

# KARAMOJA PEACE AND TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY (KAPATU):

## PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE:

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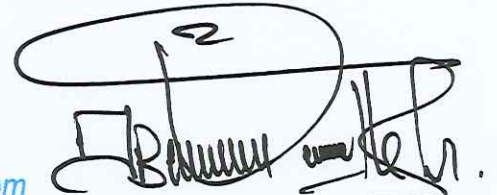
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### FOREWORD

**By Prof. Dr. Fr. Deusdedit Kigandi Nkurunziza Ph.D.**

In October 2022, I was nominated to serve as Chairperson, Executive Board of Directors for Catholic Lawyers Society International (CLASI), a responsibility I gladly accepted. The first task I had was to identify a motto and guiding principles for CLASI. After consultations, CLASI adopted **Justitia omnibus- Justice for all** as the guiding Motto.

The next task was to identify critical areas (sectors) of engagement where CLASI in Uganda would make a difference as we strive to achieve justice for all. It was on the second Sunday of Lent, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023 that it vividly occurred to me that Karamoja Sub-region is the poorest sub-region of Uganda. Since I was working on a number of university projects, it also occurred to me that in all fairness and justice, priority should be given to Karamoja Sub-region.

The following day, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023, I shared my views with the Counsel Twinobusingye Severino, the Founder and President of CLASI, who immediately bought the



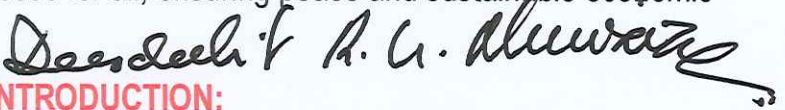
idea of founding a University in Karamoja Sub-region and accepted that CLASI should spearhead this project.

The following day, as Divine Providence would have it, CLASI team had a scheduled appointment to meet with the Vice President of the Republic of Uganda, Her Excellency Jessica Alupo. When the team shared with her the idea of starting a University in Karamoja Sub-region, she was greatly supportive. She encouraged the team to move ahead with the University Project in Karamoja Sub-region.

It gives me great joy, therefore, to share this project idea in form of Project Concept Note to enable planning and further consultations as we strategically move forward to make this project a reality.

This Project Concept Note has been prepared for the purposes of applying to URSB to for the purpose of reserving the name **KARAMOJA PEACE AND TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY(KAPATU)** and to apply to Uganda National Council for Higher Education (UNCHE) for a **University Letter of Interim Authority to establish and operate a Private University**. This Project Concept Note is also meant to guide further consultations with all stakeholders.

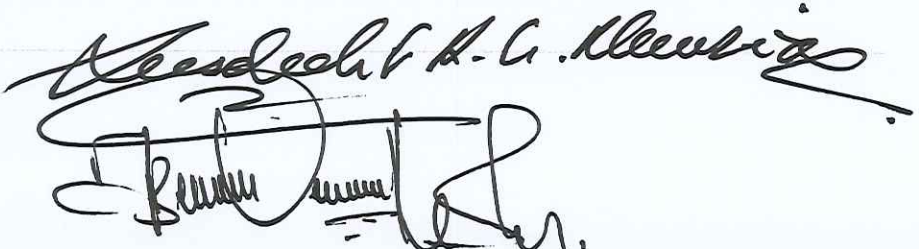
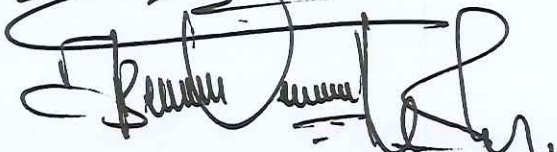
It is my prayer and hope that this Project of **KARAMOJA PEACE AND TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY** will all stakeholders. On our side, as CLASI, we have assessed that there is need for a University and we are prepared, committed, and determined to make this project a reality as a strategy of striving for Justice for all, ensuring peace and sustainable economic growth in the Great Lakes Region.

  
**INTRODUCTION:**

**KARAMOJA PEACE AND TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY (KAPATU)** is a new private higher institution of learning being planned to be built in Napak District, Karamoja Sub-region; to be registered and supervised by Uganda National Council of Higher Education.

Karamoja Sub-region covers an area of 27,528 kilometers and has a population of one million four hundred thousand people (UBOS,2022). Karamoja Sub-region is most likely the home of our human ancestors given the fossil discovery paleontologists of the remains of **Uganda Pithecius Major**- a 20-million-year-old ancestor of present-day primates. While Karamoja is likely our human ancestral homeland, it is today the most vulnerable and the poorest sub-region of Uganda.

