



**Graduation Ceremony 2010**  
**Master's Programme Land Management and Land Tenure**  
**Academic Years 2008 - 2010**  
**March 22nd 2010, 10.00hrs**

Speech by MSc Samuel Mabikke on behalf of the graduates

Dear Prof.Dr. Uwe Stilla,

Dear Prof.Dr. Holger Magel,

Dear Mr. Senator Gerhard Hess

Distinguished Guests

Fellow Graduates, Ladies and Gentlemen, good morning

I feel honored and privileged to be giving a speech on behalf of fellow graduates, I therefore, would like to extend warm welcome to each one of you for accepting to grace this function amidst your very busy schedule.

Today, we are extremely honored to sit in front of you as successful Professionals who have qualified for this prestigious Master of Science in Land Management and Land Tenure.

***Quote: Johann Sebastian Bach once said....***

*"I was made to work. If you are equally industrious, you will be equally successful."* Our 18 months of our Program required us to work very hard and that's one of the reason we can celebrate our success today. We could never have made this success without the support from various people and institutions.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,** we are extremely grateful to all our sponsors, namely

- TUM and our Faculty of Civil Engineering and Geodesy
- All our distinguished Lecturers and Staffs of the Chair of Land Management headed by O.Univ.Prof.Dr.-Ing. Holger Magel
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- Hanns Seidel Foundation
- Mr. Senator E.h. Gerhard Hess
- To the Bavarian Construction Industry Association

- And to other persons and institutions who support the programme in so many different ways for without their support, we would not be able to successful pursue this Master's program.

**Dear Guests,** our life in Germany has exposed us to a lot of opportunities, experiences and memorable stories to tell. We have been presented with skills as Professional Land Managers who will soon disperse to our respective countries to embark on new tasks.

**Ladies and gentlemen,** every country (developing and developed) requires Land Management and land development because humankind and land relationship lies at the core of the struggle for sustainable development.

We are proud to be products from the prestigious Technical University of Munich (TUM), we shall always be excellent ambassadors of Bavaria, Munich and TUM.

Besides academics, the international nature of this program has exposed us to the diversity of working in a multi-cultural environment. As you may already be aware, our masters' team comes from over 10 countries, with a wealth of professional experiences, Fellow graduates, you all agree with me that this program offered us the opportunity to interact and learnt from each other greatly. We hope this friendship will continue forever.

**Life in Germany** was great experience. Many of us first saw snow and learnt a bit of German from here, the Bavarian life style was extremely memorable, not forgetting the famous Oktoberfest, German food and culture.

In Uganda, we have a Proverb that says "*before you travel, you always praise your mama as the best cook...*" with this international exposure, we can confidently say that there are so many better cooks.

We would extend our thanks to Dr. Stumpf and all other lectures for all the wonderful field excursions we had. These excursions helped us to greatly understand and appreciate the beauty of our program. We also had the opportunity to see other places outside Munich.

We are also grateful to Dr. & Mrs. Zülsdorf for the warm reception they gave us at their home. We can also never forget the trip we had to Chimsee and in the mountains, thank you very much Mr. Senator Hess.

**Ladies and Gentlemen**, words cannot adequately express how grateful we are to be able to stand in front of you, with different “shapes of heads and gowns”,

I would like to end my speech by thanking every one of you and all those I have not mentioned for contributing to our success. We shall always continue to learn from you, *because learning is a process that can only end with death.*

**Thank you**