

NMG, NSSF told to expand career expo

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Panel. Left to right: Prof Musa Moya, the dean of the Faculty of Computing and informatics at Mubs, NSSF managing director Richard Byarugaba, the Nation Media Group Uganda managing director, Mr Tony Glencross, and Ms Maureen Twongyeire, the Mubs career guidance manager, address students during the opening ceremony of the 8th NSSF-Monitor Universities Career Fair on March 04, 2019. PHOTO BY STEPHEN OTAGE

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Kampala. Mutesa I Royal University has asked Nation Media Group (NMG)Uganda and National Social Security Fund (NSSF), to involve other employers in the universities career expos as well as evaluate the impact of previous expos.

Speaking at the expo at their university yesterday, Prof Umar Ahmad, the vice chancellor, said the two companies are too few for the project and that they need to bring on board other employers including successful local businessmen to participate, speak and inspire students.

“This is a unique programme that only Monitor Publications Limited and NSSF are running. Buganda Kingdom has one with secondary schools and we would like to partner with the two companies so that we include their programme in our academic calendar. However, study the impact of these expos and share with us the findings because we do not have that budget,” he said.

Prof Ahmad said there is a mismatch between what universities teach and expectations by the employers because some courses are outdated. “We need engineers, doctors, lawyers who are able to think like the rest of the world in 2040. Bring oil companies, tycoons such as Godfrey Kirumira, BMK and Gordon Wavamunno to speak to these students because their success stories are worth listening to and we can give you a whole week,” he said.

Now in its 8th year, the annual universities career expo selects motivational speakers who visit universities to speak to students about career choices and entrepreneurship.

This year’s expo is registering positive feedback from previous participants of how they were empowered to open businesses, come up with innovations in agriculture and tourism.

Mr Moses Ssesanga, the NMG head of human resources, told the students: “The people who get jobs because they know people, are very few and lazy. Those who get the jobs, apply and they are given.”

Ms Barbara Teddy Arimi, the NSSF head of marketing and communication, told the students to develop a vision and values to guide their career path in the next five to 10 years.

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