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Kenyatta University Fundamental Statements

Our Vision

To be a dynamic, inclusive and competitive centre of excellence in teaching, learning, research and service to humanity.

Our Mission

To provide quality education and training, promote scholarship, service, innovation and creativity and inculcate moral values for sustainable individual and societal development.

Our Identity

A community of scholars committed to the generation and dissemination of knowledge and cultivation of wisdom for the welfare of society.

Our Philosophy

Sensitivity and responsiveness to societal needs and the right of every person to knowledge.

Core Values

Respect
Integrity
Commitment
Hard work
Excellence
Tolerance

KU ANTHEM

Renowned fountain of knowledge

Well of learning experience

A bubbling spring of wisdom

A promise of a better tomorrow

A beacon of national pride

Tower of learning might

A star shining bright and clear

Ensuring a richer posterity

A granary of higher education

Seat of literary flowering

Enhancing national culture

Illuminating our future

Kenyatta, Kenyatta

Oh Kenyatta, our nation's star

Kenyatta our nation's pride

Kenyatta, the university of our time





Editor's Desk

Prof. Grace Bunyi
Editor-in-Chief

As we draw the curtain on yet another successful year, it is with great pride that we, the Tribune Editorial Team, reflect on Kenyatta University's extraordinary accomplishments since the last graduation ceremony held in July 2024. This year has been a landmark for the University, with regards to its steadfast commitment to excellence, innovation, and holistic student development. Notably, Kenyatta University achieved the top position nationally in The World University Rankings 2025.

This accolade stands as a testament to the institution's steady growth, driven by unwavering dedication and strategic vision. Coinciding with the launch of the University's 2023–2027 Strategic and Vision Plan, the ranking underscores the effectiveness of the path charted by the University's leadership and the dedication of both students and staff in fulfilling the KU mission.

During this year's Kenya Innovation Week, held from 25th to 29th November, and graced by His Excellency Dr. William Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya, Kenyatta University won the Overall Academia Innovation of the Year Award, a recognition of the institution's relentless pursuit of excellence in research and innovation. This achievement reflects not only the talent and hard work of the University community but also its consistent investment in the cutting-edge facilities that make such milestones possible.

Similarly, the University's commitment to research and development was celebrated at the Nairobi International Trade Fair, held from 23rd to 28th September, 2024. Kenyatta University claimed the top award in the Best Stand in Research and Development (Educational Category) and secured third place in the Best University Stand category. These awards showcased the depth of academic inquiry and the innovative projects being spearheaded by the University's students

and faculty. In the realm of sports, Kenyatta University continued to shine on the global stage. A standout moment of the year was the incredible performance of Samson Ojuka, a student of the School of Law, at the 2024 Paralympics in Paris, France. Ojuka etched his name in history by winning Kenya's sole medal at the event—a silver, in the Men's Long Jump, where he also set new national and African records with a remarkable leap of 6.20 meters. His achievement epitomizes the University's commitment to nurturing talent that excels beyond the classroom, reinforcing its reputation as an institution of academic, and extra curricula distinction.

Equally impressive, Kenyatta University maintained its dominance in the performing arts, clinching the Best Overall Trophy in Music for a record-breaking 15th consecutive year. This continued success highlights the University's well-rounded approach to education, fostering excellence in both academics and extracurricular activities. To the Class of December 2024, these remarkable achievements serve as a powerful reminder that you graduate from an institution at the forefront of academic and research excellence. You are equipped with the skills, knowledge, and resilience to excel in your chosen careers and make meaningful impact in the world.

On behalf of the Tribune Editorial Committee, I extend heartfelt congratulations to all our graduands. Your perseverance, particularly in the face of challenges such as economic hardships, is nothing short of inspiring. A special commendation goes to our First Class Honours and Ph.D. graduates for their exceptional efforts and commitment to excellence. Congratulations, Class of December 2024! The future is bright, and we are confident that you will carry forward the legacy of Kenyatta University with pride and purpose.

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2024 AWARDS AND WINS

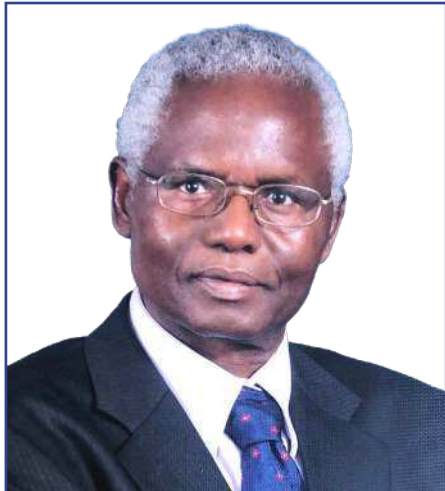


1. Overall Academia Innovation of The Year Award
2. Best University in Kenya Music Festival 15 Years in a row
3. Best Stand in Research and Development at NITF
4. North Coast Beach Hotel - 2024 Best People's Choice Award
5. Alumni Dr. Dennis Beesigamukama's Norman E. Borlaug Award
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From The Chancellor

Ambassador (Dr.)
Francis Muthaura

Congratulations to the start of something beautiful

Dear Graduands,
As Chancellor of Kenyatta University, it is with immense pride and joy that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you, the Class of December 2024, on reaching this remarkable milestone in your academic journey.

Today, we not only celebrate your intellectual achievements but also honour the resilience, determination, and unwavering spirit of excellence that have driven you to this point. This graduation marks the culmination of your hard work and the overcoming of challenges, but it also signals the immense potential you now carry and the bright future ahead.

Your journey has not always been easy, but through your dedication, focus, and passion, you have gained the knowledge, skills, and confidence to succeed. The path to today has been paved with perseverance, the strength of character, discipline, and commitment. You stand today as a living testament to the power of persistence and the ability to rise above adversity.

As you step forward, I would like

to share the empowering words from the late Wangari Maathai, a true climate champion and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, who once said, "It's the little things that citizens do. That's what will make the difference. My little thing is planting trees." These words allude to the transformative power of individual action. Just as Professor Maathai used her voice and her actions to champion for the conservation of the environment, and to inspire change, you too are now well equipped with the knowledge and capability to be catalysts for positive change in the world.

The education you have received at Kenyatta University, has empowered you not only with tools for success but also with the responsibility to use those tools for the greater good. You are now ambassadors of this great institution and its values, carrying with you the vision of a better, more sustainable world.

As you embark on the next phase of your journey, I encourage you to embrace new opportunities with the same passion and drive that has carried you through your academic journey. Remember that true

success is not just about personal achievement, but your positive impact on others.

This graduation is not an end but a new beginning. The skills you have developed in leadership, innovation, and critical thinking will guide you as you venture into diverse fields. May you continue to grow, explore, and contribute to shaping a brighter future for all. You possess the capacity to make meaningful contributions to society, and I have full confidence that you will rise to this challenge with purpose and energy.

Congratulations once again, and may your journey ahead be filled with success, discovery, and the courage to bring about positive change. Go forth with pride and purpose!

It's the little things that citizens do. That's what will make the difference. My little thing is planting trees.

Wangari Maathai

From The Chairman of Council

Dr. Ben Chumo



Feeling so much joy for you today!

On behalf of the Kenyatta University Council, I want to offer my sincere congratulations to each and every one of you as you celebrate this remarkable achievement today. Completing your studies at Kenyatta University is no small feat. You have competitively applied yourself at Kenya's premier institution; a testament to your dedication, passion, and the tireless effort you have invested over the years.

Your journey this far has been filled with challenges, moments of doubt, triumphs, and valuable learning experiences. Today, we stand in awe not just of your academic accomplishments, but of your ability to persevere, grow, and rise above every obstacle that came your way. This accomplishment is the product of your relentless drive, and I am confident that it will serve as the foundation for even greater successes in the years to come.

As you now embark on new journeys, the world beyond classroom walls awaits you with open arms. But with new opportunities comes

responsibility. You are entering a world that is constantly changing, a world that requires more than just knowledge, but wisdom, compassion, and a deep understanding of your role in shaping it.

The wisdom of Eliud Kipchoge, the award-winning Marathoner and a pioneering leader in African unity, comes to mind: "Success is never given, it must be earned." These words are a powerful reminder that true greatness is not measured by the accolades we receive or the titles we hold, but by the actions we take and the integrity we uphold.

You have been armed with more than just academic knowledge during your time here at Kenyatta University. Through the challenges you've faced and the diverse experiences you've encountered, you have also learned the importance of empathy, leadership, and service to others. Now, as you move forth into the next phase of your life, remember that your actions will speak louder than words. It is not enough to simply succeed; true success lies in how you use your education and skills to uplift others, make a difference, and contribute to the collective well-being of society.

The world today needs more than just professionals, it needs leaders who are guided by a clear vision and anchored in values that promote peace, justice, fairness, and prosperity. It requires individuals who are willing to challenge the status quo,

and who are not afraid to take bold steps toward building a better future for all. I strongly believe that each one of you, with the education and quality training you have received, the experiences you have had, and the strength of character you have built, will rise to meet this challenge. There are diverse opportunities to meet your needs in the workforce, and it is up to you to seize them, make a difference, and lead with integrity, courage, and compassion.

As you take the next steps in your journey, whether in further education, the workplace, or entrepreneurship remember that this is not the end, but the beginning of something even greater. The world needs your energy, your fresh ideas, and your leadership now more than ever.

The lessons you've learned at Kenyatta University, the friendships you've forged, and the values you've embraced will continue to guide you long after you leave KU. Once again, congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone. You have accomplished so much, and yet, I am confident that the best is yet to come.

Continue to challenge yourself, continue to push the boundaries of what you can achieve, and continue to inspire others on your journey. We are proud of you, and we look forward to seeing all the incredible things you will accomplish as you step into the future.

*Success is never given; it
must be earned.*

Eliud Kipchoge



From The Vice-Chancellor

Prof. Waceke Wanjohi

A Bright Future Ahead for Kenyatta University Graduates

Dear Graduands, Congratulations on this outstanding achievement! Today marks a momentous occasion, not just in your academic journey, but in your personal development and growth. I am filled with tremendous joy as the Acting Vice-Chancellor of the number one University in Kenya. I equally celebrate the culmination of years of hard work, commitment, and determination.

You have persevered through challenges, learned from both successes and setbacks, and emerged stronger, wiser, and more resilient. Today, we don't just celebrate your success we celebrate your indomitable spirit, your journey, and the incredible person you've become.

Your academic achievements are a testament to your dedication, but they also represent something far greater, your ability to persist and thrive in the face of adversity. You've not only mastered the theories, concepts, and skills necessary for your chosen field, but you have also developed the inner strength and resilience required to succeed in a world that is ever-changing and often unpredictable. As I write this, I cannot help but feel immense pride in everything

you have achieved. I feel proud to be part of such a dedicated and passionate group of graduands. As you embark on the next phase of your life, I look forward to the remarkable things you will accomplish, things that will shape your future and those around you.

Reflecting on the profound impact that your education will have on your journey, I am reminded of the powerful words of Gina Din, a Communications mogul and Founder of Gina Din Group, in Kenya and beyond who once said: "In today's world, the ability to communicate effectively is as important as technical expertise. It is the bridge that connects us all." These words are a powerful reminder that you need to hone both your technical and communications skills to have a successful career. Education is not merely about acquiring knowledge, it is also about equipping yourself with skillsets required in challenging the status quo, pushing boundaries, and driving change.

Kenyatta University, ranked number one in Kenya by THE World University Rankings for 2025, has equipped you with the knowledge, resilience, and drive to excel in any endeavour you would want to pursue. Now, it's time to

take that legacy forward, break new ground, and show the world the power of a KU graduate. Bear in mind that you are capable of achieving greatness and that with every step you take, you have the ability to make the world a better place for future generations.

