



Rotary  |  MAKERERE  UNIVERSITY

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
PRESIDENT'S VISIT AND PEACE  
ACTIVATORS TRAINING REPORT**  
**SEPTEMBER 2022**



## RI PRESIDENTIAL VISIT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

No.	NAME	ROLE
1	PAG Fred Masadde- Chair	Chair
2	Prof. Grace K. Bantebya- Co-Chair	Co-Chair
3	DGND Anne Nkutu	Member
4	Prof. Sylvia A. Nanyonga Tamusuza	Member
5	Assoc. Prof. Helen Nambalirwa Nkabala	Member (Team Leader)
6	Dr. Samson Barigye	Member
7	Dr. Veneranda Mbabazi	Member
8	Dr. Dickson Kanakulya	Member

### OVERVIEW:

The Center hosted Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones on **2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022** together with our entourage. During the same period, the Center was also hosting the three-day (**2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> of September 2022**) regional Peace Activators Training.

While at Makerere, President Jennifer addressed the Makerere University community, Rotaractors, and Rotarians. She also attended and launched the East Africa Rotary Positive Peace Activators Training, and concluded with the official launch of the Rotary Peace Center. The Participants included; Rotarians, Rotaractors, University Administrators, members of the University Management, Staff members, and University in addition to the dignitaries from the Government and Civic Society.



## ACTIVITIES

### President's meeting with the members of the University Management.

President Jennifer Jones met with the University Management led by Mrs. Lorna Magara, Chairperson of Makerere University Council, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, the Vice Chancellor, Makerere University, and the Makerere University community.

During her address, President Jennifer Jones appreciated Makerere University for the warm welcome and the Peace Fellows for their distinguished actions towards education, engineering, leadership, and health science to make a difference not only on the African continent but the entire planet. She also reinstated how peace is not



the absence of war but the absence of want, like the want for clean water, the want for health and security; food insecurity, averting climate change, and handling the refugee crisis in the region. President Jennifer remarked








that her trip was an opportunity for her to learn and raise awareness of what Makerere University and the Peace Center are doing.

### Official opening and launching of the Makerere University Rotary Peace Center







The Rotary Peace Center was officially launched by the RI President, Ms. Jennifer Jones in presence of the Vice Chancellor of Makerere University, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe. During the launch, she unveiled a plaque at the Center and planted a Commemorative Peace tree.






## ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE RI PRESIDENT'S VISIT AND THE PEACE ACTIVATORS TRAINING.

-  Launching the Rotary Peace Center at Makerere University.
-  A modified parking space at the center.
-  Remodeled office space at the Center.
-  Increased publicity and awareness of the center.
-  All the 39 selected activators attended and successfully completed the training and were awarded certificates.
-  Makerere University was honored to host the first East Africa Rotary Positive Peace Activators' Training.
-  Planting of a Peace Commemorative Tree at the Center.

## WHAT WORKED WELL

-  Teamwork and extraordinary commitment from Center staff and other University Staff from other Makerere University Staff.
-  Successful Mobilization of the Makerere University Community and respective dignitaries.
-  Support from the Rotarians, Peace Jammers, and other stakeholders.
-  Increased Publicity and awareness of the Center.
-  Timely delivery of services, by the various Service providers.
-  Creation of a commemorative art piece that we hope can be used to raise funds for acquiring a mini-bus to support the Peace Fellows' field activities

## CHALLENGES

-  Only 52% of the budget was funded and the Center is still grappling with some unpaid costs resulting from the non-funded priorities and Adhoc, yet very important costs that had to be effected.
-  There was delayed access to funds and some services resulting from very stringent beauracratc processes.
-  Extra Charges by some service providers.

