

# THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY



21<sup>ST</sup> CONVOCATION

UGANDA

FEBRUARY 17, 2024

# **PROGRAMME**

*Global Ceremony*

**Academic Procession**

**Tilawat-e-Quran-e-Pak**

**Invocation**

**Welcome Address**

**Convocation Address**

**Valedictorian Address**

**University Awards of Distinction**

**Student Awards**

# **PROGRAMME**

*Country Ceremony*

**National Anthem**

**Address by the Chief Guest**

**Conferring of Degrees and Awarding of Diplomas**

*School of Nursing and Midwifery*

Diploma in General Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Midwifery

*Institute for Educational Development*

Master of Education

**Presentation of Student Awards**

**Academic Procession**

## GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT



Welcome to the Aga Khan University, a university dedicated to empowering people with the knowledge, skills and values to guide their own destinies, and to make their rightful contributions as members of a global community. From the mandate of its charter, to the reality of its people, programmes and sites, AKU is an international university, operating in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and the United Kingdom. An agency of the Aga Khan Development Network, the University has built over four decades a reputation for excellence in teaching, learning, research and health care delivery, and for catalyzing positive change. We are proud of the role our graduates play in improving institutions and quality of life around the world.

Our faculty and staff share in the pride of our graduates, as today we recognize your mastery of your field of study, which, at AKU, means mastery at an international standard. To the graduates and their families: this is a day of great celebration. We know that you have earned your degree through dedication, hard work and meritorious performance. Congratulations.

## **CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS**

# **SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY**

## **DIPLOMA IN GENERAL NURSING**

Adongo Ruth  
Akello Irene  
Apio Fionah  
Babyerabira Racheal  
Basirika Hajirah  
Chekwoti Stella  
Ecedita Winnie  
Ikiriza Napoleon  
Ikuma Anna Lucy  
Kunihira Ritah Anyeko  
Mirembe Gloria  
Nabawanuka Mary Gorret  
Nabukwasi Sophie  
Nabutuwa Mary  
Naigaga Gloria  
Nakaayi Loy  
Nakiwala Justine  
Namale Fatuma  
Namata Josephine Brenda  
Nanyunja Deborah  
Natugonza Erinora  
Nawati Samalie  
Ndagire Hellen  
Okwi Isaac Ogulo  
Oyella Lucy  
Shifah Ahmed  
Ssekaggo Geoffrey  
Wambette Phiona  
Wathum Emmanuel

# **SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY**

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Iranya John Bosco  
Kayemba Yahayah  
Kirabo Bagyenye Rosemary  
Magemeso Anthony  
Musema Innocent  
Mushaija Jonathan Kamanda  
Mwesige Julius Bornlucky  
Nabagereka Fauza  
Nakayima Ritah  
Nalugingi Hasifa  
Nalutaaya Lydia  
Namara Nancy  
Namubiru Lydia  
Onyolo Proscovia

# **SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY**

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MIDWIFERY**

Apio Eunice  
Atim Grace Tanga  
Atuzoore Agathur  
Kabasomi Sharon  
Nakamoga Melanie  
Nakayiza Deziranta  
Nakibuuka Teddy Najjumba  
Nakijoba Angella  
Nakiyaga Allen  
Nassaazi Angella  
Orishaba Catheline  
Twishime Gloria



# **UNIVERSITY AWARDS OF DISTINCTION**

## **AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Recognise individuals who have contributed constructively and consistently to the development of the University

Dr Fazal Hameed Khan  
*Medical College, Pakistan*

Dr Naila Kayani  
*Medical College, Pakistan*

Dr Dilshad Ashraf  
*Institute for Educational Development, Pakistan*

Dr Rubina Barolia  
*School of Nursing and Midwifery, Pakistan*

## **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING**

Recognise sustained excellence in teaching and teaching leadership at the University

Dr Saniya Raghil Sabzwari  
*Medical College, Pakistan*

Dr Eunice Siaity Pallangyo  
*School of Nursing and Midwifery, East Africa*

## **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH**

Recognise research achievements and contributions to the development of a strong research culture at the University

Dr Sajid Bashir Soofi  
*Medical College, Pakistan*

Dr Mohammad Asim Beg  
*Medical College, Pakistan*

# **UNIVERSITY AWARDS OF DISTINCTION**

## **INNOVATION IMPACT AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Recognise significant contributions to bring impactful change in the University

Dr Asad Latif  
*Medical College, Pakistan*

Dr Saba Hameed  
*President's Office*

# **UNIVERSITY CAREER RECOGNITIONS**

## **DISTINGUISHED UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR**

Recognise distinguished services rendered and outstanding contributions to the University

