



# Bienvenida: Cuban Ambassador to Uganda at MUST



Geared towards augmenting the partnership between the Republic of Cuba and the Republic of Uganda/MUST, the new Ambassador of Cuba to Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya **H.E Dr. Tania Perez Xiques** visited MUST on April 13, 2022. Cuba has had a close partnership with MUST since its inception in 1989. **H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni**, the President of the Republic of Uganda requested the then President of Cuba **H.E Fidel Castro** to support Uganda in her cause to promote Science and Technology. Castro supported Uganda/MUST by sending Cuban Professors to work and skill human Resource in Uganda. These worked closely with the then **Vice Chancellor Prof. F.I.B Kayanja** to start Faculty of Medicine with four Cuban Professors. Since then, Cuba has continued to send Professors in different departments under Faculty of Medicine. **Prof. Celestino Obua**, the Vice Chancellor of MUST welcomed the **Ambassador H.E Dr. Tania Perez** and appreciated the strong ties that have provided MUST with expertise in different disciplines in Medicine in the last 33 years. “MUST owes a lot to Cuba since it supported its establishment. The first cohorts of students that were taught are now in senior positions in and out of the country notwithstanding in senior teaching positions. The new Cuban professors working with these staff are enjoying the shade of the tree that was planted long ago”



Pioneer Professors from Left Dr. R.M. Carlos (Physiology), A.R. Azcuy (Embryology), Professor F.I.B. Kayanja (Histology), Dr. C.K. Kibirige Deputy Secretary, Lr. L.A. Lopez (Psychology), Dr. J.C.C. Diaz (Biochemistry & Cuban Team Leader) Absent: Professor G.I. Padron (Anatomy).





The current Cuban staff at MUST are; Prof. Carlos Manuel Cabrera Dreque, Prof. Yarine Farardo Tornes and Prof. Silvia Lopez Miranda.

H.E Dr. Tania Perez Xiques explained that sending their Professors to MUST is the main project that Cuba has in Uganda and they looked forward to the expansion of this partnership. This visit is one of the key activities in celebrating the bilateral ties between Uganda and Cuba that have existed for 48 years. She encouraged MUST to send a paper noting the current state of the partnership and highlight areas of engagement that can expand the partnership. This will be presented to the President of Uganda for discussion. She appreciated the warm environment that MUST has always accorded to the Cuban Professors.



The Dean Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology (FAST) Dr. Johnes Obungoloch leads the Cuban ambassador through a of the FAST Laboratories.



Eng: Ivan showing the prototype of the photo kabada





Tour in the hospital



Mr. Jimmy (front) leads the tour in the PHARMBIOTRAC laboratory



The Ambassador was accompanied by her husband, Eng. Saul Silverio Swaby Wilson. These later toured Kihumuro Campus, the city campus, and Mbarara Regional Referral Hospital which is the teaching hospital of MUST. Reminiscing upon the times when he was in school, **Dr. Joseph Ngonzi** the Dean of Faculty of Medicine and an alumnus of MUST said that the Cuban Professors were the best teachers and continue to be. This seen in their dedication and diligence to serve. He further described them as the unstoppable persons. **Prof. Nixon Kamukama**, the Deputy Vice Chancellor in charge of Academic Affairs thanked Cuba for sending committed staff who work tirelessly to support MUST in training students with great hands-on skills. The visit has revitalized the ties between MUST and Cuba and provided more opportunities for advancement of the partnership.



L-R Deputy Hospital Dr. Francis Oriokot ,H.E Tania, Prof: Carlos, Dr. Celestine Hospital Director and Eng: Saul, L-R H.E Tania and Prof. Silvia Lopez



# Staff mobility



VISITING PROFESSOR

Date: April 26, - June 26, 2022

**Prof. Jacques Nkengurutse**  
from University  
of Burundi



Jacques is on an exchange programme of the East African mobility program under the Faculty of Science under the Pharmbiotrac project. His visit will allow him and MUST colleagues to:

- (i) Design and draft a project proposal for funding. This will be implemented, both in Burundi and in Uganda,
- (ii) Draft a scientific paper for publication
- (iii) To disseminate some of the results from previous research. The target audience is master's students and colleagues from Mbarara University of Science and Technology
- (iv) Train master's students on scientific writing techniques.

