

Twesigye Jackson Kaguri  
Candidate for Honorary Degree  
Doctor of Laws



Twesigye Jackson Kaguri earned his bachelor's degree in social sciences with a concentration in public administration from Makerere University in Uganda in 1993. From 1995–96, Kaguri was a Visiting Scholar at the Center for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia University. By 2003, he had obtained a degree in general studies from the School of Continuing Studies and earned his certificate in fund raising management at The Center of Philanthropy at Indiana University. While working as the interim senior director of development, Kaguri raised 17 million dollars, setting the record for funds raised in one year for the college of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan.

Kaguri speaks four languages fluently: English, Luganda, Runyakole Rukinga and Swahili, and can converse in French.

He has delivered numerous talks; most recently he was invited by UNICEF to the United Nations to share Nyaka's holistic human rights approach. Among others, he spoke at City University of New York and at the African Center of Human Rights and Democracy in Banjul, The Gambia.

Throughout his successful academic career, Kaguri never lost sight of his passion for helping those in need back home in Uganda. In 2001, he founded the Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project, focused on providing support to those left devastated by the AIDS epidemic in his hometown. The organization has built two schools in the area to provide free education for children who have lost their parents to AIDS, has developed a clean water system, operates a library and medical clinic and offers programs to promote improved nutrition and farming practices. The program also provides support for grandmothers in the area who take in and provide care for orphans. In 2010, Kaguri left his academic position in order to devote his attention full-time to this project.

Since then, Kaguri has become an international speaker, advocate and fundraiser for global human rights. He was featured in Time Magazine's "Power of One" Series and in 2012 was named a CNN Hero. He has received numerous awards for his service and community involvement, including honorary recognition by the government of Uganda for his exemplary work in building the Nyaka school in 2003, Ugandan of the Month, the Citizen Award and the Heifer Hero Award. Kaguri is the author of "The Price of Stone" and "A School for My Village."

Kaguri is a devoted husband to Tabitha M. Kaguri and committed father to four children: Nicolas, Nolan, Talia and Tessa.

For his outstanding dedication, leadership, advocacy and passion for human rights activism, Andrews University takes great pleasure in honoring Twesigye Jackson Kaguri with the degree, Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

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