Dr William Maina Macharia  
*Medical College, East Africa*

## **PROFESSOR EMERITUS / PROFESSOR EMERITA**

Recognise distinguished services rendered and outstanding contributions to the University

Dr Farhat Moazam  
*Medical College, Pakistan*

Dr Ronald Wamalwa Wasike  
*Medical College, East Africa*

# UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Mr Zakir Mahmood, Chairman**

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*EVP Health Affairs, Wake Forest University*

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*Senior Partner, Vellani & Vellani*

**Dr Sulaiman Shahabuddin**

*President and CEO, Aga Khan University*

## **GREETINGS FROM ALUMNI AFFAIRS**

Congratulations on your graduation and for completing a challenging journey embarked upon years ago.

Although your days as a student at AKU may officially be over, you will always remain a valued member of the AKU family.

At this landmark 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convocation, we welcome you as a member of the Aga Khan University Alumni Association. Its membership includes all graduates of AKU, who are making an impact in more than 50 countries around the world. As an alumnus/alumna you will benefit from this extraordinary community of AKU alumni that will provide lasting friendships, and opportunities for professional and social networking.

The Office of Alumni Affairs looks forward to staying in touch as you embark on this exciting new journey. Working closely with alumni, we organise a rich variety of programmes, activities, and reunions for our alumni community.

We also keep you updated through diverse communications, including the AKU alumni webpages ([www.aku.edu/alumni](http://www.aku.edu/alumni)) and through social media, where you can follow news from your campus. We encourage you to create a LinkedIn profile which will help you to expand your professional links with AKU and with your fellow alumni.

AKU benefits enormously from the continuous involvement of its alumni. Many are faculty and staff, others are volunteers, mentors, and donors, who share their expertise, advice and support to advance the mission of their alma mater.

Today, as you join a community of inspiring and outstanding alumni, we know that you, in your own way, will make an impact and carry forward the mission and values of AKU.

Congratulations, once again!

To reach us anytime, please email us at [alumni@aku.edu](mailto:alumni@aku.edu).

# THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

The Aga Khan University is a pioneering institution of higher education, research and health care delivery that works to improve quality of life in Asia, Africa and beyond. We educate leaders, generate life-saving knowledge and set an example that raises standards in the societies in which we work. We empower women, serve the disadvantaged, enhance appreciation of pluralism and partner with renowned organizations and the public sector to address problems that affect millions of people.

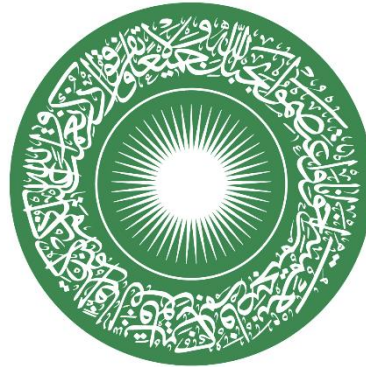
A not-for-profit institution, AKU was founded in 1983 by its Chancellor, His Highness the Aga Khan, who charged it with “preparing men and women to play constructive, worthwhile and responsible roles in society” and with “setting the highest standards possible, whether in teaching, in research or in service.”

AKU began life as a health-sciences university. With Schools of Nursing and Midwifery, Medical Colleges and an array of health-focused research centres, it has been ranked among the world’s leading universities in several fields of medicine, and has had a transformative impact on the nursing profession. Having expanded substantially both geographically and academically since its founding, the University is now also well-known for its efforts to improve primary and secondary education through its Institutes for Educational Development and the AKU Examination Board; for the scholarly excellence of its Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations in London; and for the journalists and media leaders educated by the Graduate School of Media and Communications in Nairobi. Its newest academic entity, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences in Karachi, offers a multidisciplinary undergraduate education in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences.

Research at AKU focuses on pressing issues facing low-income countries and is frequently published in leading journals. The Aga Khan University Hospitals are among the largest private health care providers in East Africa and Pakistan, caring for more than 2 million patients annually, many of whom earn only a few dollars a day. The University has been the first to achieve numerous international accreditations in the countries in which it operates.

With the graduation of the Class of 2023, AKU has awarded nearly 20,000 degrees, diplomas and postgraduate medical certificates since inception. Our alumni go on to make a difference in their home countries and to study and work at eminent institutions around the world. We are deeply proud of our graduates, who inspire us to continue striving to fulfill our Chancellor’s vision of a university “on the frontiers of scientific and humanistic knowledge, radiating intelligence and confidence, research and graduates, into flourishing economies and progressive legal and political systems.”

