

MU, ICED Partner to Boost Women Farmers



Muni University in partnership with International Center for Evaluation and Development (ICED) launched the project “Development of innovative horticulture technologies for improved income and livelihood among small scale women farmers in Uganda” under the Feed the Future innovations Lab for Horticulture funded by USAID.

The project was launched on Wednesday 7th February 2024 after the inception meeting held at the health science conference hall, to inform stakeholders about the new project, identify challenges faced by small scale women farmers in Uganda in adopting modern horticulture practices and to facilitate the ex-

change of knowledge and information among participants to enhance collective understanding of innovative horticulture technologies and facilitate networking opportunities for participants to connect with experts, practitioners and organisations working in the horticulture sector.

Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Horticulture overall objective is to develop innovative horticulture technologies for improved income and livelihoods among small-scale farmers in Uganda.

Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Horticulture also known as Horticulture Innovation Lab, is led by a team based at the university of California,

Davis, USA funded by USAID as part of the Feed the Future global hunger and food security initiative.

The East Africa Regional Hub Manager Penninah Yumbya (PhD) made emphasis on the need to realize impact of this project like improved livelihoods of small-scale vegetable farmers in Arua and increased financial independence of the small-scale farmers.

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Anguma Simon Katrini expressed gratitude to USAID for the funding and ICED for partnering with Muni and urged the local implementing partners to embrace this project seriously as it will go a long way in addressing a number of challenges faced in the region.

Briefing of Nominated Candidates for Guild Race



A Section of the Students nominated for the Guild Leadership Positions.

Briefing of the duly nominated candidates for the 9th Guild leadership positions was successfully conducted on 23rd February 2024 by the Chairperson EC Mr. Aleka Albert Dickens.

The briefing was meant to provide Guidelines on what is expected of the candidates during the electoral process so that the campaigns are conducted within the university

rules and regulations, and the constitution is adhered to as the process of elections is guided by it.

The Chairperson EC expressed gratitude for being entrusted to organise the electoral process. He stated their mission as a commission is to see that there's free and fair elections and to uphold the democratic process.

Tussling it for the top most position are two candidates, Mr. Chandiga

Wilson, a student of Bachelor of science with Education- Biological option and Ms Kayeny Roselyn a year 2 student pursuing Bachelor of Nursing Science and the second female guild aspirant, following Acuga Babra Carolyn who emerged victorious in the 7th Guild Elections. These two Guild presidential candidates will be expected to face off in a debate that will be broadcasted live on Radio.

A total of 41 students have been successfully screened and vetted by the Electoral Commission and have been deemed eligible to contest in the guild elections for the various positions. The elections are slated for 16th March 2024.

Omara Shines in Addis



Kudos to our own Mr. Polycarp Omara, Head of the Education Department, for his outstanding paper presentation at the DIES International Deans Course Africa conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (5-9th Feb '24).

His focus on 'Adoption of blended teaching and learning in the Faculty of Education: insights from DELM students' truly highlights innovation in education

L-R : Mr Omara himself, Ms. Yvonne Visarius, DAAD team leader; Dr. Lucy Wamalwa, Research collaborator from Kenya and Prof. Ivans from Nigeria.

REFOOTURE Project



On 6th February 2024, various stakeholders converged at the Health Science Conference Hall for a stakeholder re-engagement meeting to take stock of the progress of the West Nile Innovation hub and chart a way forward.

The West Nile innovation Hub is a Food System Innovation Platform that was established in 2022 under the auspices of REFOOTURE project phase one. REFOOTURE project is part of the emerging Regenerative Food systems paradigm which aims to transform existing food systems into Regenerative and Inclusive food systems.

Food systems that recognize the mutual relationship between man and nature as opposed to an assumption of superiority of man above nature. Regenerative development is inspired by four major goals namely; Food security and nutrition, Livelihood resilience, Ecosystem health and Equality & Caring communities. It is envisioned that the Food system Innovation Platform will champion development of Regenerative and

Inclusive food systems and will advocate for the paradigm at local, regional and National level. Therefore, consolidation of the implementation of FSIP as the driver of Regenerative agenda is a major aspect of REFOOTURE-Phase two (2023-2027).

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Anguma Simon Katrini officially welcomed the participants and said the University is not only for the staff and students but for the entire world, for the African continent, Uganda and most importantly the West Nile region. He was therefore thrilled by the West Nile community actively participating the University activities through the WHIH.

He said the university also prides in its relevancy to the West Nile community. This is manifested through the big number (majority) of students coming from the neighboring community. "Universities are no longer 'Ivory towers' that are exclusive to students and staff but they should reach out and percolate into the community and Muni University is on this course"

According to Professor Robert Kajobe, the Director Graduate training, Research and Innovation, National Coordinator of the West Nile innovation Hub and Principal Investigator of REFOOTURE Project, the launch of the Hub in 2022 was a small pilot after which there was silence. However, building from the success of the pilot, they developed a longer program for 5 years and hope to cocreate, co plan, co-design and co-learn in a living lab. The innovation hub exemplifies the triad mandate of the university i.e., Teaching, Research & Innovation and Community outreach which are all enshrined in this platform.

The REFOOTURE project is implemented by a consortium of universities led by Wageningen University and Research from the Netherlands, Bahir Dar University and Jimma University in Ethiopia, Egerton University in Kenya and Muni University in Uganda. In Uganda, Muni is only a convenor of the WNIH and provides a secretariat but the rest are the real owners, doers, thinkers and enablers.

Cultural Gala



Students showcasing a traditional wear.

The annual cultural gala was successfully held on Saturday 12th February 2024 with West Nile Students Association (MUWESA) defending their championship and maintaining the first position.

The cultural gala is an annual event through which students belonging to various students' associations from the Central, Eastern, Western, Northern and West Nile regions showcase their cul-

tural practices through cultural dance, Folksong presentation, traditional wear right from colonial times to date, university Anthem and this year one more aspect was introduced that is the presentation of the staple foods and drinks adding flavour to the competition.

Other associations that participated included the Muni University Luo Student's Association (MULSA) that came

second, Nkobazambogo from central region in third place and Muni University Eastern Students Association (MUESA) and BASAMU tied up in fourth place.

The event ended colourfully with the best performers in all categories awarded for their excellent show of talent and of course an award for the overall winner that was MUWESA.

MU Students Educate Farmers at Agricultural Show



Muni University students participating in the 3 days Agricultural exhibition organised by Omia Agribusiness Development Initiative at OPM ground, from 8th to 10th February, 2024.

Partnership



Dr. Brian Agaba-Clinical Advisor at Seed Global Health making remarks during the planning meeting.

Seed Global Health (SGH), Muni University and Arua Regional Referral Hospital teams converged at Muni on 23rd February 2024 to plan for the 6th year of partnership. The continuity of this partnership is a blessing espe-

cially to Muni and ARRH due to the tremendous fruits it has yielded in the area of training and support that has taken various forms.

While making opening remarks, Dr. Richard Mangwi appreciated the partners SGH and ARRH for the con-

tinued partnership with Muni University "I cannot fail to acknowledge the beauty of this relationship, it has helped us in enormous ways and Seed global is entering to address very unique aspects of collaboration. Seed Global came to Muni when we were a young institution but now, we are likely to project more interesting activities as we have grown. He added.

According to Dr. Agaba Brian-Clinical Advisor at Seed Global Health, the organisation has adopted a model of education and training in health care and is becoming heavily invested in health service training with a target of improving emergency outcomes.



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