Once again, I congratulate you on this prodigious feat. May the journey ahead be filled with boundless opportunities, and may your future be as bright and full of promise as the incredible potential I see in each of you.

Continue to be fearless in pursuing your dreams, continue to strive for excellence, and continue to lead with purpose. The world is waiting for your brilliance, and I am excited to see all the ways you will contribute to it.

In today's world, the ability to communicate effectively is as important as technical expertise. It is the bridge that connects us all."

Gina Din



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Office of the Vice-Chancellor

University's Sterling Performance

Exemplary achievement

The year 2024 has presented significant opportunities and accomplishments for Kenyatta University. In particular, the University was ranked Number One in Kenya by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024.

Ranked #1

The University's excellent performance spread across the five parameters assessed: (i) Teaching: which focused on doctorate / bachelor ratio; Doctorate /staff ratio; student / staff ratio; and teaching reputation. (ii) Research environment: focusing on research productivity, research income and research reputation. (iii) Research quality: focusing on citation impact, research excellence, research strength, and research influence. (iv) Industry: which focuses on industry income and patents; and (v) International outlook: which focuses on international co-authorship; international staff; international students; and studying abroad. The University has participated in this ranking since 2014 but did not achieve ranking status until 2021 when it was ranked for the first time. Continuing in this improvement trajectory, in the Webometrics results for July 2024, Kenyatta University moved up 46 positions globally, 6 positions in Africa and from 3rd to 2nd in Kenya.

Resilience Award

Additionally, Kenyatta University received the 2024 Tourism Resilience Award through the Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre – Eastern Africa based at KU. The Award ceremony was held in London in November. At the recently concluded Kenya Innovation Week 2024 Africa Edition, the University won the prestigious Best Academia Innovation Award 2024 only two months after attaining Position One for the Overall Best Stand in

the Research and Development (Educational) category and the third Best University Stand at the Nairobi International Trade Fair 2024.

Quality assurance

Another notable academics related achievements is the accreditation of the Digital School of Virtual and Open Learning (DSVOL) by the Commission for University Education as an Odel Centre, which marks a significant milestone as the University seeks to transition more programmes to the e-platform.

Our students have done us proud

Kenyatta University students continue to deliver excellent performance in different areas. In the 2024 Paralympics in Paris, Samson Ojuka Opiyo, a Kenyatta University final year student of law won a silver medal in the men's T7 long jump event.

In keeping with their sterling achievements, the Mighty KU Choir won the Best University Choir nationally for the 15th Year running. The Vice Chancellor was at hand at State Lodge, Eldoret to receive the trophy from His Excellency the President who is also the Patron, Kenya Music Festival.

Our scouts did not disappoint either. The Kenyatta University Panthera Scouts Troop won several national and regional male and female competitions and received trophies and certificates.

Conscious of the importance of efficient communication and service delivery, Kenyatta University has committed resources and effort and achieved commendable success in the area of ICT. In the 2024 Digital Transformation Public Sector Forum and Awards organised by Kenya's Ministry of Information, Communication and Digital Economy in collaboration with Grey Dale Africa, the University

secured the 1st Runner-up position in the prestigious Digital Innovation – Education Sector category. Further, the University has continued to expand and upgrade its ICT infrastructure; and this year saw the completion of the extension of WiFi coverage to all student hostels. Embracing the call for a sustainable future, and complying with the Presidential Directives on tree planting and growing, Kenyatta University has planted 3,500 trees on campus underscoring our commitment to Kenya Vision 2030 agenda and a greener tomorrow for generations to come.

These achievements are as a result of our collective steadfast commitment to the successful implementation of the University's Strategic and Vision Plan 2023-2027 which has identified critical issues that formed the basis for formulating ambitious but realistic strategic objectives. For the next five years, the University will focus on five strategic issues, namely: teaching and learning; research, innovation and dissemination; organizational capacity strengthening; customer focus, and pertinent and contemporary issues, covering a total of 22 Key Result Areas that are linked to the attainment of the strategic goals.

Kenyatta University remains focused and committed to its mission of providing high-quality education and training through the generation of knowledge, research, innovation, creativity, and community outreach.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the entire Kenyatta University community of staff and students for their diligence and hard work, and urge you to build on the successes we have achieved so far, and single mindedly work towards placing Kenyatta University at par with the best of the best universities internationally.

Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic

Advancing Academic Excellence and Shaping Future Leaders

The Academic Division at Kenyatta University (KU) drives the University's mission to promote academic excellence, empower students, and develop leaders. Focused on equipping students with the skills, knowledge, and experiences they need to thrive academically and professionally, the Division plays a critical role in the success of both the University and its graduates. It oversees curriculum development, and the optimal use of teaching, training and research facilities, coordinating the delivery of academic programmes in a way that upholds the University's commitment to excellence. A key component to this is the Centre for Career Development and Mentorship Programmes, which empowers students through tailored mentorship. In 2024, 3,000 first-year students were registered as mentees, supported by 130 trained faculty mentors, ensuring personalised guidance and career readiness.

Another important resource is The Growing Leaders Programme, which has an enrolment of 4,400 final-year students enrolled in leadership and life skills training for the year 2024/2025. This initiative aims to nurture well-rounded leaders, capable of navigating the challenges of a globalised world. The Division views this as an essential contribution to Kenya's Vision 2030, as it helps students develop very vital management

and leadership skills. The Division also enhances KU's international presence through initiatives such as the Total Energies Programme, which provides Health and Safety Training to 50 agriculture students. The Division promotes global partnerships and practical knowledge exchange. For example, KU students recently participated in the Standard Chartered Mentors Den in November 2024, gaining practical career insights and soft skills through the Future Makers Initiative.

A key function of the Academic Division is student admissions. In September 2024, KU admitted 14,989 students, including international students from 10 countries, further demonstrating its global outlook. Applications for the January 2025 intake are now open.

In collaboration with other directorates, centres, schools, departments, and sections, the Division ensures students have access to affordable, secure accommodation on campus. With continuous improvements, including enhanced security measures and improved amenities, KU provides a conducive living environment that supports students' holistic, academic and personal growth. The Division largely influences student governance, overseeing the Kenyatta University Students Association (KUSA) elections and promoting democratic participation. Through

this, the Academic Division nurtures a culture of leadership and active engagement in University life.

The University's Post-Modern Library, a part of the Academic Division, is a hub for research and innovation. By integrating cutting-edge technologies in its services, the library supports students and faculty, helping KU maintain its status among the top African Universities.

The Division also nurtures and fosters excellence in its students and staff, recent examples being Millicent Apiyo Omala, who received the Rosalind Franklin Society Award for her research on climate finance, and Dr. Grace Kirigo Githemo who won the National Nurse/Midwife of The Year Award- Training Category.

The Academic Division remains committed to producing graduates equipped with leadership skills for a rapidly changing world. With a commitment to academic excellence, leadership development, and research innovation, the Division continues to shape and mould future leaders, empowering students to make meaningful contributions globally with the opportunities and resources provided to them.



Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Administration & Finance

Driving Operational Excellence

The Administration and Finance Division is responsible for the smooth operation of day-to-day administrative functions at the University. This includes managing Human Resources, ICT Services, Medical Services, Transport Services, and Estates Services, among other vital operations. Over the past few months, the Division has achieved several key milestones:

1. Data Center Upgrade:

The University has invested in upgrading its Data Center server equipment to enhance capacity, performance, and reliability. This upgrade will allow the University to handle increased workloads, deliver faster response times, and support more users. Key improvements include:

Hardware Enhancements: New physical components provide higher capacity and performance to handle larger data volumes and more simultaneous processes.

Storage Upgrades: Faster access times improve application performance, especially for data-intensive tasks.

Network Upgrades: Higher-speed interfaces reduce bottlenecks, enabling faster data transmission and better support for high-bandwidth applications.

Software Upgrades: These are essential to maximising hardware efficiency, ensuring robust security, improving system stability, and complying with policy regulations. This comprehensive hardware and software strategy enhances the University's computing infrastructure, making it more adaptable to future needs while ensuring high-speed, reliable performance.

2. Staff Training and Development Programs.

The University has conducted a series of staff training programs, including:

- Induction Training
- Fire Safety Awareness Training
- Performance Appraisal Training
- Sensitization Training on University Quality Management Systems
- Staff Wellness Training
- Service Delivery with a Focus on Human Dignity
- Customer Care Training

These programs aim to improve employee engagement and ensure better service delivery across all departments.

3. Health Care Management:

The Directorate of University Health Services plays a critical role in the health and well-being of the University community, serving students, staff, and their dependents.

Recent highlights include:

Specialised Clinics: The Directorate provides services in Gynecology, Dentistry, Psychiatry, HIV/TB, Mother and Child Welfare, Physiotherapy, and Wellness & Rehabilitation.

Minor Theatre: A new facility has been launched to handle surgical emergencies and minor procedures, enhancing the Directorate's capacity.

Health Awareness Campaigns: In collaboration with Pathfinder International, a campaign was launched to raise awareness about the proper use of female condoms and their role in preventing HIV/AIDS, STIs, and unwanted pregnancies.

International Nursing Conference: In partnership with the National Nurses Association of Kenya (NNA-Kenya), the Directorate hosted the 66th International Annual Conference (ASC) and AGM at Kenyatta University from October 23rd-25th, 2024. The event focused on evidence-based nursing and midwifery practices aimed at improving health outcomes.

These initiatives demonstrate the University's ongoing commitment to fostering a healthy, productive community.

Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, Innovation and Outreach

Celebrating Excellence in Research and Innovation

Kenyatta University's recent achievement as the top-ranked university in Kenya in THE World University Rankings 2025 reflects its commitment to excellence in education. This accomplishment spans five pillars: teaching, research environment, research quality, industry, and international outlook. These aspects are advanced by the Division of Research, Innovation, and Outreach (RIO), whose mission is to create an environment that fosters excellence in research, scholarship, and innovation.

Institutionalising research

The RIO Division facilitates research through its Coordinators, Research Innovators and Outreach Boards at both departmental and school levels. These initiatives

promote a cohesive research culture and stimulate collaborative scholarly engagements across the University, ensuring research excellence.

Promoting innovation and outreach.

The RIO Division supports several strategic directorates and centres that focus on innovation and outreach. These include the Directorate of Chandaria Business, Innovation, and Incubation Centre, which focuses on promoting entrepreneurship and industry linkages; the Centre for Research Ethics and Safety, which ensures the upholding of high research standards; and the National Phytotherapeutic Research Centre (NPRC), which is advancing the commercialisation of natural products. The Director-

ate of Research Capacity Building also supports grant writing, collaborations, and capacity-building initiatives that contribute to Kenyatta University's global outlook. Enhancing creativity and potential for opportunities.

Kenyatta University continues to be recognised for its research excellence. It won the Best Overall University Stand in Research and Innovation at the Nairobi International Trade Fair. Notable staff members, including Dr. Esther Munyiri and Prof. Paul Kamau Mbugua, have received prestigious awards for their contributions to research. These accolades reflect the Division's commitment to fostering impactful research and innovation at a global scale.



Clinching the Best Overall Award at Kenya Music Festival 2024



Prof. Waceke Wanjohi, Ag. Vice-Chancellor, receives the Best University Trophy from Perminus Chege, KU Mighty Choir Chairperson.

Kenyatta University (KU) continues to set the standard for excellence in music and the arts after winning the prestigious **Best Overall Award at the Kenya Music Festival 2024**. This remarkable achievement marks the 15th time that KU has claimed this top honour, underscoring the university's unwavering dedication to nurturing talent and fostering creativity.

KU's performance this year was outstanding, with entries across a wide range of categories. Out of 44 entries, KU secured the top spot in 27 categories and claimed the second position in 13 others, affirming its dominance in the competition. The university's entries spanned diverse genres and compositions, reflecting the richness of its musical repertoire and the depth of its students' skills.

