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## **PRESS RELEASE**

Uganda Electricity Generation Company Limited (UEGCL) has partnered with Makerere University's College of Engineering, Design, Art and Technology (CEDAT) to develop joint programs aimed at creating knowledge and skills in several education and training programs. The partnership will also promote close cooperation between the parties with regard to research & development.

This will be achieved through the delivery of joint short, medium and long term projects in appropriate skills development and training programs relevant to the identified needs of both parties. Operationalization of the partnership will take the form of promotion of students' field attachment, support and promotion of studies in specialised fields in the energy sector, synergy in policy formulation and corroboration in corporate social responsibility activities among others.

"We are confident this partnership will buttress one of our major aspirations to capacity development in the energy sector which is the establishment of the Hydropower Training and Vocational Centre (HTVC)," Said Dr. Eng. Harrison E. MUTIKANGA, UEGCL Chief Executive Officer. "Through the exchange of trainers, trainees, design of curriculum, and related activities, this shall be realised sooner rather than later," He added.

"As a research based university, this MoU with UEGCL gives us the opportunity to undertake research of the most pressing challenges in the energy sector," said Dr. Henry ALINAITWE, the Principal CEDAT, adding, "CEDAT was recently designated the East African Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency. This centre will help address one of the key objectives of this MoU which is to support the establishment of the Hydropower Training and Vocational Centre (HTVC) to address emerging learning needs of both parties and the Country in the energy field".

The training partnership is expected to start in August 2017.

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### **NOTE to the EDITOR**

- 1. UEGCL** is the government implementing agency for the flagship hydro-power projects of Karuma (600MW) and Isimba (183MW). These two projects, now over 50 per cent complete, are scheduled for commissioning in 2019 and 2018 respectively. Others in line of development include Ayago (840MW), Muzizi (44.7 MW) and Nyagak III (5.5 MW). UEGCL is also currently in the process of securing funding for feasibility studies to develop other small hydros across the country at Okulacere (6.5MW), Latoro (4.2MW), Agbinika (2MW) and Maziba (1MW).
- 2. (MakCEDAT)**, was formed from a merger of two academic units: Faculty of Technology (FOT) and Margaret Trowell School of Industrial and Fine Arts (MTSIFA). This academic cooperation springs from the practical-based teaching and learning methods in FOT and MTSIFA which emphasize creativity and innovation aimed at solving societal problems. It's mission is "To undertake high quality research relevant to the region's and global development needs and consequently produce highly qualified graduates with specialised skills but equipped with holistic knowledge, as well as professional services and innovation for sustainable national and regional development."

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