

# Waako to succeed Okwakol as Vice Chancellor of Busitema University

Late last year, Busitema University Council constituted a Search Committee for the post of Vice Chancellor. The Committee was comprised of two (2) members of the University Council and three (3) members of the University Senate.

The search Committee presented its report to the 12<sup>th</sup> special meeting of the University Senate on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The Senate considered the report and made recommendations to the University Council.

Following deliberations on the Report from Senate on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019, the University Council unanimously resolved to recommend Professor Paul Waako to the Chancellor for appointment as Vice Chancellor of Busitema University. The Chancellor, Professor Vinand Nantulya, appointed Professor Paul Waako Vice Chancellor of Busitema University for a five year term effective 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019. He will succeed Professor Mary J.N. Okwakol, the founding Vice Chancellor, whose term of office ends on April 30, 2019.

## **Who is Professor Paul Waako?**

Professor Paul Waako is the founding Dean of Busitema University's Faculty of Health Sciences which was established in 2013, and where he has spearheaded the development and implementation of vibrant competence based and Community Based Medical Education and Service programs. He was previously Head of the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics at Makerere University for 10 years. He has served as Coordinator of the East African Regional Technical Resource Center on Pharmaceuticals. He has also served as Visiting Professor at several Universities, and as external examiner at University of Bergen in Norway, University of Cape Town and Walter Sisulu University in South Africa, Nairobi University and Moi University in Kenya, and Muimbiri University in Tanzania. He has been a consultant on several USAID-supported programs, and he is a member of many expert committees, national and International.

He holds a PhD in Clinical Pharmacology from the University of Cape Town, South Africa, MSc (Pharmacology) and MBChB Degree from Makerere University. He also holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Management from the Uganda Management Institute. He is a Fellow of the Uganda National Academy of Sciences.

Professor Waako has managed, as Principal Investigator, over 10 research projects, including international collaborative research projects, mostly focusing on strengthening pharmaceutical systems. He has published extensively in the areas of traditional medicines, drug discovery and development, rational use of medicines, and medicine supply systems, with over 50 publications in peer reviewed Journals to his name. . He has supervised over 10 PhD students, and very many Masters students. He is a Senior Research Fellow at Queen Mary University London.