Prof. Nkengurutse does research in conservation biology, plant domestication and valorization of indigenous plant species and ecosystem services. Jacques is an Associate Professor and Researcher in the Faculty of Sciences, University of Burundi. He is also a Member of the National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation.

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VISITING PROFESSOR

Date: April 3-2022- June 24,2022

**Prof. Margriet Greidanus**  
From University of Calgary,  
Alberta, Canada.



Margriet Greidanus, MD, CCFP-EM is an Emergency Medicine specialist and Clinical Assistant Professor in the Cumming School of Medicine at the University Of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

She is here to support the Department of Emergency Medicine, Faculty of Medicine in the following areas:

- Clinical teaching to the Emergency Medicine residents
- Providing ultrasound training
- Supervising residents in the Emergency Department
- Supporting the local Emergency Medicine staff

Dr. Greidanus has an interest in medical education and is currently the Coordinator for the CCFP-EM resident simulation in Calgary.

<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/emergency-medicine/homennnnnn>

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## Rita for a Fulbright Foreign Student's fellowship 2021/2022 cohort



**Ritah Kiconco Atwine** (Mrs.) from the Department of Medical Laboratory Science was awarded a Fulbright Foreign Student's fellowship (2021/2022 cohort) from the US mission in Uganda and the US department of State to conduct research in USA between October 2021 and June 2022. Under this program, Ritah is hosted as a visiting student researcher at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) in USA. She is conducting research in Health Informatics. Her project is focusing on electronic health records (EHR) systems where she is developing a Mobile Web based patient portal in Open MRS-an EHR platform commonly used in HIV Health care of resource limited settings including Uganda. Upon her return, she will be piloting her study. Ritah is also working on another longitudinal research study using health data from a clinical Translational research database called i2b2. Ritah has been invited to an inclusion and diversity meeting by the surgery department at UAB to speak about her experience as a researcher in Uganda and about setting up research collaborations internationally. Here at MUST, Ritah is a part time Lecturer of clinical chemistry and a research fellow on the Mbarara University Research Capacity Initiative (MURCI) Program, at National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded grant (D43TW011632-01).





## Book Launch: Dr. Godfrey Mugenyi from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology takes the lead.

After 20 years of clinical and teaching experiences Dr. Mugenyi Godfrey was motivated to write a clinical Obstetric care handbook to serve as a quick, precise and context-specific reference for the medical and nursing students, residents, doctors and specialists involved in the management of obstetric patients in Uganda.



### Who is Dr. Mugenyi Godfrey

Double star MUST alumnus, holding a Master of Medicine in Obstetric and gynaecology and Bachelor of Medicine and a Bachelor of Surgery (MUST).

Godfrey is a seasoned researcher and a passionate Obstetrician who would give up his sleep and comfort to see a mother under his care deliver safely. His passion and commitment to offering quality and responsive obstetric care spans a period of over 20 years. He has conducted over 20,000 C-Sections and 40,000 normal deliveries.

In his quest to improve obstetric care practices, Dr. Mugenyi has partnered with senior colleagues to write an important one-stop reference book to improve hands-on skills to better obstetric care for women and their babies.

As a senior lecturer in the department of Obstetric and gynecology, Godfrey is

active clinician, a researcher, mentor and a supervisor in numerous research projects in biomedical and clinical science. Many students, staff at Mbarara University of Science and Technology have benefited. These are recognised at national and international level.

Dr. Mugenyi is a fellow of the East, Central and South African college of Obstetric and Gynecology, and a member of the national safe motherhood experts committee of the ministry of Health-Uganda. He is married to Dr. Esther Mugenyi and are blessed with so many children.

Congratulations to Dr. Mugenyi upon this great achievement.

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# Unstoppable: MURCI Fellow, Dr. Edwin Nuwagira in San Francisco USA

Dr. Edwin Nuwagira a Lecturer in the Internal Medicine department at MUST is a Research Fellow on the 5D43TW011632 Mbarara University Research Initiative, PI Dr. Bajunirwe Francis. His study title is "Improving Pulmonary function after Tuberculosis in Uganda (IMPACT -U)". Currently, Edwin is in San Francisco USA, to receive an additional award "ATS Diversity Grant" from the American Thoracic Society Foundation to further his research on the path to independence. Edwin's Application received an overall score of 1.61 on the 1-9 NIH scale, where 1 is the best score



Edwin with the mentor Dr. Peggy Lai from Massachusetts General Hospital.