To foster peace and sustainable development in the sub-region, we are proposing to set up and build: **KARAMOJA PEACE AND TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY (KAPATU)**. The



founders of KAPATU strongly believe that working with all stakeholders, this is a project that is destined to trigger wealth creation; an integral human development for the people, the Sub-region of Karamoja and the Great Lakes Region and Africa in general.

**UNIVERSITY MOTTO:**

**Education is Wealth**

**VISION:**

To become a leading institution and Centre of excellence second to none; to be a proactive forward-thinking; inspirational higher educational institution of learning; dedicated to providing high quality transformational education; quality teaching; research; information processing; analysis; innovation; and service for society empowerment and transformation.

**MISSION:**

Guided by excellence and innovation to enhance and build capacities of professionals for peace education, conflict resolution, applied technology, creating multi-disciplinary approach, research, advocacy and disseminating knowledge and non-violent life skills in the Great Lakes Region, and the wider Horn of African Region; with a system of learning that enables, empowers, and allows each student to explore, achieve, and apply the best of their potential.

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:**

1. Drive and lead the process of providing quality transformational peace education in the region.
2. Provide quality transformational and inspiring education to produce practical skilled professionals to lead the process of socio-economic transformation and development of the Great Lakes Region.
3. Conduct research and build capacity of the youth, women and community leaders with knowledge, techniques, and practical skills to achieve positive social and economic transformation in their communities.
4. Develop knowledge and community-based peace- infrastructure to promote harmony, security, and stability in the region.
5. Develop appropriate technology to harness natural resources for wealth creation and integral human development.
6. Promote adoption of appropriate technology to supply clean water for agriculture, human and animal consumption, and mitigate the challenges caused by climate change.

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7. Train communities and set up pilot projects of large-scale scientific farming techniques to produce sufficient food for the population and turn Karamoja Sub-region into a world food basket.

### PROPOSED FACULTIES:

1. Faculty of Education and Peace Studies
2. Faculty of Nutrition, Nursing and Health Sciences.
3. Faculty of Mining and Minerals Technology.
4. Faculty of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Environmental Sciences.
5. Faculty of Computer Science, Engineering and Applied Technology.
6. Faculty of Business and Entrepreneurship.
7. Faculty of law.

#### I. FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND PEACE STUDIES:

At the heart of Karamoja Peace and Technology University (KAPATU) is the faculty of Education and Peace Studies which is the Centre of excellence for the transformation and inspirational education provided by the whole University. Education plays a critical role to bring about mindset and attitude change at the individual, communal, and society levels; having the right type of education in place is the basis for achieving the necessary and desired human-integral, and sustainable development. Education is the necessary catalyst for creation of a sustainable future for all. Accordingly, the Faculty of Education and Peace Studies at KAPATU is responsible and committed to achieving the desired holistic, transformational, and inspirational education. The faculty further, provides student and community leaders with the opportunity and means to explore questions of how to prevent violence, and war to achieve justice and peace for all.

Through research and experimentation, the faculty is responsible for generating education systems and models necessary for the development of the human person from **conception, birth, childhood, youth, adult, and elderly**, providing the necessary, relevant knowledge and practical skills for one's life-long- learning process.

The faculty is founded on the principle of the Government of Uganda which emphasizes "Education for all". The faculty, therefore, through research, and its programs focuses on education for all; no one is excluded from education. Consequently, the faculty is to develop and highlight an all-inclusive, gender-sensitive model of education. **Developing an innovative, dynamic, all-inclusive, gender-sensitive, non-violent, flexible model of education that is learner centered;**

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To support teaching and research, the strategy is to set up a first class and modern demonstration farm to provide hands on training to the students and the community. The farm is to comprise of the livestock pavilion-to be the most outstanding animal husbandry facility in the region.; the dairy unit; zero grazing units; piggery unit; goat unit; poultry unit; greenhouses, orchard, fishponds, pasture and agricultural demonstration plots.

## **V. FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY:**

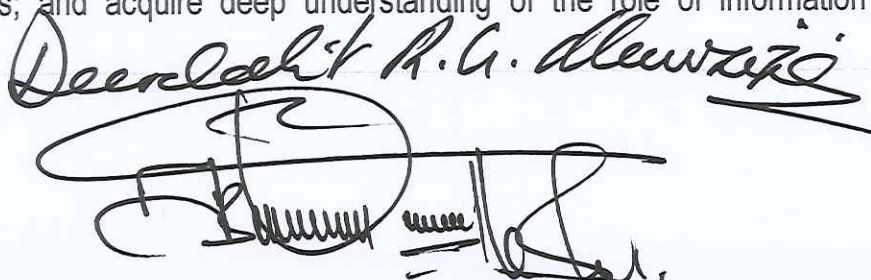
The 21<sup>st</sup> Century is a period in human history that is highly characterized by information technology (IT); Information communications Technology (ICT) and the Smart Phone. Technology underpins all facets of modern life and evolves at relentless speeds. The challenge is that rural communities and people with low incomes are at a risk of being marginalized and left behind by the current on-going global technological revolution.

