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ABOUT US

The African Institute for Mineral, Petroleum and Energy Resources (AIMPER) is a semi-autonomous institute affiliated to the Uganda Pentecostal University (UPU) with a vision to become an icon of excellence in education and research in the Mineral, Petroleum and Energy sector in Africa.

The affiliation was established by a University Senate resolution in January 2013. AIMPER constitutes of 23 highly trained multi-disciplinary professionals with competencies in Economics, Law, Environment and Energy Sciences.

The organization exists to engender education, training and research in natural resource exploitation and management; and to create a cadre of dynamic graduates who will lead, drive and transform a largely infant Mineral, Petroleum and Energy sector in Sub-Saharan Africa.
ABOUT UGANDA PENTECOSTAL UNIVERSITY

Uganda Pentecostal University (UPU) was licensed by the National Council for Higher Education in partnership with the United Pentecostal Churches International of Uganda. UPU started in 2005 with its main campus in Fort Portal, Kabarole District, Western Uganda and another campus in Kampala.

Realizing the need for education in the fields of energy, UPU delegated the Africa Institute for Minerals, Petroleum and Energy Resources (AIMPER) to set up a regional center of excellence for training minerals, petroleum and energy related disciplines. The courses will be held in the different countries in East Africa.

The University has good instructional facilities and is in the process of creating working relationships with other universities around the world that have key competencies in Energy Studies.
Mission

To become an icon of excellence in mineral, petroleum and energy studies and to become the one-stop research Centre for mineral, petroleum and energy needs of Africa.

Goals

- Operate as a Centre of excellence for education, by providing a professional service that interconnects globally with regional constituents.

- To provide education on the mineral, petroleum and energy sector that responds to the needs of legislature, public agencies and business civic groups.

- To fulfil the need for trained manpower in the development activities in the mineral, petroleum and energy sector.

- To empower the youth in Sub-Saharan Africa with knowledge and skills in the mineral, petroleum and energy sector, and improve their participation in their economies.

- To influence mineral, petroleum and energy policies in the Sub-Saharan Africa as well as Africa in general.

- To contribute to the elimination of poverty in resource rich countries in Africa through effective research and advisory services.
Courses

AIMPER’s initial focus is on the extractive and management aspects of the mineral, petroleum and energy sector. The Institution however intends to expand and look at general energy programs focusing on energy security and regulation issues; as well as provide programs on other relevant resources such as water. AIMPER aims at being a research hub and a one stop Centre for energy ideas in Africa for governments, scholars and companies alike. The institution’s training program will focus on these five broad areas in the Mineral, Petroleum and Energy sector;

1. The Legal and Policy Framework to create and support a successful Extractive Industry
2. Fiscal Regimes in the Extractive Industry paying keen attention to benefit to country and company.
3. Effective Revenue Management in the Extractive Industry
4. Public Policy and Environment Management
5. Geology and Energy Sciences

The following is a list of AIMPER’s diploma and certifictae courses. The long-run objective is to develop these courses into Undergraduate and Post-Graduate Degree Programmes, following institutional capacity building.
1.1. Diploma in International Energy Law and Policy:

The intended aim of this Course is to introduce students to international fiscal policy issues related to the extractive industries with a strong focus on Petroleum resources extraction. The course introduces students to different types of contracts/fiscal arrangements used in the extractive industry.

1.2. Diploma in Petroleum and Natural Resources Taxation

This course provides a basic introduction to mineral and petroleum taxation. It covers the principles of resource taxation, the instruments of taxation, types of fiscal regimes and design and evaluation issues. It also provides brief introductions into the UK oil and gas regime as well as the Ugandan mineral and petroleum regime, international issues in resource taxation and tax policy issues.

1.3. Diploma in Energy Economics & Finance.

This course introduces students to basic finance focusing on application of these principles to the extractive industry. It looks at the economic modeling and financial analysis for the extractive industry. It prepares students to ably project feasibility of extractive industry projects and enables students advise governments and IOCs on economics and finances of different projects.

This course is all about project financing and the ability to ably advise governments and institutions on good terms and contract matrices. The students shall be introduced to basic project financing principles, different ways of negotiating and generating financing projects with a bias to oil and gas projects and infrastructure. The aim is to produce graduates well able to put together bankable projects with excellently allocated risks.

1.5. Diploma in Mineral Resources Policy and Economics

The students are herein introduced to design of regimes and policy in management of mineral resource exploitation. It introduces students to different laws, policies and regimes of mineral exploitation in Africa with a few case studies out of Africa. Issues of decommissioning and aspects of mineral taxation are briefly looked at. At the end, Students should be able to advise on proper design of laws and fiscal regimes to not only encourage investment but ensure profitable exploitation of minerals to both country and company.

1.6. Diploma in Environmental Law & Energy:

This course provides a basic introduction to environmental law and how energy affects it. It covers the principles of environmental law, governance and environmental issues related to energy. It also provides brief introductions into international issues in environmental law and energy.
Certificate Courses

1.1. Trans-national Investment Law and Policy

The main objectives of this course are to provide a survey of international investment law and policies, and to set the various approaches to regulating foreign investment in a social, economic and political context. In addition the course will provide students with an understanding of current and emerging developments in investment laws and policies.

