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RE: INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE AND REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP

The National Council for Higher Education is organizing a 3-day Conference to be held from the $16^{th}-18^{th}$ March 2020. The conference is aimed at providing University staff, students, research institutions and the public, an opportunity to disseminate their research findings. The Conference theme is on: "Higher Education and the Private Sector Engagement: Preparing Uganda's Human capital for the 4th Industrial Revolution".

The conference is one of the two activities of the "Higher Education Week" which precedes the 12th Higher Education Exhibition scheduled for 19th to 21st March 2020, at the Lugogo UMA Showground.

The Conference is expected to draw participants from Higher Education Institutions, Graduate students, Research and Innovation Institutions, Government Ministry, Departments and Agencies, National and Regional Agencies associated with Higher Education, organizations and the Public.

We have identified your company as a key stakeholder and thus extend an invitation for you to participate in both the Conference and Exhibition. We request for your financial support or any form of assistance towards the Conference.

Please find attached, copy of the Conference Concept with the budget for your attention. We look forward to your positive consideration. For further details, please contact the following: **Dr. Robert Ayine** on; Email: rayine@unche.or.ug, Tel: +256782266929 or Mr. Dennis Omvia Kaggwa on Email: domvia@unche.or.ug, Tel: +256752-755276.

We thank you in anticipation for your support. 251/20.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

THE 12th HIGHER EDUCATION EXHIBITION and 2nd ANNUAL HIGHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Concept Paper

1. Background:

National Council for Higher Education (NCHE), the Regulatory Agency of Higher Education Training in Uganda, plans to host its 12th Higher Education Exhibition from 19th March 2020 to 21st March 2020, at Lugogo Showground in Kampala, Uganda. The annual Exhibition, offers an opportunity for Universities and Other Higher Education Training Institutions, to showcase what they do and market themselves through a one-stop center. Preceding the Exhibition, NCHE shall hold a 3-day Conference aimed at providing University staff, students, research institutions and the public, an opportunity to disseminate their research findings. The Conference shall have an editorial team made up of established scholars who will vet papers received and the manuscripts for publication.

The Conference shall adopt an approach of plenary presentation by key note speakers and discussions. The high level discourse will be followed by papers presentations scientific papers and research findings in parallel sessions organized along thematic areas.

The Conference Main Theme is; "Higher Education and the Private Sector Engagement: Preparing Human Resource for the 4th Industrial Revolution".

Higher Education Institutions should be seen to and indeed make contribution to the advancement and development of societies. Education plays a huge role in empowering societies and changing attitudes and perceptions that hitherto were detrimental to development. Therefore, for Higher Education to continue to be relevant, there is need to underpinned the teaching and learning strategies that will help create well-educated and socially conscious citizens who are equipped with skills and competences to unlock potentials and become drivers of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR).

The 4IR is creating overarching conditions that have important implications for our HEIs: in teaching, research and contribution to the economy, employment and society. This requires a deliberate leveraging and repositioning of our universities to optimize their role in reconstructing Uganda's future and the associated development and employment landscape in the private sector. The link therefore between the Higher Education and the Private Sector does not need to be re-echoed. Lots of models and theories have been developed focusing on how the private sector and Higher Education Institution should be working in tandem in a symbiotic relation where they complement each other. Whereas the HEIs produce the requisite Human Resource for the Private



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Sector, it's prudent to note that the Private Sector should inform the programmes of study in HEIs in terms of the competences desired of the HEIs products.

Increasingly today, the most sought-after 4IR skills with high employment prospects are in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Qualifications in Basic Sciences (Biomedical, Life Sciences and Industrial Sciences), Technology with emphasizes on recreating space, data science and geoinformatics, engineering and mathematical sciences are transforming the knowledge industry and thus HEIs should keep pace with such trends and development.

To this end therefore. substantial changes with a huge capital investment to the science and technology curriculum, infrastructure and teaching skills to support this new paradigm will be required to allow for students to develop capacity in the rapidly emerging areas of genomics, data science, AI, robotics and nanomaterials. Such a 4IR STEM curriculum would reconsider the curriculum within the traditional "primary" sciences—biology, chemistry and physics—and place a higher premium for training in computer science subjects as a form of 4IR literacy.

