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Cavendish University Uganda (CUU) Newsletter brings you the latest top stories of what has been happening on-campus and other relevant institutional outreach activities.

Stay up to date with events as they unfold and make a follow up on how students and staff are using CUU Education to go the distance and to be transformed into Responsible, Educated, Entrepreneurial and Employable citizens.

Curious about what has been happening, here is a recap of events that took place in the months of May and June 2019.



Students Procurement Conference

Cavendish University Uganda's Students Procurement Association, in conjunction with lecturers from the Faculty of Business and Management organised a procurement conference on 04th May, 2019 with the **Chief guest being Dr. Alex Ijjo**- the Faculty Dean of Business and Management. The overall aim of the workshop was to augment classroom lectures with practical applications and insights from the market place. The event attracted other students from Makerere, KIU and Kyambogo Universities.

Several prominent and knowledgeable practicing professionals also participated in the conference among whom were; Mr. Kasamba Alex Ofoyoru the Principal Procurement Officer -Ministry of Finance; Mr. Makumbi Grace the Materials Manager -Roofings Uganda Limited; and Mr. Cankwo Paul the Senior Procurement Manager -Africa Help International.

Cavendish University Student App draws close to \$1 million Prize!



Public Taxi Uganda, an application developed by Cavendish University Uganda (CUU) students qualified for the 2019 Hult Prize Regional Summit early this year. The App is the latest innovation designed to improve safety and security of communal taxi users in the country.

The brains behind this innovation are four CUU students led by **Kenneth Muhereza**, who is under the Faculty of Science and Technology and on the Distance Learning Programme. Over 40 university teams across the globe qualified for the Regional finals in Nairobi, and Africa was represented by 4 universities which included; Cavendish University Uganda, Kabale University, Makerere University and International University of East Africa.

The final competitions will be held in September 2019 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City and the winner will walk away with a \$1 million prize which is equivalent to about UGX 3.7 billion.



Rule of Law Club Handover/Human Rights Club Launch

On Friday, 03rd May 2019, Cavendish University Uganda Law students launched the Human Rights Club. The day kicked off with the annual handover ceremony of the Rule of Law Club which was presided over by Honorary Secretary of Uganda Law Society's Executive Council, **Hon. Francis Harimwomugasho**.

Other guests included; representatives from the Foundation of Human Rights Initiative (HRAF) and Human Rights Awareness Forum (HRAF).



Block Chain Technology Training

IBM (International Business Machines Corporation) in conjunction with Cavendish University Uganda cordially held a Block Chain Technology Training Workshop, from 29th April-03rd May, 2019. Block chain is a type of incorruptible technology which enables passing on of information in a fully automated and safe manner, that is resistant to modification. Among the participants were a number of Science and Technology lecturers and students from various institutions.

National Rounds of the National Centre for International Arbitration Moot



The 2019 National rounds of the National Centre for International Arbitration (NCIA) moot were held at Cavendish University Uganda's Faculty of Law campus on 25th May, 2019. NCIA is based in Nairobi, Kenya and was established as a Centre for promotion of International commercial arbitration and alternative forms of dispute resolution.

Dr. Amollo Rebecca, the Faculty's Deputy Dean gave the opening remarks at the fully sponsored Moot which attracted a number of other Law Schools within Uganda including; Uganda Christian University, Makerere University, Kampala International University and Islamic University. Participants were awarded by the **Chairman of NCIA, Mr. Arthur Igeria** with a compendium of Alternative Dispute Resolution Laws of East Africa and certificates of participation.

9th Annual Forum of the East African Higher Education Quality Assurance Network



Theme: Competence Based Learning for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals

The Quality Assurance Director of Cavendish University Uganda, Mr. Michael Okopa represented the Institution at the 9th Annual forum of the East African Higher Education Quality Assurance Network that took place from 06th - 10th May, 2019.

"Competence based learning for achieving sustainable development goals," was the theme of the forum and the key note speaker was Dr. Bajwa Nida from Saarland University, Germany, who encouraged Universities to focus on closing the skills and attitudes gap instead of only imparting theoretical knowledge. 32 parallel papers were presented sharing experiences on Quality issues from Universities in East Africa.



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Cavendish University Uganda takes part in the Africa Internet Summit (AIS)

Professor Zake Muwanga, the Faculty Dean of Science and Technology took part in the Africa Internet Summit and presented a paper titled, **“Things Fall Apart in Ugandan Higher Education-Despite Encouraging Internet Provision and Funding in Uganda.”**

AIS is a technical event that aims to bring the information, communication & technical business, and tech community in Africa together under one roof to talk about Africa’s most pressing issues and challenges. This year’s summit took place in Kampala, Uganda from 09th – 21st June, 2019.