Some of the standout categories where KU triumphed include:

- Advanced Composition
- African American Spiritual (Female)

- African American Spiritual (Male)
- African and Western Ensemble
- African Instrumental Ensemble
- Alto Solo
- Arrangement of African Tunes (Male)
- Chivoti
- Communications Authority Composition.
- Descant Recorder
- Equity Special Composition
- Folksong Arrangement (Female)
- Gikuyu Dance
- Gikuyu Folksong
- Gusii Dance
- Litungu Solo
- Male Voices Set Piece
- Mixed Set Piece
- Non-Classical Guitar
- Original Composition (Female)
- Own Composition (Male Voices)
- Pop Talent Show
- Set Piece for Female Voices
- Tenor Solo
- Triple Threat
- Zilizopendwa From the Rest of Africa
- Zinazovuma

The festival culminated in a grand awards ceremony where Prof. Waceke Wanjohi, Ag. Vice-Chancellor; Dr. Duncan Miano Wambugu, Chairperson of the Department of Music and Dance; Dr. Isaiah Oyugi, Lecturer in the Department of Music and Dance; and the members of the KU Students' Choir proudly received the winner's trophy from His Excellency the President, Dr. William Samoei Ruto. This accolade not only celebrates KU's success but also highlights the collective effort and dedication of the University's students, faculty, and leadership.

Kenyatta University's continued success at the Kenya Music Festival is a testament to the University's commitment to nurturing a vibrant arts culture and providing its students with the tools and opportunities to excel on both national and international stages. As KU celebrates yet another victory, it reaffirms its position as a leader in promoting and sustaining the arts in Kenya.

New African Record at 2024 Paralympic Games



Samson Opiyo Ojuka, KU Law Student and Paralympic Champion.

Samson Ojuka, a 28-year-old Law student at Kenyatta University, made history at the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris by securing Kenya's sole medal. Ojuka achieved a remarkable feat in the Men's Long Jump, setting a new national and African record with a jump of 6.20 meters.

Ojuka's record-breaking jump surpassed the previous African record of 6.05 meters, set by South African athlete Andrea Dalle Ave in 2015, cementing his legacy as a trailblazer in Kenyan athletics.

This exceptional accomplishment highlights Kenyatta University's commitment to promoting excellence in academics

and co-curricular activities. Ojuka's achievement is not only a personal milestone but also a reflection of the University's efforts in nurturing well-rounded students. His success on the global stage underscores Kenyatta University's dedication to developing talents that excel beyond the classroom, contributing to the institution's growing reputation for academic and athletic distinction.

This achievement comes on the heels of the 2024 All Africa University Games in Nigeria, where Kenyatta University's football team successfully defended its title in the men's football category, having won the championship in 2022 when the university hosted the event.

Ojuka's victory is historic, marking the first time a Kenyan has won a medal in the long jump at both the Paralympic and Olympic levels. It also represents Kenya's first Paralympic field event medal since Mary Nakhumicha's silver in javelin at the 2008 Beijing Games.

Ojuka's success is a testament to the impact of proper talent development, guidance, and academic support, showcasing the potential of students' to succeed in various sectors.

Kenyatta University continues to invest in developing world-class amenities and facilities to support both academic and extracurricular excellence.

Collaboration with Chinese University



Prof. James Kung'u, Ag. Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) receives a gift from Prof. Qui Xiquang, Vice-President of Hainan University.

Kenyatta University (KU) is poised to deepen its international collaborations as it welcomed a delegation from Hainan University (HNU) on Wednesday, October 30, 2024.

During the courtesy call, which took place at KU's main administration, the KU and Hainan teams formalised their collaboration by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This agreement is designed to foster joint research initiatives, facilitate student exchanges, and promote resource sharing, enhancing the academic landscape for both universities.

Hainan University, a key institution supported by China's Ministry of Education and the Hainan Provincial Government, boasts a comprehensive curriculum spanning disciplines such as philosophy, economics, law, science, medicine, agriculture, engineering, among others. With over 44,500 full-time students and a robust faculty of 4,600, HNU stands out for its innovative research in trop-

ical crop breeding, digital medical engineering, and marine resource utilisation.

Prof. Qiu, an expert in undergraduate education and teaching assessment, led the delegation of four faculty members, each representing vital areas of HNU's academic prowess:

Prof. Deng Yida: Director, Institute of Science and Technology Development

Prof. Miao Weiguo: Dean, School of Tropical Agriculture and Forestry

Prof. Ruan Yunze: School of Breeding and Multiplication

Prof. Cui Yongfu: Coordinator, International Students Office

A Vision for Global Cooperation
The MoU will strengthen ties between KU and HNU and invite Kenyatta University to join the League of Tropical Universities, a collaborative network initiated by HNU alongside six founding members, including Cairo University and Chulalongkorn

University. This league, now encompassing 59 institutions from 23 countries, aims to create an inclusive platform for international cooperation, fostering innovation and knowledge exchange.

As part of the discussions, the league will host a summit in Haikou, Hainan Province, from 13th April-15th, 2025, under the theme "Consultation, Contribution, and Shared Benefits: Towards a Shared Future of Higher Education for the Tropical Region." This summit promises to be an excellent opportunity for KU to showcase its unique programmes, such as Aerospace and Petroleum Engineering, which distinguishes it as a leader in higher education in Kenya.

Anticipating New Horizons.

This visit signifies the ninth MoU signed between Kenyatta University and Chinese institutions, reflecting a growing trend of collaboration that enhances KU's brand, reputation, and international standing. The partnership with Hainan University not only underscores KU's commitment to global academic standards but also its aspiration to play a pivotal role in shaping education in the tropical region, as stipulated in its Vision statement.

As we anticipate further collaborations, the engagement with Hainan University exemplifies KU's dedication to promoting a robust academic environment that embraces global perspectives and innovative practices.

Kenyatta University looks forward to welcoming Hainan University and its delegation for a tour around the campuses, marking a new chapter in our international relations and academic endeavours. Together, we aim to cultivate an environment of shared knowledge and mutual growth, setting the stage for a future where education knows no boundaries.

Shaping Tomorrow's Leaders: Nurturing Leadership Qualities for a Brighter Future



Ms. Lilian Muli Kanene, media practitioner takes a selfie with students during the Launch of Growing Leaders Programme, 2024.

As the world continues to evolve, visionary leadership has never been more crucial, especially in Kenya, where over 60% of the population is under 35 years. Shaping this generation of leaders is vital for ensuring a prosperous future for the country. At Kenyatta University, we recognise this responsibility, and through our *Growing Leaders Programme*, we are nurturing the leadership qualities in young minds that will influence Kenya's future and the broader global community.

The Growing Leaders Programme, launched in 2011, is a collaboration between Kenyatta University and several partner organisations committed to nurturing young talent. The initiative provides students with opportunities to develop essential leadership skills, preparing them to navigate the dynamic

job market and lead with integrity and innovation. Managed by the University's Career Development and Mentorship Programme (CDMP), the programme ensures that participants gain both academic knowledge and leadership acumen.

Mr. Kenneth Njoroge, Director of CDMP, shared that over 2,300 students have registered for the programme this year, reflecting the growing demand for leadership training. This initiative has become a cornerstone of Kenyatta University's mission to prepare students not only for their careers but also for leadership roles in society.

During the launch of this year's training, Mr. Ondrej Simek, Head of the European Union Delegation in Kenya, challenged participants to broaden their horizons through

international exposure, emphasising how studying abroad can enhance personal growth and leadership capabilities. Prof. Bernard Kivunge, representing the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Waceke Wanjohi, echoed this sentiment, stressing the importance of being versatile and adaptable in an increasingly competitive job market.

A key theme from all speakers was the importance of strategic decision-making, building meaningful networks, and seeking mentorship. Leadership is an ongoing journey that requires continuous learning, adaptability, and courage to step beyond comfort zones.

Through initiatives like the Growing Leaders Programme, Kenyatta University is committed to shaping a new generation of leaders who will make a lasting impact, both locally and globally.



*Prof. Waceke Wanjohi, Ag.
Vice-Chancellor and The Students
Governing Council during the
2024/2025 Induction Workshop.*

Empowering Student Leadership and Engagement

The Directorate of Student Affairs plays a vital role in ensuring the efficient delivery of services to students at Kenyatta University. In collaboration with University Management and other campus bodies, the Directorate is dedicated to addressing students' concerns promptly and providing welfare services tailored to individual and collective needs.

This year, the Directorate supported numerous student-driven activities, including the 2024 KUSA Elections, held from October 9th to 17th, 2024. With the Directorate's assistance, the elections were conducted smoothly, culminating in the swearing-in of the new Student Governing Council (SGC) on 22nd October, 2024, officiated by Senior Counsel Moses Kurgat.

The elections offered students the opportunity to democratically elect their leaders, while also providing elected representatives with the chance to

develop essential leadership skills. Following the elections, the Directorate organised the 2024 KUSA Student Leaders' Induction from 1st to 5th November, 2024, at North Coast Beach Hotel.

During the event, the Vice Chancellor delivered a keynote address, congratulating the new leaders and emphasising the importance of servant leadership, which balances university academics with leadership responsibilities.

In addition to leadership initiatives, the Kenyatta University President's Award Scheme hosted the Adventurous Journey for Gold Award participants in the Aberdare Ranges, Nyeri County, from 26th to 30th September, 2024.

This journey is a key requirement for the Gold Award, with nine Kenyatta University students honoured at the 2024 Gold Award Presentation Cere-

mony on October 17th, 2024, at State House, Nairobi, by President Dr. William Ruto.

To strengthen international engagement, former KUSA Chairman Mr. Robert Bonaya, represented the university at the 3rd All African Students' Union Symposium in Windhoek, Namibia, from 2nd to 8th August, 2024. The symposium focused on African development, providing a platform for student leaders to collaborate on economic prosperity across the continent.

The current KUSA Chairman, Mr. Glen Karani, also organised the Inter-School Tournament from 11th to 16th November, 2024, promoting mental wellness, team spirit, and unity among students. This event supports the Directorate's ongoing commitment to fostering a balanced and inclusive student life.

31 YEARS OF CULTURAL INTEGRATION



KU Maa Cultural Ambassadors during the 2024 Culture Week Festival.

The much-anticipated 31st Edition of Culture Week at Kenyatta University commenced with a vibrant celebration of entertainment, exhibitions, and cultural heritage, drawing attention to this year's theme: "Promoting Culture for Sustainability and Responsible Citizenship in the Digital Age." The event was graced by Mr. Kevin Mulei, CEO of NRG Radio, and his spouse Mrs. Janet Mulei, who joined students, staff, and guests to honour cultural diversity. The opening ceremony featured a dynamic showcase of global and Kenyan traditions, including Chinese cultural performances, setting the tone for the celebration of both national and international cultures.

The first entertainment session was followed by the presentation of the University's cultural ambassadors. In a celebratory moment, Prof. Caroline Thoruwa, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Innovation, and Outreach), formally

appointed the ambassadors as this year's custodians of culture.

Prof. Thoruwa emphasised the University's commitment to nurturing young talent, citing the KU Mighty Choir's 15-year streak as national champions and highlighting the significance of the 31st Culture Week.

In his keynote address, Mr. Mulei recognised the University's vital role in shaping Kenya's cultural icons, remarking, "Many of the artists we celebrate today are products of this very institution."

He discussed the importance of culture in promoting responsible citizenship, particularly in the digital age, and expressed interest in future collaborations, especially with KU Radio, to foster young talent.

A thrilling performance by dancers from the Bomas of Kenya added a vibrant climax to the day, celebrating Kenya's rich cultural

heritage and demonstrating the unifying power of the arts.

The event also marked a significant step towards future collaborations between NRG Radio and Kenyatta University. Mr. Mulei introduced a new digital product, PayLess, aimed at enhancing financial literacy for young people.