For this to happen and remain relevant, HEIs must embrace the relationship with the private sector and the world of work. The collaboration with the Private sector towards the development and implementing of strategies for human capital development priorities for sustainable economic development through HEIs is critical. HEIs and the Private Sector have over whelming responsibility for human capital development to ensure a skilled labour force that is critical for production and as a driver of the economy.

The Conference theme is derived from Sustainable Development Goal 9 which focuses on to "Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable Industrialization and foster innovation" For this to be possible, there is need to emphasize science, technology and innovation. The conference therefore will seek to advance knowledge and research in the areas of science, technology and innovation among others.

The thematic areas for the presentations shall include the following:

- a) STEM Teaching and Training to enhanced learning
- b) Life and Health Sciences
- c) Artificial Intelligence in Education
- d) Industry and Academe relationship
- e) Technology and Innovations in Engineering
- f) Technology and Climate Change resilience
- 2. Purpose of the conference

The purpose of the conference is to: -





- a) Stimulate ideas and information exchange among scholars, researchers and the public.
- b) Provide a platform for dissemination of scientific and academic research papers and findings.
- c) Enable researchers and students refine their research finding through constructive feedback during the sessions.
- d) Offer and an opportunity to scholars, researchers and the public to learn from each other and improve their knowledge about a particular field.
- e) Create an environment for Universities, Researchers, scholars, research institutions and different groups of persons to meet and deliberate on the various scholarly thematic areas.
- f) To provide an avenue for Universities and Higher Education Institutions in Uganda and the Region to showcase their programmes, innovations to stakeholders and the general public.

3. Category of Participants

The participants for the Conference shall include;

- a) The Private Sector
- b) The Industry
- c) University and Higher Education Institutions
- d) Graduate students
- e) Research Institutions and organizations
- f) Institutions and agencies associated with Higher Education.
- g) Innovation centers and organizations
- h) Sister agencies
- i) The public

4. Schedule of the conference

The conference shall be held for three (3) days from 16th March 2020 - 18th March 2020.

5. Conference budget

The Conference is a heavy undertaking, which require financial support. NCHE has allocated some seed funds of UGX 70 Million for the activity. As outlined below.

The conference Team intends to mobilize resources from sponsors for the activity to cover up for the deficit in the budget.

No.	Item	Unit cost	Qty.	Days	Amount (UGX)
1	Venue	1,500,000	1	3	4,500,000
2	Public Address System	600,000	2	3	3,600,000





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4	Adverts	5,000,000	1	1	5,000,000
5	TV Talk Show	15,000,000	1	1	15,000,000
6	Banners	600,000	2	1	1,200,000
7	Guest Speaker	1,500,000	1	1	1,500,000
8	Keynote Speakers	300,000	10	1	3,000,000
8	Stationery	3,000,000	1	1	3,000,000
10	Journalists	3,500,000	1	1	3,500,000
11	T-shirts	50,000	50	1	2,500,000
12	Production of Proceedings/Materials	25,000,000	1	1	25,000,000
13	Planning Meetings (Internal)	100,000	1	15	1,500,000
14	Planning Meetings (External)	500,000	3	6	9,000,000
15	Meals	50,000	150	3	22,500,000
16	Tea/Coffee	12,000	150	3	5,400,000
17	Water	160,000	1	3	480,000
18	Cocktail	6,500,000	1	1	6,500,000
19	Editorial Team	20,000,000	1	1	20,000,000
19	Contingency (airtime, transport refunds etc.)	4,700,000	1	1	4,700,000
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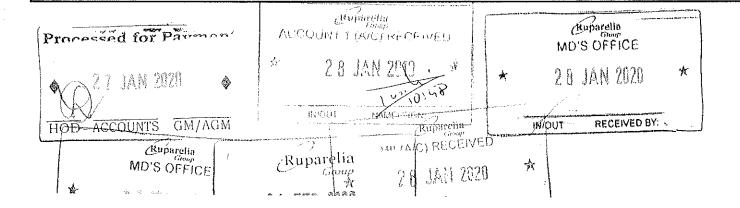
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