CUU Academic Excellence Scholarships for 2019 August Intake

It’s that time of the year yet again that Academic Excellence Scholarships are up for grabs by deserving students. Earn up to 100% scholarship and be among the lucky contenders to sail through campus without paying tuition and functional fees. Applications are open to all with 12 points and above at A level and deadline is scheduled for 31st July, 2019. Apply today via the link; <https://www.cavendish.ac.ug/local-applicants>

2019 Students’ Guild Presidential Elections Update

Management wishes to update students, lecturers and the entire University community that whereas the 2019 Students Guild Presidential Elections were held on 07th May, 2019 and results announced by the Students Electoral Commission on 10th May, 2019, the announced winner has not been sworn in due to a petition challenging the results.

The Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) has since asked for clarifications pertaining to the 2019 Students Guild Election and the University is fully cooperating with the EOC’s inquiry.

Considering that the continuing students who voted are on holiday until 26th August 2019, and there is need to address the petition raised, as well as, allow an unobstructed inquest by the EOC into this matter, it is prudent to allow sufficient time for the above to be addressed.

The university is committed to ensuring that this matter is resolved soon, hopefully by the time students report for the August semester or shortly thereafter.



Staff Engagement



A colourful and highly spirited Staff engagement cocktail was held on Wednesday 29th May, 2019, in commemoration of a very successful 2019 Graduation Ceremony held in March, 2019 and a commendable enrolment performance for the 2019-C1 (January Intake) which managed to hit and surpass the set enrolment target for the first time ever since our funders MAARIFA EDUCATION took over management of Cavendish University Uganda (CUU)!

The host Mrs. Lydia Nakibande Nyakahuma - the Human Resource Director, shared a light moment with CUU administrative and teaching staff. With specific reference to the Graduation committee and the Enrolment team, she specifically thanked all those who contributed to the success of both milestones.

Laboremus Uganda Workshop



A team of 3 Cavendish University Uganda representatives led by the Faculty Dean of Science and Technology, Prof Zake Muwanga attended the Laboremus workshop at Clarke International University on 12th June, 2019. The purpose of the event was to celebrate the launch of the Refactory Tech Programme whose aim is to advance the Ugandan tech industry to compete globally.

The workshop was well attended and among the notable guests was **Hon. Frank Tumwebaze**, the Cabinet Minister of Information Technology & Communications. Cavendish University is planning a collaboration with Laboremus which, if successful will help with placements and further training of IT/ Computer Science students in programming to standards that Industries desire.

CUU prominently positioned for the 2019 International Green Gown Awards



Cavendish University Uganda is among the 12 finalists for the 2019 International Green Gown Awards (Student Engagement category, with the Girls Paint Africa Green Project). Only 2 other finalists are from Africa and these include; Ndejje University Uganda and Kenyatta University, Kenya.

The International Green Gown Awards – 2019 is endorsed by the UN Environment Commission. It is hosted by the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), L'Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF) International Association of Universities (IAU) and the Institute of International Education (IIE) with the aim of recognising exceptional sustainability initiatives being undertaken by the world's universities and colleges.

The finalists will be recognised on 10th July, 2019 in New York as part of the United Nations High Level Political Forum.

Read more on the Awards and Categories involved via <https://www.greengownawards.org/2019-finalists> best in the Fashion parade category.

CUU Vice Chancellor shares a successful “Blended Distance Learning” experience at the IUCEA 10th Annual Meeting



The 10th Annual meeting for Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) was this year held in Kigali, Rwanda, from 20th- 21st June, 2019. It was run under the theme “**Effectively Leading Universities in the Context of ICT and Digitization of Higher Education in East Africa**”

Universities and higher education institutions have been increasingly embracing technology in their transactions such as teaching and learning, management, communication and financial services. Some universities now have automated the way to do business by adopting University Management Systems (UMS), subscribing to e-resources, and setting up eLearning platforms for academic programmes.

These efforts are however hampered by many constraints such as poor internet connectivity and low penetration, limited technical know-how in ICT, and negative attitude towards technology-aided-education. It is for the above reasons therefore, that the theme was selected and our very own Vice Chancellor, **Prof John F. Mugisha** served as a panelist.

Upcoming Events

Here's a glance at what's to come;

Clean Up Day | 14th September, 2019

East African Science, Technology and Innovation Conference | 13-14th September, 2019

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