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College Principals
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Dear Colleagues,

RE: RESUMPTION OF CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIONS IN ODeL PEDAGOGY

Hearty greetings from the University Management. Hoping you're keeping safe and family amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought unprecedented disruptions in our work schedule and way of doing work. To mitigate these disruptions, Makerere University adopted blended teaching and learning. At this juncture, permit me thank all staff who availed themselves for training/by the Institute of Open, Distance and eLearning (IODeL) in creation of emergency ODeL study materials. I also wish to thank staff who developed their courses and uploaded them on MUELE and indeed used this institutional environment for teaching and learning.

Blended learning enabled us to complete Semester II (2019/20) and Semester I (2020/21) teaching. No sooner had we completed conducting the first tranche of Semester I (2020/21) examinations than the COVID-19 situation worsened and a second lockdown was declared, leading to University closure before the second tranche of Semester I (2020/21) examinations could be conducted. This places an urgent need on us to find other ways of conducting authentic examinations amidst disruptions caused by COVID-19 pandemic and other vagaries.

Toward the close of 2020, my Office commissioned a study to establish the efficacy of the Emergency ODeL system that the University had deployed since October 2020. Among others, the study showed the need for further capacity development in *online module development, online facilitation and online assessment and examination.* It is upon these findings that the IODeL would like to resume staff capacity development efforts in the following modules:

1. Conducting online assessments and examinations using MUELE.
2. Effective online facilitation using interactive tools such as Jamboard, Menti, Zoom and BigBlue Button.
3. Development of instructionally sound online modules.

The first module (conducting online assessments and examinations using MUELE) will start on **Tuesday, 27th July 2021 from 9:00am to 12:00pm.** The IODeL will send out an electronic form for registration. You all encouraged to participate in these trainings aimed at making our University resilient and our academic work sustainable.

Yours Sincerely

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