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THE UNIVERSITY OF MAKENI (UNIMAK)

SIERRA LEONE

AUGUST, 2022 NEWSLETTER



Dear Partners and Friends,

The University of Makeni (Unimak) is extending its thanks and appreciation to both Academic and administrative staff for the successful completion of the 2021/22 academic year for both undergraduate and post graduate Programs.

This month, the University hosted a Post graduate retreat to reflect on the various programs since the establishment of the University.

We continue to promote quality education and serve as a significant player in the development and training of the Human Resource of Sierra Leone and beyond.

In everything we do we take into consideration the core values of the University; Teaching, Research and Community Engagement. We also put into practice new academic innovations. With the new technology trend, We can boast of having over Four virtual classes.

Appointments:

The following appointments have been made by the chancellor of the University Bishop Natalio Panganelli:

1. Dr. Saidu Kanu, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Food sciences
2. Dr. Rebecca Esliker, Dean, Faculty of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences
3. Justice Abdulai Charm, Dean, Faculty of Law and Humanities

❖ We welcome Prof. Francisca Olubunmi Adebukola George, Agriculture dept. - Visiting Professor from Abeokuta University

Important Announcement

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Staff and students of the Public Health Department benefit from a training of Trainers from Maastricht University on enabling Learning for Health Professionals.

In an effort to enable learning for health professionals in the sector, a six month-long face to face training of trainers has successfully begun and Unimak's Public health department benefited as both staff and some students had a great experience.

This six (6) month training is offered by Maastricht University in the Netherlands simply to enable Learning for Health Professionals who could in turn train others in the field.



Trainers and trainees of health Professionals training

Two institutions of Higher Learning discusses possibilities of affiliation with Unimak

The growth of the University of Makeni has impressed and attracted other institutions of higher learning and many are seeking an affiliation with the university.

This month of August, 2022, the Unimak admin was engaged by two institutions of higher learning, the Tonkolili district school of sciences at Masanga and the college of human resources development (Cohred) in Makeni to discuss possibilities of affiliation. The University is committed to spread its values and desire for quality higher Learning in Sierra Leone. So it will continue to assess other institutions and if there is need then they can be allowed to affiliate with Unimak.

The visiting team from unimak includes the director of academic affairs. Rev. fr. Dr. Gbamanja, registrar mr. Bangura, dean of post graduate studies, prof. Koroma and staff of the quality assurance and affiliation office.



Unimak admin pose for a picture with Cohred staff



Staff of School of sciences at masanga engaging unimak admin

Staff and Students given an Orientation on Mandela Fellowship application

Staff of the United States embassy in Sierra Leone together with Alumni of the U.S. Mandela Washington Fellowship engaged staff and students of UNIMAK in a rollout session in an effort to guide interested applicants on how to do a quality application that could afford them a placement for the 2023 Mandela Washington Fellowship.

The team was able to give tips and instructions to follow as they noted the process is very competitive because every year the program attracts a lot of applications around the world and most of the time only few people with quality applications are accepted.



Trainers and beneficiaries pose for a picture after Training



Training session took place at Unimak's Library



Participants of land rights training



chairman of session & dean, faculty of social sciences

Silnorf and Comnet engages Development studies and Mass Com Students on the Right to food

The Sierra Leone network on the right to food (Silnorf) in Collaboration with the community media network (comnet) engages development studies and mass communication students on land rights and food security consultation meeting, held at unimak's multipurpose hall. The meeting was able to highlight certain realities around the status of the country on food security, what steps to take in terms of policy development and policy actions that will guarantee food security in the many decades to come.

Students who attend the program are given the opportunity to contribute by asking questions and making suggestions on what they think can be done to solve the food crises situation our country.

VIVA Makeni ended summer camp at the Unimak Auditorium with performances of children from parishes and Communities around Makeni

Viva Makeni is a Spanish NGO working in partnership with the university of Makeni (unimak).

Every year viva Makeni organizes summer camps for children in various parishes and communities within and around Makeni city. The team from Spain spent over a week in Makeni city and unimak.

This year's camp was climax with performances from children who are beneficiaries. These kids exhibited their talents and arts at the unimak auditorium in Makeni.



SDF Graduates on rice transplantation

Skills Development Fund graduates put to practice skills learnt during their course of study at unimak. This is the first time the University of Makeni is implementing the sdf project with support from Ministry of Technical and Higher Education through the world Bank, which aims at giving training to young people interested in pursuing courses in the faculty of agriculture.



Unimak's Economics department engaged on a seminar organized by The Economic Association of Sierra Leone

The university's economics department attended a Brown bag Seminar as a Granger casualty test on the impact of Public debt on the Economic growth of sierra leone.

Representing the department are Dr. Musa Kamara and Dr. Charles Turay who expresses delight for being invited to such a very important platform of economic think tanks and experts.



San Pablo University in Partnership with Unimak concludes engagement on Land Management & Urban Planning

Urbanization and rural planning has been a call for concern in Sierra Leone, which has drawn the attention of so many institutions and organizations within and outside Sierra Leone.

In March 2022, a team from the San Pablo University in Spain in collaboration with the university of Makeni did a land urbanization survey in seven remote or less considered communities for proper urban planning. Workshops and engagement meetings have been held to put heads together on how to do a proper Urban plan for these seven communities at the Worreh Village, Gbanti chiefdom Northeast of Sierra Leone.

Luis Perea is a lecturer at the San Pablo university and the lead coordinator for the Urban Planning Project, he highlighted to participants and various communities the reason for such engagements and how will the project impact Society.



Publications:

The Peter Obi syndrome; what can Sierra Leone Learn by Shebora Samba Kamara

OBITUARY!!!



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The Unimak Family Mourns the death of Mr. Aloysius Max Benedict Kanu, Deputy Director of Finance, who died in July, 2022.

Pa. Kanu was very impactful throughout his period of service at The University of Makeni. He is loved and will be missed by Staff and Students of Unimak.

Rest well Pa. kanu

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