## Who is Dr. Edwin Nuwagira

Edwin is a double-star MUST alumnus (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, and MMED Internal Medicine)

His area of specialization is Internal Medicine with much interest in Infectious Diseases. Dr. Nuwagira is a consultant in drug-resistant Tuberculosis. His areas of research are Tuberculosis, Sepsis, and HIV-associated meningitis. He has 44 publications and 619 citations. He was the first scientist outside a North American Institution to ever win this award in the history of the ATS research foundation program.

He currently ranks at 169 among the top 500 scientists in Uganda. To us the sky is no longer the limit with you. Congratulations upon this great achievement.

## Ms. Nambogo represents CAMTech-MUST in Geneva



Ms. Nambogo Nuriat from CAMTech MUST was invited for the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) and the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA) in Geneva, as an innovator and a mentor to fellow innovators in Africa, Nuriat was a panelist expected to share her experience.



# Research ranking at MUST April 2022.



Following the article about research ranking at MUST, in the MUST Mirror volume 13, I am glad to let you know that the numbers of publication have increased from **1235 to 1523** we thank the researchers that responded to the call and urge those who have not yet to do so.

**FYI:** Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Institutional Repository, is a collection of all research and publications. The information is compiled by the University Librarian and the computing services office of the University using both DOI and staff names and affiliations as identification.

**Communities at MUST, as per March 22, 2022, TOTAL 1235 as at 5/4/2022 vs April 10, 2022, total 1473**

Community	Number of Publications in March	Number of Publications in April
Central Administration	60	66
Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology	25	30
Faculty of Business and Management Sciences	17	41
Faculty of Computing and Informatics	73	76
Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies	107	107
Faculty of Medicine	663	879
Faculty of Science	203	204
Institute of tropical Forest and Conservation	77	88
Maternal Newborn and Child Health Institute	10	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>1235</b>	<b>1523</b>

## Individual Ranking April 2022

Name	Number of Publications in March	Number of Publications in April
Dr. Francis Bajunirwe	107	112
Dr. Joseph Ngonzi	43	76
Assoc.Prof. Joel Bazira	63	75
Dr. Robert Bitariho,	26	56
Dr. Conrad Muzoora	31	54
Dr. David Bangsberg	38	53
Prof. Celestino Obua	43	52
Prof. Jerome Kabakyenga	35	49
Dr. Angella Musiimenta	35	45
Dr. Samson Okello	31	45
Dr. Scholastic Ashaba		42
Prof. Nixon Kamukama		41
Dr. Haberer, Jessica	27	38
Dr. Siedner, Mark J	30	38
Dr. Edwin Nuwagira	08	36
Dr. Godfrey Zari Rukundo	26	29


For this and more please go to the link: [ir.must.ac.ug](http://ir.must.ac.ug) congratulations to our reseachers

# Performance Management in Relation to Staff Motivation


As we prepare for the 28th graduation ceremony of MUST, the University Senate of MUST recognised the dedication and commitment of **Mr. Raymond Amany**, Assistant Registrar in the Academic Registrar's department.

Raymond is in charge of results and the information management systems. He has excelled at executing his duties and obligation. Congratulations Raymond, we pride in your dedication and may you never get tired of serving MUST.



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Your Ref:  
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February 28, 2022  
Mr. Raymond Amany  
Assistant Registrar  
MUST  
Dear Mr. Amany,  
**Re: APPRECIATION FROM SENATE**  
The 86<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting received and noted the Examination Committee report detailing the students' examination results for semester 1 and 2, 2020/2021.  
At that meeting members appreciated the excellent work done in the report. Senate noted that a lot of work goes into compiling all the student results and that most times you put extra hours to it.  
Senate underscores the importance of keeping up-to-date student results. As Chairman of Senate, I appreciate and recognize your efforts on behalf of Senate.  
Keep up the excellent work.  
Yours Sincerely,  
  
Professor Celestino Obua  
**VICE CHANCELLOR/CHAIRMAN SENATE**  
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