# THE UNIVERSITY SEAL



The Seal of Aga Khan University is a visual representation of the principles inherent in the founding of the University.

The circular form of the Seal, with its different levels of imagery contained in concentric circles, has its visual roots in the rosettes of early Islamic periods.

The circle also symbolises the world and reflects the internationality of Aga Khan University. At the centre of the Seal is a star, or sun. Light is a universal symbol for the enlightenment that education provides. The light emanating from the star is also symbolic of Nur (Divine light).

The star incorporates 49 points to commemorate the University's founding by His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan, the 49th Imam of the Shia Imami Ismaili Muslims.

The outer ring circumscribes a Qur'anic Ayat (3:103) rendered in classic Thuluth script and reads as follows:

*And hold fast,  
All together, by the rope  
Which God (stretches out for you),  
And be not divided among yourselves,  
And remember with gratitude  
God's favour on you:  
For ye were enemies  
And He joined your hearts  
In love, so that by His grace,  
Ye became brethren*

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

Aga Khan University's academic regalia is a unique interpretation of the traditional academic cap, gown and hood. The University's head gear and gowns are called the Jamiapoash. This term is derived from the Arabic *jamia*, meaning 'institution of higher learning', and the Persian *poash*, meaning 'apparel'. The Jamiapoash comprises a Khila'at, meaning 'robe of honour' in Arabic and a Sirpoash, meaning 'headwear' in Persian.

The Khila'at is the outer robe, very much like a *qabaa* or *jubba*, worn in many countries of the Middle East and North Africa, or a *chugha*, worn in parts of Pakistan and India. It is an unpleated, unflared, calf-length overgarment, with bell-shaped short sleeves, which can be closed at the front if desired.

The Sirpoash brings together a turban and a *kulah*, the two most distinctive forms of headwear worn historically throughout the Islamic world, with a tassel on the right.

The Jamiapoash has been designed to symbolise the identity of the University. The basic colours of green and white have been derived from the official seal of the University while the decorative elements have been taken from the calligraphy, motifs and designs used in the architecture and interior design of the institution.

Distinctive motifs have been embroidered along the front of the Khila'at, on the arms and cuffs, and on the back using different colours on a variety of backgrounds. Their arrangement serves to identify the ranks of members of the University such as the graduands, members of faculty, members of the Board of Trustees, the Chief Guest and the Chancellor.

Graduate and undergraduate gowns have a six-centimetre braid bearing a green motif on a white background with heavy gold lines on either side of the braid running along the face, back collar and continuing around the base of the gown and cuffs. Each arm bears a vertical green motif on a white background trimmed in gold. The Master's gown is distinguished from the Bachelor's gown by adding a second set of heavy gold lines; the Doctoral gowns have a third set of gold lines that run along facing, back collar and the base of the tunic and cuffs. Diploma graduands wear a green tunic with a white fabric trim. The robes of the members of faculty have an additional braid in gold along the front and on the cuffs, with a gold motif on the arms and at the back. The Board of Trustees' gown has a second gold band on the front and on the cuffs alongside the decorations of the faculty dress. The Chief Guest's robe is distinguished by very elaborate gold embroidery on a teak brown background. The Chancellor's gown is unique in its gold embroidery on a white robe.

The colour coding of the Sirpoash for each rank follows the colour combination of the Khila'at and its embroidery, with the higher ranks being distinguished by gold bands. The regalia is worn during Convocation, graduation and other formal and ceremonial occasions.



## UGANDA NATIONAL ANTHEM

Oh Uganda! May God uphold thee,  
We lay our future in thy hand.  
United, free,  
For liberty  
Together we'll always stand.

Oh Uganda! The land of freedom.  
Our love and labour we give,  
And with neighbours all  
At our country's call  
In peace and friendship we'll live.

Oh Uganda! the land that feeds us  
By sun and fertile soil grown.  
For our own dear land,  
We'll always stand,  
The Pearl of Africa's Crown.

## EAST AFRICA COMMUNITY ANTHEM

### *Chorus*

*Jumuiya Yetu sote tuilinde  
Tuwajibike tuimarike  
Umoja wetu ni nguzo yetu  
Idumu Jumuiya yetu.*

Ee Mungu twaomba ulinde  
Jumuiya Afrika Mashariki  
Tuwezeshe kuishi kwa amani  
Tutimize na malengo yetu.

Uzalendo pia mshikamano  
Viwe msingi wa Umoja wetu  
Natulinde Uhuru na Amani  
Mila zetu na desturi zetu.

Viwandani na hata mashambani  
Tufanye kazi sote kwa makini  
Tujitoe kwa hali na mali  
Tuijenge Jumuiya bora.

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