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## **NSSF – Monitor Expo to equip university students with financial literacy during career expo**

**Kampala: March 3, 2020:** - The National Social Security Fund (NSSF) in partnership with Daily Monitor have today kicked off a month-long career expo for university students countrywide. The expo, now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year, is intended to prepare students for the workplace, equipping them with skills and knowledge to increase their employability.

Addressing media at the launch of the expo at Makerere University Business School, NSSF Managing Director, Richard Byarugaba said that this year's expo will focus on entrepreneurship and financial literacy to prepare them to be financially independent.

Under Financial literacy, students will obtain knowledge on Personal finance management with topics that include *Debt Management, Positioning oneself for higher Pay, and Habits of the financially intelligent.*

“This is in line with the NSSF’s overall Financial literacy program, where we offer professional financial and investment advice to our members to enable them make better decisions when they get their retirement funds. We have therefore tailored the program to be relevant to university students during the expo.” Byarugaba said.

Other topics for discussion at the expo will include Self-start ups, a session on Today’s job market and career advice from the best employers in the country.

The Expo will be held in 11 universities countrywide at Makerere University Business School, Kyambogo University, Makerere University, Ndejje University, Nkumba University, YMCA, Uganda Martyrs University Nkozi, IUIU, Gulu University Mutesa 1 University and Bishop Stuart University.

The Nation Media Uganda Managing Director, Tony Glencross said, “The expo gives us an opportunity as media to bring to life the career advice we give weekly through our Friday paper. Through this platform, we are able to have an interactive session with our readers, especially the university students, to prepare them for the job market and life after university.”

Speakers lined up for the interaction with the students include financial literacy experts, employers from top organizations, and proprietors of successful local investments.

Over 10,000 university students are expected to attend the expo countrywide this year.

#### **ABOUT NSSF**

*The National Social Security Fund Uganda is a multi-trillion Fund mandated by Government through the NSSF Act, Cap 222 (Laws of Uganda) to provide social security services to employees in the private sector.*

*NSSF is the most profitable, trustworthy, efficient, secure, innovative and dynamic social security provider that guarantees safety, security and a competitive return on members' savings, delivering an annual return of investment of over 2% above the 10-year inflation average.*

*The Fund manages assets worth over UGX 12.5 trillion invested in Fixed Income, Equities and Real Estate assets within the East Africa region. As the largest Fund in East Africa by value, we have the ambitious goal of growing our Assets Under Management to 20 trillion by 2025.*

*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.*

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