WHO AM I?

I am **Habacuque Lopes** a Master student of Arts in Religious Studies in the College of Social Science Theology, humanity and Education (CSSTHE).

WHY ME?

From 2015 to 2017, there was Great Spirit of unity at Africa University. Students from different countries lived together without conflict and if it was there, it was not too serious as we see it today.

The spirit of Ubuntu, which is one of the fundamental principles of the founding fathers of Africa University, is slowly dying. Students are now looking at each other as enemies or a threat. The relationship between the administration and the students is not healthy.

Therefore, this created a passion in me to stand for this cause. Am standing for a cause that not only applies to the present but also to the generations to come. At Africa University one should feel, at peace, accommodated, valued, and happy which contributes to unity. This is no longer there because the fundamental concept has become an ideology. This shows that some of our brothers and sisters will not be comfortable to come to Africa University because of the reality at the present.

The reality of "Ubuntu Spirit depends on you and I: I am because we are"

MY FOCUS

Ubuntu

- Advocacy of Ubuntu via the organization of intercultural competition where one community will showcase the traditions and culture of another community.
- We plan to organize Public lectures and invite experts to come talk to students on unity and togetherness

Student Empowerment

Creation of lucrative platforms for empowerment of student talents (Hairdressing, Tailoring, Laundry, Barbershop, Bead production).

- Create a portfolio to showcase the student talents.
- Creation of space in the SU building where students can showcase their talents and earn from it.

Student Development

- Organization of leadership workshops to enhance student development
- We plan to hold workshops and invite experts where our students can be trained and guided in developing their skills and abilities. On completion of the training, we shall acknowledge the participants with certificates, which builds up their CV.

Student /SRC Communication

Introduction of interactive forums to promote student-SRC communication.

Students concerns the challenges are very vital and this calls for proper channels for them to be heard.

- SRC shall have its offices opened where students can come to consult.
- SRC plan to have meetings with student from time to time to discuss matters concerning their welfare and seek their ideas and solutions on issues affecting them.
- We intend to make use of the social media like WhatsApp, messenger for student to air out their views and issues. We will

also make use of the suggestion box to respond to the needs of the students.

Accountability

Advocacy to see the proper discharge of and good conduct of SRC members in their duties.

- My administration intends to make use of junior accountants within AU to audit our financial books from weekly
- We shall send financial reports to the students to enable them to know and give their responses concerning the use of money.
- My administration shall hold the leaders of the Student Union accountable and answerable to their actions.
- I shall ensure that all the money assigned for projects is well utilized for that purpose.

Student/Administration relationship

Student-administration relationship is vital for conducive learning environment.

I plan to respectfully engage with the administration on issues concerning the students.

I intend to reason out with the administration on different issues in order to come up with a way forward that does not affect the relationship between the two.

VOTE HABACUQUE LOPES FOR PRESIDENCY