Discussions led by Dr. Duncan Wambugu, Chairperson of Culture Week, explored the potential for innovation partnerships and media student exchanges between NRG and KU.

Prof. Waceke Wanjohi, Ag. Vice-Chancellor, highlighted the University's commitment to supporting students, including those with disabilities and those affected by the economic challenges of COVID-19.

Culture Week 2024 set the stage for continued cultural exchange and collaboration in promoting sustainability in the digital era.

“Ladha Za Africa” : Department of Hospitality and Tourism

A Culinary Showcase of African Flavors and Future Chefs

The “Ladha Za Africa” competition, held at Boma International Hospitality College (BIHC) from October 14th to 18th, 2024, was a dynamic celebration of African culinary heritage, bringing together young talents from across Kenya.

This event, which highlighted the *diversity of African cuisine*, provided a platform for innovation, culture, and collaboration within the hospitality sector. Kenyatta University was proudly represented by fourth-year Hospitality and Tourism students Stacey Nyambura Kamangu and Steven Wamae, mentored by Dr. Florence Njau and Dr. Leah Maringa.

The competition aimed to promote African culinary traditions while inspiring modern takes on classic dishes. Boma Hotel sought to create an inspiring platform where culinary artists could showcase their creativity, pushing the boundaries of African cuisine and increasing its global recognition.

The competition saw a remarkable turnout from **18 hospitality schools and industry chefs, all under 27 years**, showcasing their talents. Stacey Nyambura Kamangu emerged as a stand-out winner, securing a Gold award in the hospitality institution’s culinary category.

This achievement not only celebrated her creativity but also underscored the high calibre of Kenyatta University’s hospitality programme. Steven Wamae also contributed to the event, earning a certificate of participation.

The event was a week-long celebration of culinary excellence, featuring live cooking demonstrations, mocktail and cocktail creations, and fine dining, all infused with authentic African flavours.

Participants used locally sourced ingredients and environmentally friendly cooking practices, aligning with global trends in sustainable gastronomy. The competition also offered valuable learning experiences,

with chefs providing feedback to enhance participants’ skills.

Looking ahead, organisers aim to expand the competition categories to include more diverse culinary skills and increase its visibility to attract food critics and culinary enthusiasts.

Kenyatta University, with its strong focus on hospitality education, would be an ideal venue for hosting future editions of this prestigious event.

Overall, “Ladha Za Africa” proved to be a significant platform for emerging culinary talent, celebrating African heritage and sustainability while inspiring the next generation of chefs.





Shaping the Future of Fashion

KU Fashion and Design student participating in a fashion show.

ion Show,” where students present their collections, has become a highly anticipated event in the academic calendar, showcasing the talent and creativity of our students.

In the era of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and technological advancements, the FDM department continues to equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to navigate an ever-changing global fashion landscape. We are also proud to lead initiatives focused on sustainable fashion practices and interdisciplinary research that align with the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Our faculty and students are actively engaged in research projects that promote recycling, upcycling, waste reduction, and eco-friendly designs, all while integrating modern technological tools into the creative process.

Our commitment to bridging academia and industry is demonstrated through partnerships with experts in the fashion sector. Internships and practicum opportunities provide students with real-world experience, ensuring they are well-prepared for the workforce upon graduation.

Kenyatta University’s FDM department is dedicated to nurturing creativity, fostering innovation, and shaping the future of fashion education in Kenya and beyond. We extend our warm congratulations to the graduating class of 2024 and wish them great success in their future endeavours.

The fashion industry is a dynamic and rapidly evolving sector with a significant global presence. **Kenyatta University’s Fashion Design and Marketing (FDM) programme** is at the forefront of this transformation, offering cutting-edge education in fashion design, digital marketing, apparel production, quality control, and technical skills.

This comprehensive training prepares students to thrive in both local and international markets.

The department is committed to innovation, sustainability, and fostering strong connections with both the Kenyan and global fashion industries. At the core of our educational approach is a focus on student-centred learning, offering practical experiences through hands-on workshops, industry collaborations, and experiential activities.

These initiatives enable our students to explore and express their creativity fully. Our annual “Fash-

Youth Energy Summit 2024

Empowering Young Entrepreneurs for a Sustainable Future



Ms. Shiddika Mohamed, Group Director of EnergyNet facilitating a workshop at KUCC

The Youth Energy Summit took place at Kenyatta University on Friday 11th October 2024, bringing together innovative minds, industry leaders, and aspiring entrepreneurs. The event aimed to inspire and equip the youth with the tools needed to navigate the challenges of entrepreneurship, particularly in the context of climate change and sustainable business practices.

The summit began with uplifting anthems led by Shiddika Mohamed, Group Director of EnergyNet and CEO of the Youth Energy Summit. Dr. Samuel Maina, Chairman of the Department of Business Administration at the School of Business, Economics, and Tourism, delivered the opening remarks, emphasising the importance of youth engagement in driving change.

Prof. Perez Onono Okello, Executive Dean of the School of Business, presented the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Youth Energy Summit team, marking a significant collaboration to foster entrepreneurial initiatives.

Prof. James Kung'u, Ag. Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), gave the keynote address, underscoring the importance of innovation in addressing global challenges and inspiring attendees to use creativity in problem-solving.

The event featured a lineup of notable speakers who shared their entrepreneurial journeys. Wycliffe Ng'ang'a, founder of Faith Engineering, recounted his inspiring story of overcoming obstacles to create climate-change solutions, emphasising the power of innovative thinking.

Mary Chege, Chief Legal Officer at the Micro and Small Enterprises Authority, urged participants to formalise their businesses to access government funding, outlining steps for business registration and resources like the Uwezo Fund and Youth Fund.

Harman Singh, co-founder of Kalasik Organisation, shared insights into understanding market needs and delivering value, while Nyambura Ng'ang'a, Relationship Manager at KCB Bank Kenya, highlighted the bank's support for sustainable businesses, including financing for renewable energy projects.

A workshop led by Mrs. Susan Maximum, Regional Lead for Africa at Village Capital, provided practical skills for creating successful business plans. The event concluded with a networking session, and the Global Energy Alliance for Employment announced a \$5,500 funding opportunity for student projects.

The Youth Energy Summit 2024 highlighted the opportunities for young innovators to make a positive impact. With the right support, these aspiring leaders are poised to transform their ideas into solutions that address societal challenges.





Confucius Institute Students perform during Chinese Ambassador Scholarship event.

Bridging Cultures, Empowering Futures

As Kenyatta University celebrates its 56th Graduation Ceremony, the Confucius Institute is recognised for its significant role in fostering cultural and academic exchange.

Serving as a hub for students to expand their knowledge and prepare for global citizenship, the Institute blends education, tradition, and innovation, offering an enriching experience that broadens students' perspectives.

The Confucius Institute offers TVET-aligned certificate and diploma programmes in Chinese language and culture, equipping students with practical skills that enhance both personal and professional development.

This year, 11 students received scholarships to study at Shandong Normal University in China. Millicent Wanjiku Ngugi and Abdulwadud Hillow Kochi were awarded one-month martial arts scholarships at Henan University of Technology, sponsored by Chi-

na's Ministry of Commerce. Abdulwadud went on to win a medal at the Zhengzhou Shaolin Kungfu competition. Additionally, the Institute held scholarship interviews for the 2024/2025 academic year, selecting candidates based on academic excellence and language proficiency.

On 19th October, 2024, the Confucius Institute hosted internationally recognised Chinese language exams, including the Youth Chinese Test (YCT) and HSK. These certifications open doors to academic scholarships, career opportunities, and global connections. Thirty-eight students took the HSK exam, while three participated in the YCT exams.

Through strong partnerships with schools across Kenya, the Confucius Institute provides opportunities for students to learn Mandarin and explore Chinese culture. Notably, Mirriam Wambui from Sukari Presbyterian Junior Secondary School placed among the top six in Africa at the 2024 Global

Chinese Bridge competition held in Tianjin, China. The Confucius Institute at Kenyatta University promotes cultural immersion through activities like martial arts, calligraphy, and music. During the annual Culture Week (October 28–November 1, 2024), the Institute showcased Chinese language and culture, highlighting its courses, including a subsidised beginner Chinese course, and raising awareness about programs such as TVET-aligned certificates, diplomas, and the new Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Language.

The Institute will soon launch a degree program - the Bachelor of Education in Chinese Language and Culture- preparing students for careers in education, translation, and international relations.

It also plans to offer a Master's program in partnership with Shandong Normal University in 2025, providing a comprehensive understanding of the Chinese language and culture.



Commitment to Quality and Compliance



Mr. Nephat Mbau, Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission Communication Specialist facilitating a workshop on quality compliance.

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) continues to play a vital role in promoting ethical governance at Kenyatta University, ensuring the institution adheres to anti-corruption measures and transparent operations.

As part of its ongoing efforts, EACC conducted a one-day training for members of the University's Corruption Prevention Committee (UCPC) on 25th November, 2024.

This training further enhanced the University's commitment to ad-

ressing corruption matters in line with the Commission's guidelines and quality standards. Kenyatta University remains steadfast in its commitment to maintaining the highest quality management standards, as evidenced by its recent ISO 9001:2015 certification.

The University underwent successful Surveillance Audits from 12th - 14th November, 2024, conducted by SGS Limited, with no major non-conformities identified.

This achievement reflects the University's dedication to following its Quality Management System

(QMS) Procedures Manuals, ensuring continuous improvement and operational excellence.

Earlier in 2024, the University conducted two internal quality audits in March and September, reinforcing its commitment to ISO compliance. In October, the QMS Directorate also organised comprehensive training for over 1,000 middle-management staff, including administrators and officers, to increase awareness and understanding of the ISO 9001:2015 standard and QMS processes.

In collaboration with the USAID HERO Project, Kenyatta University held a three-day training on Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) from 19th to 21st November, 2024. The training focused on establishing M&E structures and frameworks to monitor the implementation of the University's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan, as well as other critical processes.

The session aimed to strengthen the University's M&E functions, enhancing its ability to attract funding, international grants, and key projects. Kenyatta University was also recognised for its excellence in public service, receiving a 100% compliance certificate from the Commission on Administrative Justice (CAJ) for effectively resolving public complaints and implementing Service Delivery Charters during the 2023/2024 reporting period.

This achievement underscores the University's ongoing dedication to transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement.

Addressing Climate Change Impacts on Food Systems and Health



Ms. Christine Kiecha Masasabi, Managing Director, American Institute for Research

The American Institutes for Research (AIR) co-hosted a significant conference at Kenyatta University (KU) under the theme “Climate Change Impacts on Food Systems and Health: Resilience and Adaptation” on 24th October 2024. The event marked a pivotal collaboration between AIR and KU in addressing urgent climate issues.

Kenyatta University’s Acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Waceke Wanjohi, welcomed attendees and highlighted the university’s commitment to addressing climate change. She introduced KU’s *Green Education Hub*, launched in 2022, which focuses on research, data dissemination, and promoting sustainable curricula to foster youth employability through public-private partnerships.

Prof. James Kung’u, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), acknowledged AIR’s efforts and emphasised the disproportionate impact of climate change on vulnerable populations, particularly in the Global South.

He noted that Kenya, with its dependence on agriculture, faces severe challenges due to erratic rain-

fall patterns, leading to reduced yields and food insecurity. Prof. Kung’u called for climate mitigation strategies, including carbon offsets and supportive public policies, to safeguard agricultural livelihoods.

Dr. Titus Kahiga, Co-convenor of the conference, reflected on the partnership established through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) six months earlier. Despite a setback in a grant application, the collaboration led to the successful conference, showcasing

interdisciplinary approaches from the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, the School of Business, Economics and Tourism, and the School of Health Sciences.

