

A background image of a graduation ceremony. In the foreground, a male graduate in a black cap and gown with an orange stole is smiling and holding a smartphone. Behind him, other graduates are visible, some holding up blue diplomas. One diploma clearly shows the UNILAK logo and contact information. A banner on the graduate's chest reads "GRADUATE 18TH" and features the Rwandan flag.

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Prof. Jean NGAMIJE
UNILAK, Vice Chancellor

Welcome Message

from UNILAK Vice Chancellor

Dear Esteemed Readers,
Warm greetings and welcome to the April edition of the UNILAK Newsletter. As we begin this month's reflections, UNILAK stands in solemn solidarity with the people of Rwanda in commemorating the 31st anniversary of the Genocide against the Tutsi.

We honour the memory of the victims and recognize the resilience of the survivors. In this spirit, we call upon the youth; our students and future leaders to commit themselves to peace, unity, and humanity, ensuring that such tragic moments never occur anywhere in the world again.

April has also been a month of significant progress and outreach for our institution. UNILAK proudly expanded its horizons to Egypt in an important visit aimed at laying the foundation for our upcoming Faculty of Public Health & Nursing.

We believe this marks a critical step in reinforcing health education and international academic collaboration.

Moreover, we are pleased to announce a new strategic partnership with Alexander Moisiu University Durrës (AMU) in Albania.

This five-year agreement will strengthen scientific cooperation and academic exchange through joint research, academic programs, faculty and student mobility, and international conferences.

It is a milestone that reflects our commitment to becoming a globally engaged university.

On the local front, UNILAK has also entered into a valuable partnership with the Association of Microfinance Institutions in Rwanda (AMIR). This MoU bridges academic insight with real-world application, particularly in the cooperative sector, an essential pillar in Rwanda's socio-economic development.

April also saw a renewal of student leadership, as our students elected a new PAM (Pan-African Movement) leadership structure. We congratulate the newly elected leaders and wish them success in their service to the student body and beyond.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support and engagement with UNILAK. We invite you to explore this edition and stay informed on our ongoing journey of academic excellence, innovation, and meaningful partnerships.

With warm regards,



Prof. Anthony Uwaya Visits Egypt to strengthen Health Partnerships

Prof. Anthony Uwaya, Head of Partnerships at UNILAK, held an official visit to Egypt on April 8th, as part of the university's strategic efforts to expand international collaborations in the health sector.

During his visit, Prof. Uwaya held high-level meetings with Prof. Ashraf Hatem, former Minister of Health and current President of the Health Affairs Committee in Egypt's Parliament, and Mr. Mahmoud Alkashef, Senior Manager of Government Affairs.

The visit is aimed at building strong bilateral partnerships in support of the proposed Faculty of Public Health & Nursing at UNILAK. The discussions focused on academic exchange, faculty development, and joint research opportunities that will enhance the quality and impact of health education in the region.

UNILAK Signs Five-Year Scientific Collaboration Agreement with Alexander Moisiu University Durrës, Albania

UNILAK has officially entered into a strategic partnership with Alexander Moisiu University Durrës (AMU) of Albania, marking a significant step towards strengthening scientific cooperation and academic exchange between the two institutions.

The five-year agreement, is aimed at fostering the development of scientific relations through collaborative research, joint academic programs, exchange of faculty and students, and the organization of international conferences and workshops.

The partnership also paves the way for the sharing of academic resources and best practices in education, research, and innovation.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, the Vice Chancellor of UNILAK expressed enthusiasm for the partnership, noting that it aligns with the university's mission to expand its global

"This collaboration with Alexander Moisiu University Durrës is a testament to our commitment to internationalization and knowledge sharing.

We believe that through this partnership, both institutions will benefit immensely from diverse perspectives and joint initiatives," he said.

The agreement is initially valid for five years, with provisions for renewal based on mutual consent and the success of the implemented programs.

Representatives from Alexander Moisiu University Durrës also welcomed the agreement, highlighting the importance of building bridges between European and African higher education institutions.

They emphasized that the collaboration would enhance cross-cultural understanding and scientific innovation in key fields of mutual interest.

This partnership adds to UNILAK growing list of international collaborations and reflects its dedication to providing a globally engaged learning environment for its students and faculty.





Association of Microfinance
Institutions in Rwanda

UNILAK SIGNS MOU WITH AMIR TO BOOST COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT IN RWANDA



The University of Lay Adventists of Kigali (UNILAK) has entered into a strategic partnership with the Association of Microfinance Institutions in Rwanda (AMIR), following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on April 3rd, 2025.

The MoU sets the stage for enhanced mutual cooperation in the development and promotion of Rwanda's cooperative sector.