Hence, the moral imperative and social responsibility to set up KARAMOJA PEACE AND TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY (KAPATU) with a dynamic and proactive faculty of Computer Science, Engineering, and Technology; with a research and teaching mandate to bridge the potential technological gap and digital divide by ensuring that computer services, laptops, smart phones, and relevant applied technology are accessible to rural people and communities at an affordable price.

The purpose of the faculty of Computer Science, Engineering and Applied Technology, therefore, is to educate the students to be able to participate actively in creating and applying contemporary knowledge and technological advances to make positive changes and positive transformation of African society; equipped with knowledge and skills to solve societal problems through practical, affordable, and sustainable, technological solutions.

The strategic objective of the faculty is to make computer science, engineering, and technology more relevant, transformational, and applicable to rural communities for the well-being of human beings and society.

The faculty, therefore, is to provide flexible and multi-disciplinary computer science. Undergraduate and graduate programs to develop effective and efficient Computer Science Professionals. Emphasis during study is to be placed on software engineering and programming; analysis design; implementation of algorithms; artificial intelligence and real time computing. Students are further to be equipped with knowledge and skills for the successful design and implementation of new technologies for organizations and communities; and acquire deep understanding of the role of information systems and

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technologies in both business and society. Students are enabled to acquire practical skills needed to create software, systems that resolve current and future challenges.

Since computers have become part and parcel of every aspect of modern life; the faculty is also to offer certificate programs targeting the youth, women, and community leaders to use computers, smart phones and information systems and technology to solve every day practical problems.

#### **VI. FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP:**

Karamoja Sub-region is geographically best positioned to become a business hub for the Great Lakes Region and the wider Horn of African Region. With a flourishing agricultural industry, mining industry and high-tech industries, Karamoja Sub-region is to become the Dubai of Africa; hence the need for a vibrant faculty of Business and Entrepreneurship at Karamoja Peace and Technology University to lead the way.

The faculty of Business and Entrepreneurship at KAPATU is to become the cornerstone of entrepreneurial Business development in the region; training businessmen and women; a new generation of African entrepreneurs committed and dedicated to the sustainable economic growth of the African continent.

Uganda is a developing economy and, therefore, the creation of entrepreneurial ventures that lead to self-employment and job creation is high on Uganda's development agenda. The faculty, therefore, is to be designed to provide the students of business studies with the basic framework for understanding the process of entrepreneurship and enabling them to develop an entrepreneurial mindset. The faculty of Business and Entrepreneurship of KAPATU, therefore, is to educate and prepare socially responsible business professionals and leaders with entrepreneurial mindset.

#### **VII. FACULTY OF LAW:**

Given the high level of lawlessness, instability and violence in the Great Lakes Region, there is need to develop the systems that support and promote the rule of law as a vehicle for peace and sustainable development.

The faculty of law will therefore have the mandate to do research, educate and train legal professionals with knowledge and practical skills to enhance justice for all as a condition precedent for security, peace and integral development in the Great Lakes region.

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### **ACTION PLAN AND TIMEFRAME:**

1. Application to URSB for reservation of the name: **On going.**
2. Application to Uganda National Council for Higher Education (UNCHE) for a University Letter of Interim Authority to establish and operate a Private University: **March 2023.**
3. Land acquisition and procurement: **On going.**
4. Concept development and architectural design for the required infrastructure: **Ongoing.**
5. Environmental Impact Assessment: **April 2023.**
6. Feasibility Study: **May to June 2023.**
7. Business plan. **July to August, 2023.**
8. Groundbreaking for construction and building of the infrastructure: **September, 2023.**
9. Identification and recruitment of the necessary human resource: **Ongoing.**
10. Research, publicity, and marketing: **Ongoing.**
11. Application to National Council of Higher Education (UNCHE) for a Provisional License to establish and operate a Private University: **August, 2024.**
12. Official launching of Karamoja Peace and Technology University (KAPATU): **January 2025.**
13. Soliciting student applications: **February to May 2025.**
14. Proposed start date for teaching: **August 2025 for the Academic year 2025/ 2026.**

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