Christine Kiecha-Masasabi, Managing Director and Conference Convenor for AIR, stressed the urgency of addressing climate impacts, citing displacement caused by wildfires and droughts. She emphasised the role of research and innovation in creating sustainable, resilient solutions to protect food systems.

Mr. John Elung’ata, representing the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, discussed ongoing initiatives such as the National Climate Change Action Plan. The government’s focus includes renewable energy, reforestation, and sustainable agriculture to mitigate climate change impacts.

In closing, Prof. Wanjohi expressed her gratitude to all participants and reaffirmed KU’s dedication to tackling climate challenges through actionable solutions.



A participant contributes during the AIR Conference

GTRCMC 2024 (UK) Resilience Award



Right-left: Prof. Waceke Wanjohi, Ag. VC-KU, Dr. Esther Munyiri, Director GTRMC-EA, Hon. Rebecca Miano, CS Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, Amb. Catherine Wahome, Ambassador of Kenya in the United Kingdom and Mr. Kennedy Monari, a Senior Researcher at GTRCMC-EA

The *Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre – Eastern Africa (GTRCMC-EA)*, based at Kenyatta University (KU), was honoured with the prestigious Resilience Award during the Global Resilience Council Hall of Fame Awards dinner, on Wednesday, November 6th 2024.

This recognition, hosted at **Plaisirers' Hall in London**, is part of the *Global Resilience Council's Global Travel Hall of Fame Awards*. Established in 1995, the Hall of Fame celebrates the outstanding achievements of individuals and organisations in the travel, hospitality, tourism, and leisure sectors. The Resilience Award acknowledges the GTRCMC-EA's exemplary contributions to global tourism resilience, particularly in overcoming challenges and promoting sustainable practices.

The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife (Hon. Rebecca Miano), who also serves

as the Chairperson of the GTRCMC-EA's Board of Governors, led a delegation from Eastern Africa to receive this honour. The award signified recognition by esteemed judges of the Centre's work in shaping the future of the tourism industry through leadership and innovation.

The Global Resilience Council Hall of Fame Awards highlights four key categories:

1. Resilience Award
2. Impact Award
3. Non-Profit & Association Award
4. Sustainable Business Award

These awards were presented to organisations that demonstrate exceptional leadership, resilience, and contributions to the industry's sustainability. The GTRCMC-EA was selected for its leading role in crisis management and tourism resilience, inspiring future generations of leaders in the sector. A delegation from Kenyatta University represented the GTRCMC-EA at

the awards ceremony, including:

- Prof. Waceke Wanjohi: Ag. Vice-Chancellor of Kenyatta University and Secretary of the GTRCMC-EA's Board of Governors
 - Dr. Esther Munyiri: Director of the GTRCMC-EA
 - Mr. Kennedy Monari: Senior Assistant Registrar at the Chandaria Innovation and Incubation Centres
- The award ceremony also featured top industry speakers and influencers who shared insights on trends in travel and tourism. The team leveraged this platform to explore key industry developments, build networks, and create opportunities for the Centre.

In addition to attending the awards dinner, the delegation participated in the World Travel Market (WTM) from 5th to 7th November, 2024. This global event allowed them to engage with leaders across the travel and tourism sectors, exchanging knowledge and fostering collaboration to advance the Centre's role in global tourism.

Excellence in Research and Development



University staff and students celebrating the Best University Stand Award during Nairobi International Trade Fair 2024.

Kenyatta University proudly participated in the Nairobi International Trade Fair 2024, held from 23rd to 28th September under the theme, “Promoting Climate-Smart Agriculture and Trade Initiatives for Sustainable Economic Growth.”

As a premier educational institution, Kenyatta University lived up to this legacy by exhibiting 25 diverse projects that intersect multiple sectors and strongly aligned with the Trade Fair’s objectives.

These projects were developed by both students and staff across key University departments and directorates, including the Chandaria Innovation and Incubation Centre, the School of Engineering, the School of Hospitality and Tourism, and School of Agriculture.

Kenyatta University competitively entered seven key categories in the trade fair:

1. Best Stand Embracing Information Technology and Communication Systems
2. Best Stand in Youth Activities, Empowerment, and Capacity Building
3. Stand that Best Interprets the Current Show Theme (Education

- and Research section)
4. Best Stand in Hospitality and Catering Services
5. Best University Stand
6. Best Stand in Research and Development (Educational category)
7. Best Innovation and Invention Stand

In recognition of its exemplary work, Kenyatta University achieved notable accolades, securing 1st position in the Best Stand in Research and Development (Educational section) and 3rd position in the Best University Stand. These accolades underscore the institution’s leading role in driving research, development, and innovation within the academic and broader societal context.

The judging panel, which convened on the 23rd of September, meticulously evaluated each exhibit based on its societal relevance, applicability, and transformative potential of the exhibited projects. Kenyatta University’s stand stood out for its innovative approaches and impactful contributions to research and development.

A Glimpse of One of the outstanding Projects:
Bee Multiscent: AI-Powered Aro-

mathery Revolutionizing Scent Selection and Sustainability
In the ever-evolving landscape of technology, Bee Multiscent stands out by merging artificial intelligence with aromatherapy. Founded by Brian Kibet and Geoffrey Mwangi, this innovative device tailors scent experiences by analysing users’ moods through voice commands, and offering personalised fragrance recommendations.

Developed in collaboration with the National Phytotherapeutics Research Centre and Chandaria Innovation Incubation, Bee Multiscent prioritises sustainability by utilising eco-friendly, plant-based scents such as lavender and citrus, promoting climate-smart agricultural practices.

Its refillable design reduces waste, while the direct connection to local farmers ensures that natural fragrances reach consumers, fostering a sustainable trade ecosystem. As a blend of technology and environmental consciousness, Bee Multiscent not only enhances personal care but also exemplifies how entrepreneurship can drive sustainable innovation in today’s market.

Celebrating Dr. Dennis Beesigamukama's Fight for Food Security



KU proudly congratulates its alumnus, **Dr. Dennis Beesigamukama**, on receiving the prestigious **2024 Norman E. Borlaug Award** for Field Research and Application from the World Food Prize Foundation.

This award recognises individuals who have made outstanding contributions to *food security*, and Dr. Beesigamukama's achievement underscores his deep connections with both KU and the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE).

Dr. Beesigamukama, a KU alumnus with a Ph.D. awarded in 2021, made significant strides in sustain-

able agriculture during his doctoral research. He developed innovative organic fertilisers using black soldier fly larvae to transform organic waste into nutrient-rich fertilisers.

This research has provided practical solutions to East African farmers, addressing soil degradation and food security challenges while reducing dependence on synthetic fertilisers.

Currently a Postdoctoral Fellow at ICIPE, Dr. Beesigamukama's work bridges critical research in insect biology and sustainable farming practices. ICIPE plays a pivotal role in understanding insects' eco-

logical and agricultural contributions.

Through his work, Dr. Beesigamukama has developed low-cost, insect-based organic fertilisers that are easy to produce and apply, benefitting over 100,000 small-holder farmers across East Africa. His training initiatives have empowered farmers to enhance crop productivity using sustainable methods.

In light of global agricultural challenges, including the rising cost of synthetic fertilisers due to geopolitical issues such as the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Dr. Beesigamukama's work offers a timely solution. His insect-composted fertilisers are not only more affordable but also outperform conventional fertilisers in nutrient content and disease resistance.

The **Borlaug Award** highlights the global importance of innovative agricultural research. Dr. Beesigamukama's recognition celebrates his contributions and the collaboration between KU and ICIPE to tackle food security challenges. His ongoing work exemplifies the vital role of education and research in creating sustainable solutions for agriculture and food security worldwide.

Congratulations, Dr. Beesigamukama, for your groundbreaking contributions to sustainable agriculture and global food security.



Empowering Research, Innovation, and Skills Development



Mr. Jamleck Kabuba, the Co-founder of Anaki Visiviva Ltd, showcase a unique Computer Numeric Control (CNC) machine manufactured using locally sourced materials to H.E. Dr. William Ruto C.G.H, President of The Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces and Prof. Waceke Wanjohi, Ag. Vice-Chancellor Kenyatta University during the Kenya Innovation Week 2024 Opening Ceremony. Anaki Visiviva has been training youths on using CNC machine and helping them start their own ventures.

USAID HERO: Stronger Partnerships for Improved Health Outcomes



KU USAID-HERO project staff discuss progress of USAID HERO project

The USAID Health Equity and Resource Optimisation (USAID HERO) project has made significant strides in enhancing health equity and optimising resources across Kenya.

Led by Kenyatta University in partnership with Abt Global, the project has worked with 10 counties, achieving notable success in domestic resource mobilisation and policy development.

At the national level, USAID HERO has collaborated with key bodies, including the Council of Governors, the Ministry of Health, the Office of the Auditor General, the Controller of Budgets, the Kenya School of Government, and the Social Health Authority (SHA).

These partnerships have been instrumental in shaping strategies to improve health financing, service delivery, and inclusive policies for

vulnerable populations. In social protection, the project supported the National Social Protection Secretariat in developing the National Social Protection Policy.

This involved engaging with counties to strengthen financial and social inclusion policies aimed at improving the welfare of marginalised communities. Additionally, USAID HERO launched a Request for Application (RFA) to sub-grant local Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), empowering them to advocate for health reforms at the county level. A major achievement of the project was the establishment of a legal framework for Facility Improvement Financing (FIF) in counties.

USAID HERO has driven discussions around FIF and supported Universal Health Coverage (UHC) reforms, particularly through strategic purchasing. By work-

ing closely with county governments, the project ensured that local health facilities were registered with the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council (KMPDC), enabling counties to access benefits through the SHA.

USAID HERO has also focused on building county capacity in Programme-Based Budgeting (PBB).

Through training 8 out of 10 counties with the Kenya School of Government using the Trainer of Trainers (ToT) model, the project has strengthened the counties' ability to plan and budget effectively for health programmes.

In its second year, USAID HERO will continue empowering local CSOs and integrating data from investment cases into the budgeting process, aiming to further enhance health equity across Kenya.

Advancing Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sports, and Dance



Prof. Boneventure Agina, Executive Dean Health Sciences and ICHPER-SD LOC Chair hands over a gift to Prof. Caroline Thoruwa, Ag. Deputy Vice-Chancellor (RIO) representing the Vice-Chancellor

Kenyatta University recently hosted the 8th International Council for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sports, and Dance (ICHPER-SD) Africa Regional Conference from 11th to 13th September, 2024, becoming a global hub for scholarly exchange and professional development.

This prestigious event brought together a distinguished group of researchers, educators, practitioners, policymakers, and students from around the world, all united by a shared commitment to advancing knowledge in the fields of health, physical education, recreation, sports, and dance. Held at the International Languages and Conference Centre (ILCC) at the University's main campus in Nairobi, the conference provided a dynamic platform for exploring pressing issues and emerging trends in the HPERSD disciplines.

The theme of this year's conference, "Enhancing Professional Practice and Sustainable Development

in Physical Education & Sport-related Fields through Education, Research, Innovation, and Outreach," guided a comprehensive programme that featured discussions on a wide range of topics. Sub-themes included sports education pedagogy, physical activity for health promotion, sports for sustainable development, the role of technology in sports, gamification in learning, and the mental health benefits of exercise. The conference also addressed key challenges and innovations in talent management, adapted physical education, and the use of artificial intelligence in sports and recreation.

