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11 Universities to benefit from annual NSSF–Monitor career development drive

KAMPALA, March 6 2018:- The annual NSSF - Monitor Career Expo, expected to benefit over 10,000 university students in 11 universities across the country, has kicked off today at the Makerere University Business School with an objective of empowering students with the right knowledge and skills to start and sustain profitable careers.

It will take place from 6th March to 12 April in Makerere University Business School, Makerere University, Kyambogo University, Kampala International University, Nkumba University, Ndejje University, Mutesa I University, Uganda Martyrs Nkozi, Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Islamic University in Uganda Gulu University.

Speaking at the opening of the expo, Richard Byarugaba, NSSF Managing Director said, “Through this initiative, students will have an opportunity to explore different career options, gain practical knowledge on how to sustain those careers and how to save in their professional lives.”

Topics for discussion will include;

- Jobs of the future and taking the right path
- Enterprise development
- Finding your place in the crowd,
- Building a strong career foundation and how to work your way to the top
- Building a personal brand
- How to prepare for a job interview
- Internship opportunities and job placements

Tony Glencross, the Monitor Publications Limited Managing Director said that they will continue to mobilise students and promote the initiative on their platforms including profiling the guest speakers in order to reach more students especially those whose universities are not beneficiaries this year.

The topics will be delivered by a stellar line up of guest speakers that include seasoned entrepreneurs, human resource consultants as well as professionals from reputable organizations.

Students will also have an opportunity to register for NSSF as they prepare to enter the job market, as well as benefit from the KCCA Employment Services Bureau where students have an opportunity to further develop their entrepreneurial and employment skills basing on knowledge acquired during the expo.

In the past, NSSF has reached out to more than 40,000 university students since it started the initiative in 2012.

Byarugaba said that the expo is part of the Fund's corporate social investment agenda focusing on the Youth.

"The youth, especially university students, form a significant section of potential NSSF membership and that's why we organize such empowerment initiatives to help them make informed career decisions, join a reputable pension scheme to start saving for retirement as they prepare for life after university and finally life during retirement," he said.

ABOUT NSSF

The National Social Security Fund (NSSF) is a National Saving Scheme mandated by Government through the National Social Security Fund Act, Cap 222 (Laws of Uganda) to provide social security services to employees. NSSF Uganda is a Provident Fund and covers employees in the private sector.

The Fund is a contributory scheme and is funded by contributions from employees and employers of 5% and 10% respectively of the employee's gross monthly wage.

Since 2012, the Fund is regulated by the Uganda Retirement Benefits Regulatory Authority while Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development is responsible for policy oversight.

The Fund manages assets worth over UGX 7.9 trillion invested in Fixed Income, Equities and Real Estate assets within the East Africa region.

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