

**EPRC, Makerere University College of Business and
Management Science**

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London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

MoU Signing Ceremony

Remarks

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The Vice Chancellor, Makerere University

The Executive Director, the International Growth Centre

The Country Director, the International Growth Centre Uganda and Rwanda

The University Secretary, Makerere University

The Deputy Principal, Makerere University College of Business and Management Sciences

Distinguished guests

The media,

All protocol observed.

Good evening

It is my honour and privilege to be with you this evening for the signing of this important Memorandum of Understanding between the London School of Economics and Political Science, represented by the International Growth Centre, and the Makerere University College of Business and Management Sciences, and the Economic Policy Research Centre.

The timing of this occasion is particularly significant for the EPRC. As we embark on our new strategic plan for the financial year 2025/26 to 2029/30, our focus is on creating robust collaborations with leading institutions.

This is a deliberate effort to leverage our collective strengths and experiences to deepen the impact of our work.

The EPRC is fully prepared to use its capabilities to engage, co-create, and partner at all levels of policymaking. Our goal is to drive evidence-based decisions in budget allocation, programme

design, and results-oriented implementation of government initiatives across Uganda.

At the EPRC, we have long recognized the power of collaboration. We believe that lasting impact is achieved not in isolation, but through strong partnerships. We therefore take our relationships with academia, development partners, research institutions, government agencies, the private sector, and civil society with the utmost seriousness.

While we specialize in economics and development policy-oriented research and analysis to support the formulation and monitoring of government policies, we are confident that this partnership will serve as a powerful catalyst.

It will facilitate deeper collaboration, coordination, and exchange of expertise in evidence generation, joint dissemination, capacity building, and policy influence.

The EPRC is dedicated to ensuring the full realization of this partnership's potential benefits, not only for our respective institutions but, most importantly, for the advancement of the Ugandan economy.

Thank you.

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