

# UNIVERSITY QUIZ SPONSORS LAUD INITIATIVE

Season Three of the University Challenge came to end yesterday with Uganda Christian University being crowned champions after beating Ndejje University. New Vision's Nelson Kiva noted what the sponsors said and below are the excerpts

## NEMA

**Executive director of National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), Dr Barirega Akankwasah:**

I want to thank the Vision Group for being visionary because we know that our population is 75% young people who are either in universities or secondary schools; and so the future is no longer yours, you are managing the present. You cannot manage the present if you are not informed. And so, the Ultimate University Quiz, I see as a platform for advancing knowledge which is very essential for the socio-economic transformation of our nation. I come from an institution that promotes sound management of the environment and sustainable development, we cannot attain sound management of the environment and sustainable development without knowledge.

So, count on us, this platform delivers our mission and we shall continue to partner with you. I want to congratulate all the participants in all categories and of course, more selfishly, in the Ozone segment because those are looking at the actual gist of the environment which includes everything.



## CAPITAL MARKETS AUTHORITY

**Lyn Tukey, head of public relations and communication at Capital Markets Authority (CMA):**

Why we decided to come into partnership with Vision Group is because at the heart of Capital Markets is really education.

We have a number of products that many people do not know about and this can be taken up from youth levels. We are looking at people who have just started saving, you know, increase their saving culture.

We are looking at unique trust schemes, for example, where you can start to invest from as low as sh10,000 with our licensed intermediaries. So, because we know that you start the culture of saving and investing at a younger rate, that's why we thought it proper to come on board and partner. With these university students going to be our ambassadors for investment, many of us may have funds that we do not know how to invest wisely.

So, my key takeaway from the competition is to move capital market education to high schools and every other class of people that could appreciate CMA products.



## UGANDA COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

**Emmanuel Nwoyomba, acting director of corporate affairs of the Uganda Communication Commission (UCC):**

I believe that Season Four will also have the support of UCC. Allow me to begin by congratulating Vision Group on this milestone with three successful seasons now completed. This is a moment of pride, not only for Vision Group, but for all of us in the communication sector.

As UCC, we take great pride in associating with Vision Group, we consider ourselves sister organisations. We have a shared mission to inform, empower and uplift Ugandans through communications. It is therefore fitting that we stand together today in support of an initiative that showcases the intellectual talent and communication skills of our young people. UCC's participation in the university quiz is driven by our conviction that the benefits for students are immense. This quiz challenges young people to think deeply, quickly and broadly. Such skills are essential not only for academic success, but for navigating life beyond university.



## PARLIAMENT

**Ibrahim Manzil, senior information officer, Parliament of Uganda who represented the Clerk to Parliament, Adolf Mwesige:**

The reason Parliament chose to participate in the Ultimate Quiz is because it aligns well with the objectives of running a Parliament which is based, founded on members who are articulate, who are agile, who are witty, and who have the ability to convey their constituencies needs and aspirations in Parliament.

We have so many Members of Parliament and there is such a short time allocated to each to make their point. So, if we treat this as a refinery of the future Members of Parliament, they will armed with the correct tools of trade to succeed in Parliament because you have a minute or two to make your point.

I think this is really one of the finest things to ever happen to the students of Uganda. I just wish more universities can take part because these are some of the skills that can give you an advantage in the highly



## NET STUDIOS AFRICA

**The director Net Studios Africa, Godfrey Mutabazi:**

I decided to be part of the sponsors of this quiz just because it is a very good programme, very educational and very popular all over the world. Whichever country you go to, be it the UK or the US, they have that kind of programme. Secondly, I like the creative industry.

Any country that does not have a creative industry cannot develop technologically. When I listened to the questions and answers you put to these young girls and boys, I was amazed at the level of awareness, education and capability of our younger Ugandans. So, I'm proud and I will always be proud to be part of the sponsors because this is a programme that must be expanded to sharpen our youth that are the majority of this country and will shape our nation.



## HARISS INTERNATIONAL

**Sam Hooper, head of marketing, Hariss International:**

The Ultimate University Quiz is a fantastic opportunity where you can see Uganda's brilliant minds tussling it out to see in a test of knowledge. For us it's in line with our vision as an organisation.

Harris aims to be the best and most admired beverage and food company in Africa, and for us to achieve that, we shall need people, and we must interact, we must recruit the best talent, we must encourage platforms or support platforms like this, where young people can develop and show their capability. And overall, it is just a fantastic opportunity for us.

We are very committed to supporting the Ultimate University challenge.

This is the second year we have partnered with the Vision Group. And kudos to Vision Group and all the other partners. And as Krystal Mineral Water we are committed to continuing our partnership and seeing this grow to greater heights.



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**Miss Ozone Gloria Josephine Namubiru (left) and other winners after being crowned in the environment category at the awards ceremony of the Ultimate University quiz yesterday**