

African Curriculum Organisation revived

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The First Lady and also Minister of Education and Sports, Mrs. Janet Museveni, has assured African curriculum developers, educators and researchers that Uganda is committed to ensuring that quality education is provided to all learners.

Mrs. Museveni said government's commitment to the realisation of the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030, the International Educational Agenda, the Skilling Uganda Strategic Plan 2012-2022, the Uganda Vision 2040 and other promulgations on education cannot be questioned.

She gave the assurance in a speech delivered on her behalf by the state minister for primary education, Rosemary Seninde, at an international conference on curriculum for sustainable learning at Imperial Golf View Hotel in Entebbe, Wakiso district. The conference opened on Monday and ends today.

She said the Government would continue to work with other partners on the continent in uplifting education standards.

She said the conference comes at a time when the country is undergoing curriculum reviews.

The minister stated that sustainable learning can only be achieved through rethinking and re-designing the curriculum.

"This, therefore, makes the initiative to re-establish African Curriculum Organisation (ACO) paramount," she said.

Over 150 curriculum experts, professionals and other scholars across the continent and beyond have graced the conference.

The conference was also used as a launchpad to revive ACO and to harmonise gaps in the curricula that impede African education systems from effectively addressing 21st century needs. ACO was formed in 1967, but collapsed in the 1970s. It was intended to promote and co-ordinate curriculum development, research and development of the new educational materials in the continent.

While meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in December last year, African curriculum directors resolved to revive ACO to support in harmonising gaps that exist in their education in order to meet the global education targets.

ACO has been renamed, "African Curriculum Organisation Initiative".