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Prof. Frank Mugagga Inducted as a Fellow of Uganda National Academy of Sciences.



Mugaga Receiving the induction package

The Team Leader for the extended Resilient Urban Food Systems Project (RUFS) in Uganda, Prof. Frank Mugagga, has been inducted as a Fellow of the Uganda National Academy of Sciences (UNAS) (<https://unas.org.ug/>). This was during its 2025 conference and annual general meeting, held at Four Points Hotel in Kampala, Uganda between 31st October and 1st November 2025. Prof. Mugagga was one of the twelve eminent scientists in agricultural sciences to be honoured at the event.

Prof. Mugagga's induction followed a rigorous review and vetting process by a panel of experts. The recognition is a testament to his over 15 years of advanced research and community engagement, specifically highlighting his significant contributions to the advancement of agricultural sciences.

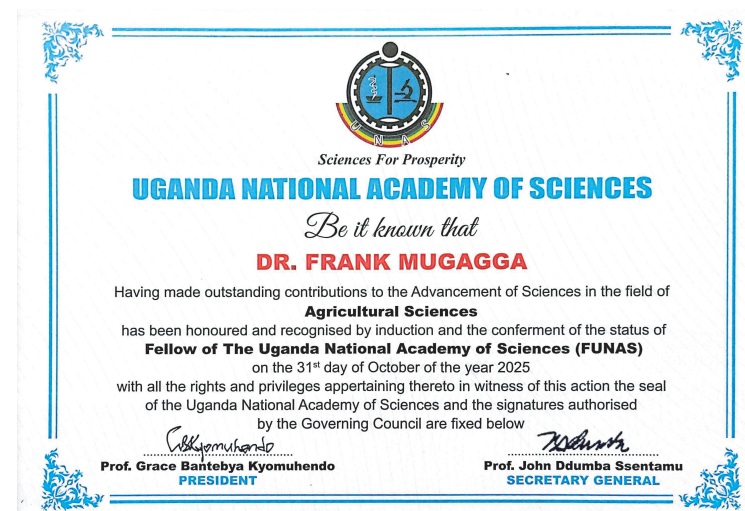
A key factor in his successful evaluation was his leadership and impact through the Resilient Urban Food Systems Project (RUFS), which has created tangible benefits for stakeholders in Kasese Municipality and Mbale City. The RUFS is one of the flagship projects, aimed at deepening food security and climate resilience in Kasese Municipality and Mbale City. This project is funded through the AgriFoSe2030 programme with the regional hub hosted at Kyambogo University.

While presenting Prof. Mugagga to the audience of prominent scientists, the Chairperson of the vetting Committee and Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs) of Gulu University, Prof. David Okello Owiny, remarked that the committee was particularly impressed by the RUFS theory of change and approach. This successful method translated science into actionable practices that have directly benefited last-mile stakeholders, the smallholder farmers through supportive recognition and a conducive operational environment provided by local leadership.

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Mugaga Taking the oath of allegiance



Mugaga induction certificate