

**DR. A.K. BIRABI'S STATEMENT ON TEACHING CREDENTIALS AND INTEREST
BERKELEY TEACHING FELLOWSHIP (2013) GOALS**

I teach in Makerere University's Department of Architecture and Physical Planning since 1990 and currently at the rank of Senior Lecturer. Applying for the Berkeley Teaching Fellowship is due to my experience and interest rooted in my professional growth as a practitioner of architectural education and complimentary exposure in other relevant disciplines and responsibilities. In this connection, my educational background is as follows:

- Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts [B.A(F.A)] of Makerere University, Uganda; 1982 - 1985.
- Postgraduate Diploma in Art/Design Education (PGDE) of Makerere University, Uganda; 1985/86.
- Master of Education in Fine Arts/Design Education [M.Ed(FA)] of Makerere University, Uganda; 1992-1993.
- Master of Philosophy in Architecture [M.Phil(Arch)]; majoring in Pedagogy, Course Design and Curriculum Development for Architectural Education, from the School of Architecture, Planning & Landscape, University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK; 1997-1999.
- Postgraduate Certificate in Conservation & Management of Historic Buildings (CMHB), from Lund University, Sweden; 2004 – 2005.
- Postgraduate Certificate in Urban Shelter Design & Development (USDD) from Lund University, Sweden; 2006.
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Architectural Conservation: studied jointly in University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, Lund University, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, University of Witswatersrand - South Africa, and Makerere University as the final awarding institution; 2001-2006.
- Post-Doctoral Fulbright Fellow in 2008 at Arkansas State University, USA in Built Heritage Conservation Management Course Design and Curriculum Development.

I hold other relevant responsibilities/experience as follows:

- Former Guest Lecturer at Lund University, Sweden, on the Conservation and Management of Historic Buildings Program;
- I am enlisted by Uganda National Commission for UNESCO in December 2010 to date as National Heritage Consultant;
- I am also Guest Lecturer at School of Architecture and Design, Ardhi University, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania since 2009;
- I was conscripted by the International UNESCO Paris Office as UNESCO Expert since October 2012 to implement the 2005 UNESCO on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions in Africa.

I further hold the Berkeley Teaching Fellowship with high regard on grounds that ever since I joined the Architecture School at Makerere University, I am responsible for the Foundation Course in the first year of the 5-yr B.Arch program. For additional detail, my full teaching responsibilities are as follows:

Undergraduate Course Level	Course Name
Yr. I	Studio Design Fundamentals: Basic Design
	Studio Design Fundamentals: Fine Art
Yr II	Studio Design Fundamentals: Fine Art
	Landscape Drawing
	Architectural Photography
Yr. IV	Architectural Philosophy
Yr. IV	Research Methods
	Built Heritage Conservation
Yr V	Studio Design Projects

Given the contemporary problem that Makerere B.Arch program is critically insensitive to ideals of universal design, it is my conviction that the foundation year with its explorative wealth of intensive visual studies is the most appropriate entry point for inculcating and planting the seed of universal design among the new architecture scholars, which Berkeley Teaching Fellowship would pioneer in Uganda and spread to the rest of Africa.