Keynote addresses by internationally renowned experts added significant depth to the conference's discussions. Prof. Nancy I. Williams, a leading scholar in kinesiology and physiology from Penn State University, delivered insights into the connection between human physiology and physical performance, with a particular

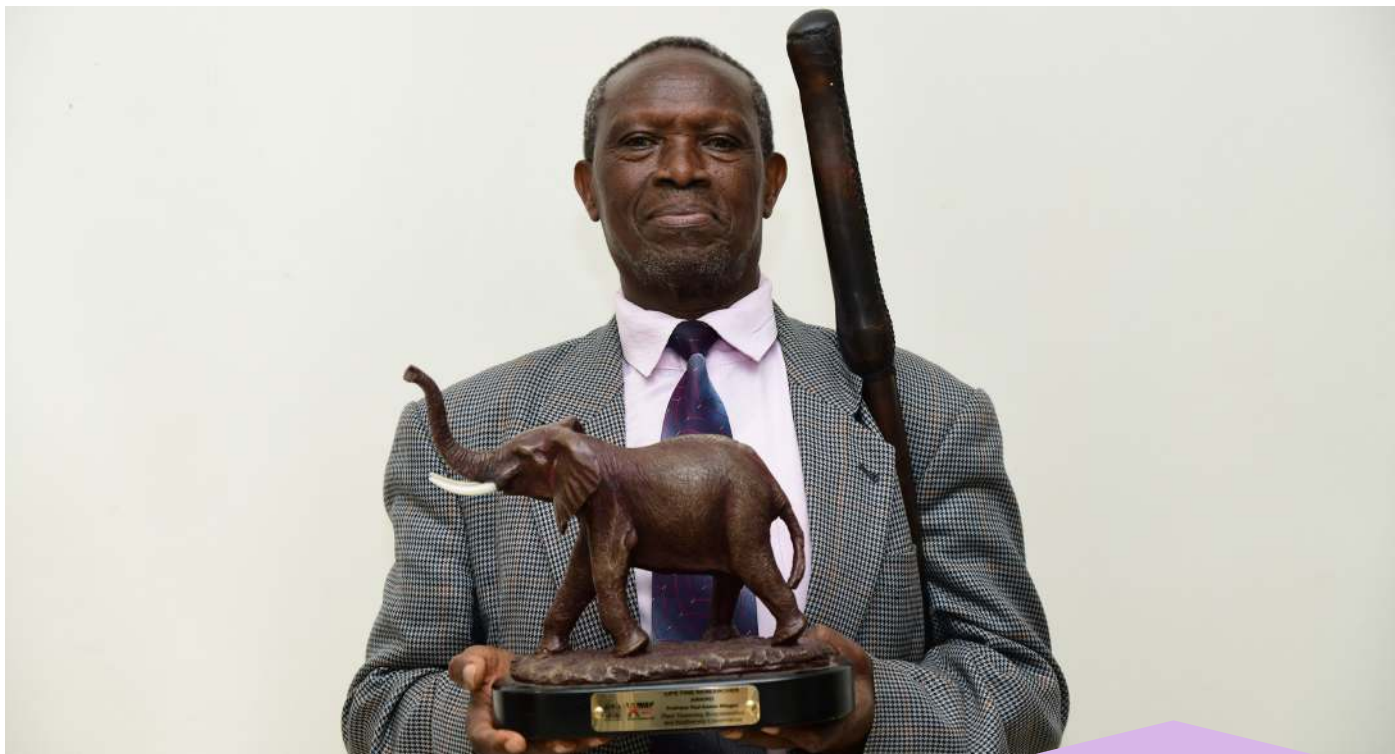
focus on women's health. Prof. Xiaojie Tian, an expert in Olympic and Paralympic history from the University of Tsukuba in Japan, shared her groundbreaking work on sports culture and multiculturalism. Meanwhile, Prof. Peter Wisiuba Bukhala, a prominent figure in disability sports from Masinde Muliro University in Kenya, highlighted advancements in adapted physical activity and his contributions to international efforts in this area.

In addition to academic sessions, the conference offered valuable networking opportunities through social events, including a welcome dinner, cocktail reception, and a closing banquet. These events allowed delegates to exchange ideas and build lasting professional connections. For international attendees, Kenyatta University provided a variety of accommodation options, from University housing to more affordable camping sites. With Kenya's efficient eVisa system, international delegates were able to streamline their travel arrangements, ensuring smooth entry into the country.

The event culminated in a post-conference excursion, allowing delegates to explore Kenya's cultural and natural wonders, further enriching their experience. Overall, the 8th ICHPER-SD Africa Regional Conference proved to be a resounding success, fostering collaboration and innovation in health, physical education, sports, and dance.

Kenyatta University's role as the host institution underscored its leadership in these fields, providing a fitting backdrop for this global gathering of experts and practitioners. The conference not only advanced professional practices but also set the stage for continued global dialogue on the future of health and physical education.

Prof. Paul Kamau Mbugua Honoured with NORA Award at KNRF Festival



Kenyatta University continues to shine as a leading institution in research and innovation in Kenya, with numerous achievements in academic excellence. A standout moment came when Prof. Paul Kamau Mbugua from the Department of Plant Science was honoured with the 2024 Lifetime Outstanding Research Award at the Kenya National Research Festival (KNRF).

This prestigious award, presented by the National Outstanding Research Award (NORA) jury, recognises Prof. Mbugua's significant contributions to plant taxonomy, biosystematics, and biodiversity conservation, advancing Kenya's research landscape.

The inaugural KNRF, held from 19th to 23rd August, 2024, at The Edge Convention Centre in Nairobi, was organised by the National Research Fund (NRF) in partnership with Young Scientists Kenya (YSK). The festival brought together researchers, innovators, and

thought leaders from across the globe under the theme 'Research Partnerships and Collaborations for Socio-economic Transformation.' The event highlighted the vital role of research in driving national development through collaborations, both domestic and international.

The festival focused on interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research, particularly projects aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It aimed to raise awareness of research activities, fostering an environment conducive to collaboration and leadership. The event celebrated past achievements while paving the way for future innovations.

Kenyatta University's ongoing commitment to research and innovation supports its mission to develop solutions addressing societal challenges. Prof. Mbugua's research exemplifies the University's dedication to excellence, partic-

Prof. Paul Kamau Mbugua holding the 2024 Lifetime Outstanding Research Award at the Kenya National Research Festival (KNRF).

ularly in the study of indigenous medicinal plants and sustainable conservation, solidifying KU's position at the forefront of scientific contributions in Kenya.

Kenyatta University's reputation extends beyond individual accolades, as demonstrated by its top ranking in Kenya by Times Higher Education, World University Ranking and its recognition at the Nairobi International Trade Fair.

These achievements affirm KU's status as a premier institution for research and higher learning, highlighting its critical role in both national and international development.

Investigating the Convergence of Art, Research, and Technology: A Report on the 2024 CAPHE Mobility Initiative at Kenyatta University



Staff and students with Dr. Adrian Kvoacka after a Lecture at BSSC

Between September 1 and November 26, 2024, Kenyatta University hosted the Communities and Artistic Participation in Hybrid Environments (CAPHE) project, an innovative initiative funded by the European Commission.

CAPHE explores the integration of Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) within artistic and cultural contexts to foster intercultural dialogue and artistic innovation.

Central to the project is the concept of “VR Participation,” which promotes community building and consensus through VR-mediated aesthetic experiences. By layering these experiences with cutting-edge technologies, CAPHE bridges disciplines such as humanities, arts, technology, and ed-

ucation, emphasizing contemporary digital interactions in partner countries: Poland, Portugal, Italy, Greece, and Kenya. The initiative combines physical activities, such as workshops, field research, and training, with virtual collaboration on platforms like AltspaceVR, enabling international teams to work within hybrid environments.

The CAPHE consortium includes renowned institutions such as the University of Athens, University of Lisbon, Jagiellonian University, and others, highlighting the global scale of this effort.

Directed by Professor John Mugubi, the 2024 Kenyatta University mobility brought together researchers from Poland, Italy, and Slovakia, fostering collaboration and innovation across diverse cultural and academic landscapes.

One notable highlight was Professor Łukaszewicz’s lecture on the evolution of artistic inspiration within the European and African Avant-Garde movements. This comparative analysis sparked dialogue about cultural influences on creativity, enriching participants’ understanding of global artistic paradigms.

Another key event was the presentation of *Shadows of Poland*, a film by Professors Karina Banasz-kiewicz-Sadowska and her team, which examines transcultural narratives between Poland and Africa. This screening launched Biography as a Space for Transcultural Dialogue, a project advocating the documentation of intercultural histories.

Professors Alessandra Montali and Bogna Gladden presented *Resonances of Stones*, a study on soundscapes at the Bazeos Tower, exploring VR’s role in authentically reconstructing historical acoustics.

The immersive performance *Orfeo & Lwanda* blended Western and African music traditions, engaging rural and urban Kenyan communities through storytelling workshops.

Dr. Adrian Kvoacka expanded the discourse on AR and VR’s transformative potential in daily life and art, emphasizing art’s ambiguity as a catalyst for diverse interpretations. Meanwhile, discussions led by Professors Montalli, Bareggi, and Cigna examined music technology’s evolving role in contemporary studies.

The CAPHE initiative solidifies Kenyatta University’s commitment to innovation, research, and intercultural collaboration, illustrating the power of art and technology in fostering understanding and bridging cultural divides.

Empowering Women and Children

KU-WEE Hub



Prof. Simon Onywere illustrates a model playgroup learning material

Kenyatta University's Women's Economic Empowerment Hub recently held a high-level stakeholders' meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024, at the **Kenyatta University Conference Centre (KUCC)**. The event focused on strategies to enhance women's income empowerment and the cognitive and socio-emotional development of preschool children, beginning at age 3.

The meeting underscored the critical role of empowering women in promoting inclusivity and expanding economic opportunities for women and children, aligning with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 2030.

Key attendees included Kenyatta University's Deputy Vice-Chancellors: Prof. James Biu Kung'u (Academics), Prof. Nelson Wawire (Administration and Finance), and Prof. Caroline Thoruwa (Research, Innovation, and Outreach). Other notable figures included Joy Keiro, a representative from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; Prof. David Minja, Prof. John Orodho,

Dr. Pacifica Okemwa, Prof. Grace Ngare, James Onditi, and Prof. Simon Onywere, alongside members of the University's Public Relations Office and Kenyatta University TV.

During the meeting, Ag. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Waceke addressed the delegates, emphasizing the importance of women's empowerment for sustainable development and societal growth. "When women thrive, communities flourish, economies grow, and the fabric of society strengthens," she stated.

She reaffirmed the University's commitment to empowering women through various academic programmes and skills development initiatives. Prof. Waceke also commended the Hub for its significant contributions to research and studies aimed at creating a conducive environment for women to excel economically.

The event featured several key presentations on different studies, each addressing crucial themes

such as women's engagement in the economy, scaling mentorship and lifelong learning, and the impact of violence and crisis on women's work. One study focused on women's participation in economic activities, particularly in public service, corporate governance, gender-responsive budgeting, and the entrepreneurship and manufacturing sectors.

The research revealed concerning trends, including a reduction in women's representation in senior positions between 2010 and 2020, both at the national and county levels. For example, women in senior job groups (Q-T) dropped from 38% in 2013 to 26% in 2020. The study also highlighted the importance of gender-inclusive governance processes in counties like Mombasa, Kitui, Kirinyaga, Nakuru, and Bomet, where over 90% of women were found to be aware of leadership and governance issues in their communities.

Another prominent study discussed the scaling of mentorship and lifelong learning for young women, with a focus on transferable skills for girls in business and the STEM fields.

This research, conducted in Mombasa County over six months, demonstrated positive outcomes in employers noticing improvements in employees' communication, leadership, decision-making, and problem-solving skills following training. However, the study also revealed a significant gender gap in STEM education, with far fewer girls enrolling in STEM courses compared to their male counterparts.

With the insights shared during the event, the University reaffirmed its dedication to empowering women and children, helping to build a more inclusive and sustainable future for all.



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to the Kenyatta University
Graduating Class of 2024!

We celebrate your hard work, resilience and dedication in reaching this significant milestone.

As you embark on your new journey, we invite you to stay connected with your alma mater by joining Kenyatta University Alumni Association. By becoming a member, you will join a group of vibrant professionals and leaders who share in your passion for excellence.