Through this partnership, both institutions aim to drive forward research, capacity building, and innovation within the cooperative and microfinance ecosystem.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, officials from UNILAK and AMIR highlighted the importance of leveraging academic expertise and

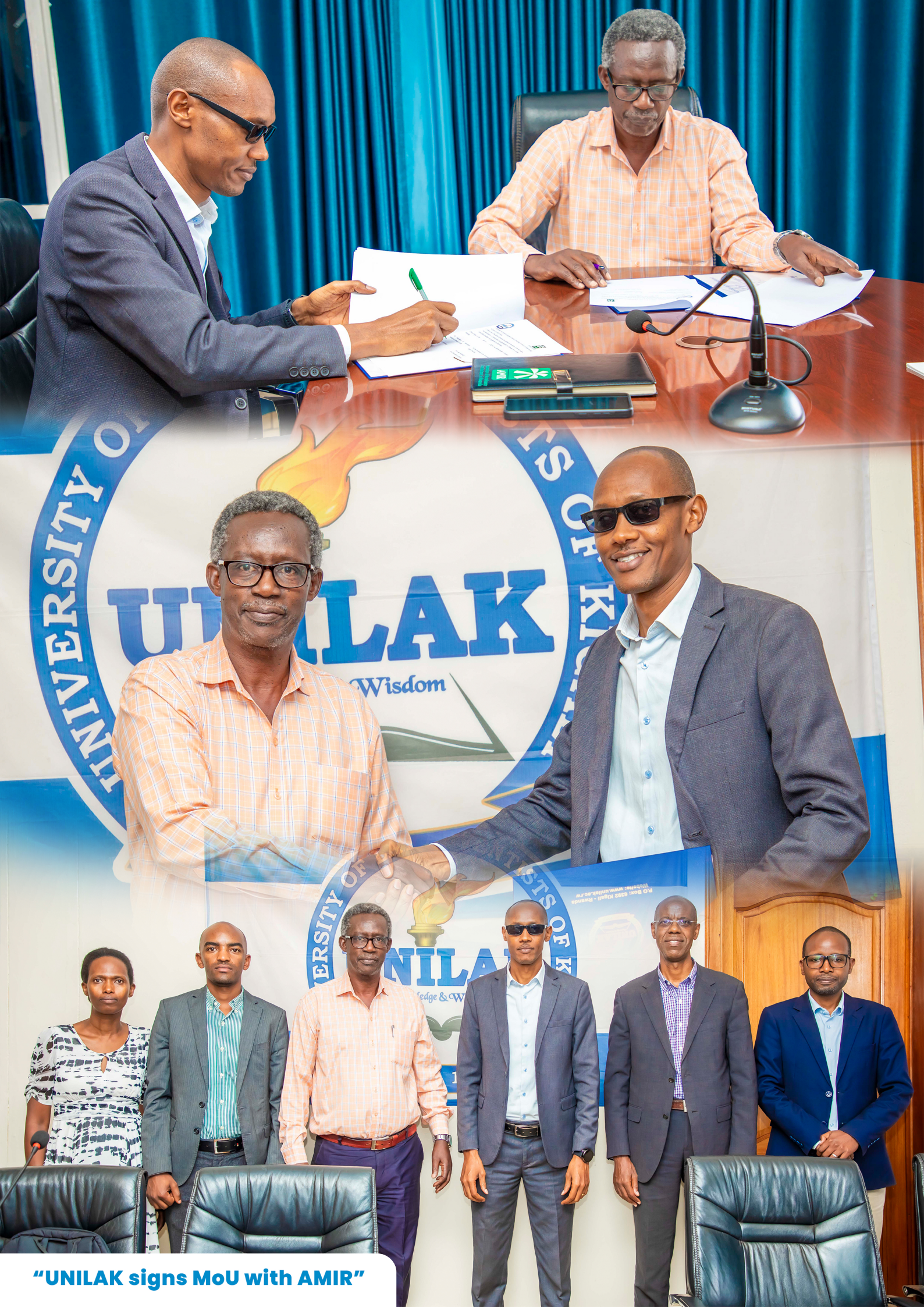
industry insights to strengthen cooperative societies and microfinance institutions across the country.

The collaboration is expected to yield joint research projects, training programs, workshops, and other capacity-building initiatives.

This partnership aligns with Rwanda's broader vision of promoting inclusive economic growth through a robust cooperative movement, and UNILAK reaffirmed its commitment to using its academic resources to support community-centered development.

The MoU is a milestone in bridging academic knowledge with practical solutions, ensuring that cooperatives continue to play a vital role in the country's socio-economic advancement.





“UNILAK signs MoU with AMIR”



"Proud to be a UNILAK Student!
Shaping my future with quality
education, innovation, and values."

*Join us and
Be part of the change!*

UNILAK STUDENTS ELECT NEW PAM STRUCTURE AT PAN-AFRICANISM MOVEMENT CONFERENCE

Students from UNILAK convened for a vibrant Pan-Africanism Movement (PAM) conference, held on the 3rd of April 2025.

The event marked a significant step in strengthening the ideals of Pan-African unity on campus, culminating in the election of a new PAM leadership structure.

The conference featured various esteemed panelists who led in-depth discussions on the history, values, and future of Pan-Africanism.

Their insights sparked meaningful dialogue and motivated attendees to embrace the principles of unity, solidarity, and empowerment across African nations.

Students expressed enthusiasm about the renewed leadership, which promises to advance the movement's mission and inspire the next generation of African leaders at UNILAK and beyond.

The event reinforced the university's commitment to nurturing socially conscious students dedicated to Africa's progress.

The newly elected PAM structure is set to spearhead initiatives that promote Pan-African ideals and foster collaboration among students committed to the continent's development.

