's pioneer university. It underwent a major restructuring in 1983, resulting in decentralisation of the administration, by creation of six campus colleges headed by principals. Vice-Chancellor: Prof. George Albert Magoha.

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### Moi University

It was established in 1984 by an Act of Parliament as the second public university. Since its inception, it has advanced to be Kenya's leading university in teaching, research and development. The vice-chancellor is Prof. Richard K Mibey

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### Egerton University

This was founded as a farm school in 1939 by Lord Maurice Egerton of Tatton, a Briton. In 1950, the school was upgraded to a college. In 1986, the college was gazetted as a constituent college of Nairobi University. In 1987, it was fully established as a university through an Act of Parliament.

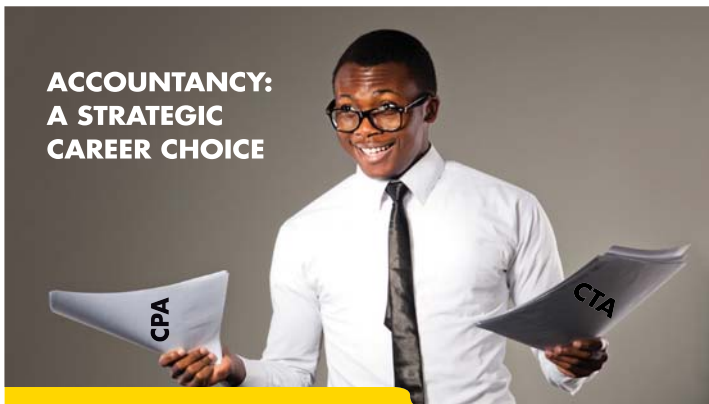
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