Together we can support one another, foster networking opportunities and continue to contribute to the growth and development of our beloved University

To get into the KUAA database and receive regular updates on University matters and opportunities available to our alumni, please register as a member using the QR code below



Pictorial



Dr. James Mwangi, Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Equity Group Holdings Plc during 2024 Equity Wings to Fly Program at Kenyatta University.



Dr. Gladys Rono, KU lecturer from School of Business, Economics and Tourism engaging stakeholders in Nyandarua County on Facility Improvement Financing



Left-Right: Dr. James Njogu, Ag. Sec. Gen. KNATCOM UNESCO, Prof. Charles Ong'ondo, Director/CEO KICD, Ms. Eva Njeru, Childfund Officer, Prof. Benard Kivunge, Registrar Academic, KU and Dr. Catherine Murungi during the World Teachers' Day



Prof. Waceke Wanjohi, Ag. VC, Prof. Nelson Wawire, Ag. DVC Administration and finance with Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission officers: Mohamud Abdi, Fredrick Mainda and Nephath Mbau



KU Scouts and Prof. Waceke Wanjohi, Ag. Vice-Chancellor, display trophies and certificates won during the National Inter-Patrol Scouts Competition 2024.



Mr. Kelvin Mulei, CEO NRG Radio and Chief Guest, during the Opening Ceremony of the 31st Culture Week Festival.



Ag. VC congratulating the newly elected KUSA Student Governing Council Officials during the 2024/2025 inauguration ceremony



Ms. Lilian Muli Kanene, a media practitioner and guest speaker, during the opening ceremony of Growing Leaders Programme



Mr. Robert Kahiqa and Ms. Mary Wambui, KU Career Advisors guide high school students at the Nairobi International Trade Fair.



Dr. Tabinda Sarosh, the Global CEO of Pathfinder International, Kenyatta University Community Health Promoters and Peer Counselors.



Drama Club students in action during Kenya Universities Performing Arts Association Festival (KUPAA).



Ms. Shiddika Mohamed, Group Director of EnergyNet and Dr. Perez Onono, Ag. Executive Dean School of Business, Economics and Tourism display an MOU.



Building Networks for Innovative Solutions

School of Business, Economics, and Tourism continues to enhance education, innovation, and entrepreneurship through both global partnerships and local initiatives. A range of impactful events have united faculty, students, and partners in promoting academic excellence, research collaboration, and industry engagement.

From 6th September to 7th October, 2024, Kenyatta University was represented at the GETM4 Sandpit and Secondment Workshop in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The event brought together 18 researchers from the Global North and South to engage in trans-disciplinary, gender-balanced research. Participants Dr. Ambrose Jagongo, Dr. Fredrick Ndede, Dr. Fredrick Warui, and Dr. Hannah Bula gained valuable insights, building networks and contributing to innovative solutions in entrepreneurship and talent management.

From 17th-18th October, 2024, Prof. Alice Ondigi and Dr. David Nzuki participated in a workshop at Kyambogo University, Uganda, organised by Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA). The workshop focused on strengthening resilience and social-emotional learning (RSEL) through evidence-based policymaking, engaging policymakers, researchers, and educators to improve educational systems across the region.

From 11th October, 2024, Kenyatta University hosted the Entrepreneurs Launch Pad event at the KU Conference Center (KUCC). In collaboration with the Youth Energy Summit (YES), the event brought together 200 delegates, including entrepreneurs and industry leaders.

Keynote speakers shared their entrepreneurial journeys, and the event concluded with a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

between Kenyatta University and EnergyNet, reinforcing a commitment to fostering innovation.

From 9th to 11th September, 2024, Kenyatta University hosted the inaugural Talent Expo, attracting over 4,000 students. Sponsored by leading brands, the event connected students with industry leaders and aimed to bridge the gap between academic studies and career opportunities.

Kenyatta University students won gold at the Ladha Za Africa competition held at the Boma International Hospitality College from 14th to 18th October, 2024. Stacey Nyambura Kamangu and her team showcased African culinary heritage, highlighting the global potential of African flavours.

These initiatives reflect Kenyatta University's commitment to fostering global partnerships, innovation, and community engagement.

Expanding Global Partnerships



Prof. Waceke Wanjohi, Ag. VC and Dr. Esther Munyiri, Director GTRCMC-EA together with students and staff during an Erasmus+ programme in Greece.

Prof. Waceke Wanjohi led a delegation in visiting Greece to strengthen academic partnerships, enhance research collaboration, and promote student and staff mobility.

The visit, conducted under the **Erasmus+ programme**, took place from 21st September to October 30th, 2024. Hosted by the University of Piraeus (UNIP) during the **6th International Staff Week**, the KU delegation which also included Dr. Esther Munyiri, Director of The Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre (GTRCMC-EA) and Dr. Kennedy Monari from the Chandaria Innovation and Incubation Centre.

During the visit, the KU team engaged in discussions with seven leading Greek institutions, including the University of West Attica, Harokopio University, the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), the Agricultural University of Athens, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, and

the Youth Makers Hub. The talks focused on strengthening MoUs, exploring joint research opportunities, and creating new internship pathways. Each institution brought unique expertise, from NTUA's engineering strength to the University's focus on sustainable agriculture.

The delegation also assessed the experiences of KU students currently interning and studying in Greece, further reinforcing the value of these exchange programs. Cultural excursions, including visits to the Acropolis Museum, the National Archaeological Museum, and the islands of Hydra and Poros, further enriched the team's understanding of Greece's heritage, deepening KU's ties with Greek institutions and laying the foundation for long-term collaborations.

Brief Testimonials from KU Students in Greece

Byron George Otieno (3rd Year,

Bachelor of Library and Information Science) – Byron's Erasmus+ exchange at the University of Piraeus has been transformative, allowing him to work on international projects and gain cultural insights, including visits to ancient Greek sites and exploring local cuisine.

Faith Wangari Muriithi (4th Year, Bachelor of Education [Arts]: English and Literature) – Faith's placement at the University of Piraeus focuses on promoting international relations and creating internship opportunities between Kenyan and Greek universities. She has enjoyed immersing herself in Greek culture and gaining valuable professional experience.

These placements provide KU students with unique opportunities to grow academically, professionally, and culturally, further strengthening the university's global partnerships and enhancing the impact of the Erasmus+ programme.

Celebrating the Pillar of our Education System



Dr. James Njogu, CEO and Ag. Secretary-General of the Kenya National Commission for UNESCO shakes hands with Dr. Gladwell Wambiri during the World Teacher's Day

The 2024 World Teachers' Day celebration at Kenyatta University was a highly anticipated event, with the theme *"Empowering Educators; Strengthening Resilience, Building Sustainability"* resonating deeply with the School of Education.

The day not only celebrated the University's long-standing commitment to training skilled teachers but also highlighted the urgent need for more educators due to the pressures created by the new Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC).

Prof. Samson Ondigi, Executive Dean School of Education and Lifelong Learning, posed a thought-provoking question to the audience: "Why do we celebrate World Teachers' Day?" His message emphasised the central role of educators in society. Representing the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Benard Kivunge, Registrar

(Academic), noted the growing demand for teachers, forecasting a global shortage of 44 million teachers by 2030. He highlighted the responsibility of institutions like Kenyatta University to train the next generation of educators to meet this need.

Kenyatta University has long been a cornerstone of Kenya's education sector, producing highly skilled graduates who contribute significantly to the country's educational system. The University's teacher training programmes are integral to providing competent educators who form the backbone of Kenya's education system.

Beyond teacher training, Kenyatta University is committed to research and innovation, influencing educational policies and practices. Its collaboration with the Ministry of Education and key stakeholders positions the University as a vital player in the development of Ken-

ya's education sector, particularly in areas like curriculum development and educational technology.

Dr. James Njogu, CEO and Acting Secretary-General of the Kenya National Commission for UNESCO, was the Chief Guest. He described teachers as agents of change and stressed the importance of expanding teacher education to include advocacy and communication skills.

Dr. Njogu praised Kenyatta University for its leadership in education, highlighting its ongoing contributions to shaping a resilient and sustainable education system in Kenya.

The celebration underscored the pivotal role of educators and the University's contributions to addressing challenges in the education sector.

HP Partners with YALI and KU



Mr. Yesh Surjooden, Managing Director HP Southern Africa and Prof. Waceke Wanjohi, KU Ag. Vice-Chancellor, on signing an MOU. Standing behind them is Mr. David Gosney, USAID Mission Director Kenya and East Africa

Hewlett Packard (HP) and the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) Regional Leadership Center (RLC) for East Africa have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), furthering their partnership to equip young African leaders with the skills needed for the growing gaming and esports industries.

This collaboration, which also involves Kenyatta University, integrates the innovative HP Gaming Garage into YALI's leadership training, expanding digital opportunities for both new participants and alumni.

The MoU was signed during the 2024 YALI Alumni Expo and Trade Show in Cape Town, South Africa, an event celebrating the impact of YALI alumni across Africa. This partnership builds on the success of HP Life online courses, which were included in the YALI curricu-

lum during the pandemic. Kenyatta University plays a central role in managing and hosting the project in Kenya, providing a critical platform for students to access training in game design, coding, and esports.

KU competed and won the award of hosting the project for another tenure. It first earned the project in 2021. The integration of the HP Gaming Garage into the University's offerings ensures that students gain both technical expertise and soft skills tailored to the gaming sector.

The University's involvement extends beyond hosting by actively contributing to the curation of programmes and facilitating industry encounters, connecting students with global leaders in the gaming and esports industries. HP's Gaming Garage provides a state-of-the-art gaming lab equipped with cut-

ting-edge technology, including gaming PCs and Ubisoft games. It offers students an immersive environment for skill development, including access to free certification programmes, online tournaments, and hackathons.

Markus Schwertel, HP Executive, emphasised that this initiative aims to bridge the digital divide by providing gender-inclusive, accessible pathways into the esports industry. The collaboration also underscores YALI's ongoing commitment to fostering entrepreneurship, leadership, and public administration across Africa.

Through this partnership, HP, YALI, and Kenyatta University are together shaping a future where African youth are empowered to lead in the gaming and esports industries, driving innovation and creating new opportunities for career growth.

TETFund: Strengthening Ties for Sustainable Africa Collaboration



Prof. Idris Bugaje, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) delegation leader, receives a gift from Prof. Caroline Thoruwa, Ag. Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Innovation & Outreach).

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) delegation was in Kenya from 13th to 16th November where they focused on strengthening their relationship with key educational institutions in the country. Kenyatta University was one of the three Universities selected for this official visit, with the delegation seeking to engage with TETFund-sponsored scholars currently studying at the University.

The Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. Waceke Wanjohi, represented by the Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor Research, Innovation and Outreach, Prof. Caroline Thoruwa, welcomed the delegation led by Prof. Idris Bugaje, a highly respected academician and researcher to the institution. The meeting provided an opportunity for the delegation to discuss ongoing and future collaborations, particularly in the area of capacity building for teaching staff in Nigerian higher education institutions.

The University's leadership team, including the Ag. Deputy Vice Chancellor R.I.O, Prof. Caroline Thoruwa and the Ag. Deputy Vice

Chancellor Academic, Prof. James B. Kung'u represented by the Executive Dean School of Agriculture and Environmental Studies, Dr. James Koske, were in attendance to engage in discussions aimed at enhancing the academic and research partnerships between Kenyatta University and TETFund. Also present in the meeting was Prof. Benard Kivunge, the Registrar (Academic).

During their visit to Kenyatta University, the TETFund delegation met with five sponsored scholars from Nigeria currently pursuing postgraduate studies. As part of the inspection process, the scholars submitted academic progress reports to ensure alignment with TETFund's standards for academic achievement.