1.2. Petroleum and Energy Taxation

The aim of this course is to equip participants with basic knowledge of important principles in the taxation of extractive industries. It analyses practices in different countries focusing on benefit to country and company. In addition to this, practical exercises intended to analyze the effectiveness of sub-Saharan petroleum tax laws in achieving their national goals while encouraging and sustaining investment in the extractive industries are done. Aspects of international taxation are also covered in respect to oil together with an analysis of the Ugandan regime.

1.3. International Arbitration and Negotiation

This Course examines the contemporary practice of international commercial arbitration by studying aspects of the law of evidence, procedure, ethics, and jurisprudence, as applied to the resolution of commercial disputes through arbitration. International commercial arbitration has emerged as the leading method for the resolution of transnational commercial disputes and an important field for commercial lawyers. The approach of the module is comparative, examining approaches to central legal issues in the field by reference to the laws and practices of various jurisdictions around the world. The Course further trains participants in purpose driven negotiation. Many times, Governments or IOCs send individuals not trained in the art of negotiation with disastrous results. This course remedies that.

1.4. Oil and Gas Project Management

This Course introduces participants to project management through the life cycle of a project. It reviews the role of a manager, management of risk and
stakeholder concerns, HR management issues and other aspects of managing a project to closure.

1.5. International Taxation of Oil, Gas and Mining Activities

This Course exposes participants to all the aspects of international Taxation. It however is structured to focus on the use and impact of these aspects in the extractive industry. The OECD and UN Models are used in this course. The teaching and the materials should prepare students to ably apply international taxation principles in their day to day work.

1.6. Oil and Gas Waste and Environmental Impact Management

This Course explores the relationship between the extractive industry and the environment. It studies the impact extraction of resources has had on the environment using case studies. It looks at potential effects the same could have in Uganda and Africa generally and looks at ways to mitigate negative effects. The all-important aspect of waste management and decommissioning are taught with case scenarios and a site visit to one of the waste sites in the AlbertineGraben.
Administrative Staff

1. Director of the Centre
   Peter Muliisa LLM. Petroleum Taxation and Finance (Dundee).

2. Deputy Directors

2.1 Deputy Director in charge of Academics, Research and Student Affairs
   Barbara Karugonjo LLM. Commercial Law (UCT)

2.2 Deputy Director in charge of Administration, Finance, Planning & Business development
   Brian Ntambirweki MSc. Finance and Investment (Edinburgh)
3. Heads of Department

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Peter Muliisa LLM. Petroleum Taxation and Finance (Dundee).

3.2 Accounting, Finance and Taxation:

Sandra Kaitare LLM. Petroleum Taxation and Finance (Dundee).

3.3 Energy Economics:

Job Kahigwa LLM. Petroleum Taxation and Finance (Dundee).

3.4 Management, Environment and Public Policy

James MushureMBA International Oil and Gas Management (Dundee).

3.5 Geology and Science Studies

Dick Muhwezi MSc Oil and Gas Management (RGU)
Technical Staff

Global faculty (Visiting professors)

*We are in advanced discussions with our global faculty to provide Visiting lectures at AIMPER.*

Senior Lecturers

1. Prof. John Ntambirweki (Uganda) Vice chancellor, Uganda Pentecostal University.
   LLM (Univ. Nairobi), LLB (MUK) Dip LDC
2. Prof. John P. Kabudi (Tanzania) Former Dean of Law, University of Dar-es-Salam, LL.B; LL.M. (DAR), DR.JUR. (FU, BERLIN)
3. Dr. Emmanuel Kasimbazi (Uganda) Associate Professor, School of Law, Makerere University
Full-Time Lecturers

1. Martin Muhangi (Uganda) - LLM Petroleum Taxation and Finance (Dundee).
2. Ingrid Kashaka Muhanguzi (Uganda) - LLM Natural Resources Law and Policy (Dundee).
3. Rodney Golooba (Uganda) – LLM Oil and Gas Policy (Aberdeen).
4. Agatha Abaho Aine (Uganda) - MBA International Oil and Gas Management (Dundee).
5. Vanessa Ihunde (Uganda) - Msc in Energy Studies with Specialisation in Energy Economics (Dundee).
6. Cuthbert Kagabo (Uganda) - MBA Oil and Gas Management (RGU).
7. Francis Twinamatsiko (Uganda) - Msc Energy studies with specialization in Energy Economics (Dundee).
8. George Samula (Uganda) - LLM Finance (Frankfurt).
9. Lynda Biribonwa (Uganda) - Msc Environment and Development (Reading).
10. Bernard Sanya (Uganda) - MSc Oil and Gas accounting (RGU).
11. Mohammed Stevens (Sierra Leone) - LLM Mineral Law and Policy (Dundee).
12. Abdul Camarra-Kabele (Guinea-Conakry) - PhD Candidate (Dundee).
13. Mary Arende (Kenya) – MBA International Oil and Gas Management (Dundee).
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