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RAE ATTENDS 2ND RUFORUM TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

The Research and Education Agency (RAE) participated in the RUFORUM 2nd Triennial Conference which was held 12th - 16th August 2024, in the city of Windhoek, Namibia.

The event, themed "Operationalising Higher Agricultural Education and Research Ecosystems for Innovation, Industrialisation, and Economic Development in Africa: A Call for Action," brought together a diverse group of stakeholders including

researchers, policymakers, industry leaders, and students, to discuss critical issues facing African agriculture and Higher Education. The event provided an opportunity for strengthening collaborative arrangements for fostering Rural Transformation in Africa amongst a number of organizations including universities, research institutions, community-based organisations and development Agencies, amongst others. During the event RAE leadership engaged various leaders to design collaborative initiatives for joint undertakings to support rural transformation in Africa. In this regard, 36 institutions signed an MOU to facilitate collaborative undertakings with RAE serving as the facilitating unit for the joint undertakings.

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RAE facilitates Intra-Africa Academic Mobility teams meetings

As part of its resource mobilization efforts for promoting Rural Transformation in Africa, RAE facilitated regional review meetings for five successful Intra-Africa Academic Mobility teams, which enabled the teams to finalise recruitment of mobility students and other supporting instruments. This was in Namibia in August 2024



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Prof. Adipala Ekwamu**



About RAE

Founding: RAE evolved from efforts by Prof Adipala Ekwamu & Family initiated in 1980 to extend education to underserved rural areas in North-Eastern Uganda, specifically Kalaki and Kaberamaido districts. Efforts focused on building a Primary School (Opungure); Building a foundation block for a Mixed Secondary School (Kalaki) and a Foundation block for a Girls Secondary School (Lwala Girls). These schools were handed over to the Communities and have since then been taken over by the Government of Uganda

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Intra Africa Academic Mobility (CSAS) team meeting in Namibia

● RAE seeks to strengthen partnerships

During the RUFORUM Namibia Triennial Conference,, the RAE Executive Director and staff held meetings with a number of key stakeholders including the Honourable Dr Sombo Ayanne Safi Mukuna Marie-Therese, Minister of Education of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Hon Dr Itah Kandjii-Murangi, the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation of Namibia to discuss issues of basic, TVET and higher education in Africa.

At the conference, RAE participated in the exhibition where it profiled its engagement in helping Rural Youth access Education and Skill development. RAE on its part benefited from other exhibitors who profiled their activities too. As a result, RAE established partnership with some of the institutions and individuals in the area of basic Education and Skill development. The RUFORUM Triennial Conference provided an invaluable platform for RAE to connect with leading experts, policymakers, and industry stakeholders. RAE engaged in insightful discussions and the visitors expressed positive feedback on RAE work especially the focus on Skilling Youth through School Garden learning labs and efforts towards extending digital learning to rural schools and communities.

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