



First Lady Janet Museveni welcomed by councillors at Kyentama Primary School ground. PPU photo

First Lady applauds Makerere training

By Vision Reporter

First Lady Mrs. Janet Museveni has welcomed Makerere University's Skills, Production, and Enterprise Development Excellency (SPEDA) programme training model and prayed for its success in Ruhaama.

Mrs. Janet Museveni, who is the MP for Ruhaama and Minister for Karamoja Affairs, was addressing the people of Rukoni parish after attending a sensitisation meeting on the AFRISA-SPEDA training model by Makerere University academicians who she invited to her constituency to impart skills in production, value addition, job creation, employment, business development and sustainable marketing to the people for wealth creation in their families and social development.

The sensitisation meeting was held at Kyentama Primary School ground in Rukoni parish, Rukoni West sub-county on Saturday.

Mrs. Museveni said the AFRISA-SPEDA training programme for Ruhaama will start from Rukoni parish whose people have exhibited hard work in production activities and it will thereafter spread to other areas. The people of Rukoni parish grow matooke on a large scale.

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BETWEEN THE LINES:

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Mrs. Museveni implored the youth who still spend all their time playing pool or drinking alcohol to enrol for the training programme and join the crusade of wealth creation at household level and prosperity for all, saying that even if one concentrated on an enterprises like banana growing, he could generate income.

The First Lady criticised Africans for failing to utilise the abundant land and favourable weather and instead being fond of always waiting for aid from elsewhere. She said even God said that one has to eat from one's sweat.

Mrs. Museveni said the SPEDA training is an investment that will benefit even their offspring and encouraged the people

in partnership with the Government to promote appropriate skills, technology and community service and is a platform for engaging the academia, community, the Government and private sector as partners in development.

Prof. David Kabasa, the principal of the College of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Resource and Biosecurity, explained that AFRISA's major function is community transformation and business development, saying that after the training, people will have skills, grow in business, production and academically become change agents and also be awarded certificates as adjunct instructors.

Kabasa told the local people that on completion of the AFRISA-SPEDA training, a graduation ceremony that will be attended by dignitaries from the Government, Makerere University and elsewhere will be held and they will receive Makerere University certificates.

He emphasised that the SPEDA model of education needs the academia, community, public, private partnerships to succeed.

Bishop Joshua Lwere of the Pentecostal Churches of Uganda, one of the religious groups partnering with AFRISA to mobilise people to get out of poverty, said that the training model will cause transformation in the agriculture sector.

He reported that the Bunvoro Kingdom