

THE THIRD PAN AFRICAN COMPETITIVENESS FORUM 1st -4th FEBRUARY 2011

The Innovation Systems And Clusters Program –Uganda (ISCP-U) of the Faculty of Technology, Makerere University in partnership with Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU), Government, Civil Society Organizations and Development Partners has organized the 3rdAnnual Pan African Competitiveness Forum scheduled to take place at Imperial Resort Beach Hotel Entebbe from 1st -4th February 2011.

Theme: “Innovative Cluster Initiatives as Tools for African Economic Development Business Clusters”

The Conference will facilitate a wide range of discussions and activities to provide a platform for exchange of knowledge and experience in enhancing competitiveness of enterprises. It will also assess the impact of innovative Cluster Initiatives as tools for African Economic Development.

Key note International speakers include:

- i. Dr. Amit Kapoor, Honorary Chair of the Institute for Competitiveness India and Professor of Strategy and Industrial Economics at MDI Gurgaon, India. Dr. Kapoor will address Key Strategies in Building a Competitive Economy for Developing Countries - Case Study of the Indian*
- ii. Mr. Iffor Ffowcs, Member Advisory Board at European Cluster Observatory, Member, Advisory Board at Pan African Competitiveness Forum and Member, Board of Advisors at the Competitiveness Institute. Mr. Iffor will present a paper on ‘A Competitiveness Check List’*
- iii. Mr. Nigel Gwynne Evans, Chief Director, Trade and Industrial Development, Cape Province South Africa who will discuss the pros and cons of Government as a Leader in Cluster Development as Opposed to Academia and Private Sector – Case Study of Cape Town Province*
- iv. Dr. Robert P Breault, International reorganized as one of the World's leading experts in the area of stray light analysis and suppression. He is one of the founding members of PACF and has been involved in its activities and promotion of cluster based initiatives in Africa. Dr. Breault will deliver a speech on ‘Innovative Cluster Initiatives as Potential Tools for African Economic Development and Competitiveness’*