TETFund, a Federal Agency under Nigeria's Ministry of Education, was established to provide funding for public tertiary institutions. Its mission focuses on enhancing the quality of teaching, learning, and infrastructure in Nigerian universities and colleges. A key initiative of TETFund is the Academic Staff Training and Development

(ASTD) programme, which offers scholarships for postgraduate studies abroad to build the academic capacity of Nigerian universities.

The delegation was led by Prof. Idris Bugaje, a renowned academic and researcher with over 40 years of experience. He holds degrees in Chemical and Energy Engineering and has earned five patents for his work in renewable energy, particularly biofuels. Prof. Bugaje's leadership in education and energy research has earned him numerous accolades, and his current roles as Executive Secretary of the National Board for Technical Education and TETFund Board Trustee highlight his significant influence.

The courtesy visit aimed to appraise the scholars' progress and explore collaboration opportunities with Kenyatta University. Discussions focused on capacity-building for Nigerian university staff, joint research, and knowledge exchange to strengthen higher education in Africa.

Other TETFund officials, including Mrs. Ebere Nwobu Ogoma and Salisu Zaharaddeen Maska, met with university leaders like Prof. Samson Ondigi, Dr. Richard Wafula, and Prof. Jackline Nyere, further enhancing collaboration prospects.

The visit by TETFund to Kenyatta University was a timely reminder of the value of international partnerships in advancing academic excellence. The strong relationship between Kenyatta University and TETFund demonstrates a shared commitment to promoting education, fostering research, and empowering scholars. As TETFund continues to support Nigerian scholars, collaborations like this one are vital for creating a robust, global network of educational and research leaders.

KSh 3,875,000 Grant to Combat Violence Against Women and Girls



Ms. Anne Wang'ombe, Principal Secretary for Gender and Affirmative Action and Prof. Waceke Wanjohi, Ag. Vice-Chancellor converse on KU-WEE Hub's milestones.

On 20th November 2024, two staff members from Murang'a University of Technology visited the Centre for a benchmarking session. Murang'a University has recently established a Directorate of Gender and Development, and both institutions agreed to collaborate on research and the development of gender and SGBV policies.

The Centre for Gender Equity and Empowerment continues to play a vital role in promoting gender equity and equality at Kenyatta University. Its commitment to creating safe spaces for all members of the University community remains central to its mission of fostering a gender-responsive, inclusive environment.

Centre for Gender Equity and Empowerment, in collaboration with the University of Warwick (UK), has been awarded a research grant for a project titled "Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls: Focusing on Higher and Further Education Institutions as Safe Spaces for Women."

This one-year project, which runs from January 2024 to January 2025, is funded with a grant of £25,000 (twenty-five thousand sterling pounds), with Kenyatta University serving as the Sub-Grantee. The project seeks to create and maintain safe spaces, by combating all forms of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), through the implementation of a digital SGBV reporting application at Kenyatta University and nearby universities.

To achieve the project's objectives, the Centre has already conducted several activities. On 14th May, 2024, 17th July, 2024, and 30th July, 2024, the Centre organised sensitization sessions at Kenyatta University,

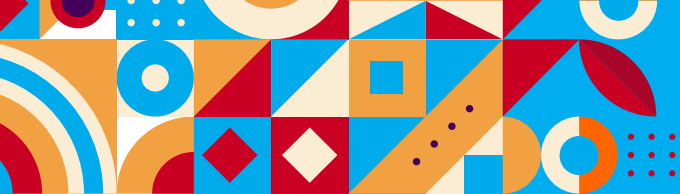
Mama Ngina University College, and Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), respectively. These sessions focused on introducing the KU Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Reporting Mobile Application to the institutions' management boards.

In addition, the Centre has developed tools to promote safe spaces and prevent GBV at Kenyatta University. These include brochures outlining the Safe Spaces Protocols for GBV prevention and policy briefs (booklets) designed to foster awareness and action on SGBV issues within the university community.

To mark International Men's Day, the Centre also published an article in The Standard newspaper under the theme "Men's Health Champions." The article advocates for men's health, urging men to take responsibility in fostering healthy communities and prioritising their own well-being for a better future.



Prof. Waceke Wanjohi, Ag. VC and Prof. Judith Waudo unveiling the KU SGBV reporting platforms



Leveraging the Digital Space for Research Impact



In today's digital age, researchers have unprecedented opportunities to share their work beyond traditional academic journals. Websites and social media platforms offer dynamic tools that enhance research visibility, engage a global audience, and foster cross-disciplinary collaborations. These digital platforms provide researchers with the ability to share their findings more quickly, reach a broader and more diverse audience, and ultimately amplify the impact of their work.

A well-designed research website serves as a central hub for a researcher's work, offering an easily navigable space for publications, datasets, project updates, and researcher biographies. This digital presence ensures that research is accessible and organised for readers across various disciplines, creating a lasting home for research updates and publications. Researchers can also utilise their website to showcase key findings,

provide blog posts or news updates, present data visualisations and interactive tools, and link to their social media profiles for further engagement.

Social media platforms like Twitter, LinkedIn, and Facebook offer unique advantages for sharing research in real-time and interacting with a global audience. Social media's immediacy and interactive nature make it an invaluable tool for disseminating research highlights, engaging with a broader community, and building a professional reputation. Researchers can summarise key findings, foster discussions, connect with others across fields, and use analytics to measure the impact of their posts. These platforms also provide opportunities for cross-disciplinary collaborations, public outreach, and raising awareness about important research topics.

By bringing research into the digital space, researchers increase the accessibility of their work, democ-

ratise knowledge and ensuring their findings reach not just academic peers, but also the public and other stakeholders. This increased visibility boosts citations, raises public awareness, and opens up new partnerships and funding opportunities. Websites and social media platforms, when used strategically, create new ways for researchers to interact with audiences and enhance the impact of their work, making it more influential both within academia and across society.

While traditional peer-reviewed journals remain essential for academic publishing, the digital space offers complementary avenues for engagement, feedback, and visibility. By harnessing websites and social media effectively, researchers can create a lasting influence, bridge the gap between academia and the public, and contribute to a more informed, interconnected global community.

Pioneering Innovation with Advanced Data Infrastructure and AI Integration



At Kenyatta University, we prioritize advancing our infrastructure to maintain educational excellence in an increasingly digital world. Through strategic investments in technology, we empower our faculty, staff, and students with tools to thrive in a rapidly evolving landscape. Two major initiatives showcasing this commitment are the upgrade of our Data Center equipment and the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into our academic framework. These developments ensure KU remains at the forefront of innovation, creating a responsive and efficient university environment.

Transforming Infrastructure: Data Center Upgrade

To meet the demands of a digital-first education model, KU has revamped its Data Center with advanced server equipment, ensuring enhanced capacity, reliability, and performance.

Key Enhancements:

Hardware Overhaul: Modernized servers now handle larger data loads and simultaneous processes, improving user experience for applications like course registration and research tools.

Enhanced Storage: Faster access times enable seamless performance for real-time applications, enriching the user experience across campus.

Network Upgrades: Improved data transmission speeds reduce bottlenecks, supporting high-bandwidth activities like video conferencing and remote learning.

Software Updates: Enhanced security and stability ensure regulatory compliance while safeguarding sensitive university data.

Virtualization Software: Optimized resource allocation improves efficiency, scalability, and sustainability. These upgrades equip KU to handle growing academic and research demands while maintaining a future-proof infrastructure for continued growth and innovation.

Revolutionizing Education: AI Integration

In October 2024, KU held AI sensitization training sessions, introducing staff and students to the transformative potential of AI in education.

Applications of AI in Education:

Personalized Learning: AI tools adapt to individual student needs, improving engagement and outcomes.

Streamlined Administration: Automation of tasks like grading and scheduling enhances efficiency.
Accelerated Research: AI facilitates rapid and accurate data analysis, driving groundbreaking discoveries.

Ethical AI Use:

KU emphasizes the ethical use of AI, focusing on data privacy, integrity, and bias mitigation. By fostering awareness, KU prepares students to use AI responsibly in their future careers.

Looking Ahead

KU is exploring AI-driven innovations like real-time feedback tools, virtual labs, and collaborative research platforms. Together with the Data Center upgrades, these initiatives position Kenyatta University as a leader in integrating cutting-edge technology into education. With a steadfast commitment to academic and technological excellence, Kenyatta University continues shaping the future of education, ensuring its community thrives in a digital world.

Over Three Decades of Partnership on Reproductive Health



Dr. Tabinda Sarosh, the Global CEO of Pathfinder International, Mr. Amedeo Karuri, KU Nurse and Ms. Wilystar Sime, Student Peer Counsellor.

The Directorate of University Health Services is a cornerstone of our University community and has tirelessly dedicated itself to the health and well-being of students, staff and their dependents. Since its inception, this facility has not only provided essential medical care but has also fostered a culture of wellness and support that has touched countless lives.

To achieve the University's vision, the health and wellbeing of staff and students is a key pillar for success. With the support of the University management, the Directorate of University Health Services has continuously provided quality health care at the main campus clinic and also at the satellite campuses namely; Mombasa, Parklands, City and Nakuru Campuses.

The Directorate is also home for specialised clinics which include; Gynecological, Dentistry, Psychiatry, CCC, HIV/AIDS, TB, Mother and Child Welfare, Physiotherapy and the wellness and rehabilitation clinic.

Pathfinder International (a global non-profit organization that focuses on sexual and reproductive health and rights) in collaboration with the Directorate of University Health Services held a sensitisation campaign which targeted the students and aimed at creating awareness on the proper use of the female condom and its vital role in the prevention of HIV/AIDS, STIs and unwanted pregnancies.

The Directorate has also continued partnering with various stakeholders in the health sec-

tor which include: Ministry of Health, Kenyatta National Hospital, Private Hospitals, pharmaceutical companies and Key Designated Laboratories who continue to provide support in healthcare care Management at different levels to our students, staff and their dependents.

The National Nurses Association of Kenya (NNA-k) in partnership with the Directorate of University Health Services conducted the 66th International Annual Conference (ASC) and annual general meeting (AGM 2024) from 23rd to 25th October, 2024 at Kenyatta University Amphitheatre. The conference aimed at promoting evidence-based nursing and midwifery practices to encourage positive health outcomes in the population we serve.

Empowering Healthcare Dialogue



Dr. Grace Githemo receives the National Nurse Midwife of the year award- Training Institution Category, from H.E. Dr. Wilber Ottichilo, Governor for Vihiga County in the company of Prof. Waceke Wanjohi, KU Ag. Vice-Chancellor

The National Nursing Association of Kenya (NNAK) held its 66th International Annual Scientific Conference from 23rd October to 25th, 2024, at the Kenyatta University Amphitheatre. This three-day event, themed “Our Nurses, Our Future: Addressing Nursing Care Workforce Challenges for Accelerated Economic Growth,” brought together key figures from various sectors to discuss the future of nursing in Kenya.

Notable attendees included H.E. Dr. Wilber Ottichilo, Head of the Council of Governors; Hon. Mutula Kilonzo Jr., Governor, Makueni County; Mr. Alfred Obengo, President of NNAK; Prof. Waceke Wanjohi, Acting Vice-Chancellor, Kenyatta University; and representatives from national nursing associations in Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Botswana, and Ghana.

The conference was also attended by members of the University’s nursing department, nurses from all 47 counties, members of the press, and supporting partners. The Vice-Chancellor expressed her

gratitude to NNAK for choosing Kenyatta University as the venue of the conference. She emphasised the University’s commitment to not only academic excellence but also to supporting extracurricular activities and nurturing diverse talents. She pointed out the recent achievement of the KU law student Samson Ojuka, who won a silver medal at the recent Paralympic Games held in Paris, France.

Prof. Wanjohi also noted that Kenyatta University’s vision is to become a centre of excellence in healthcare education. She reported that the Nursing Council of Kenya has accredited the nursing programme and that KU will launch a PhD programme in nursing, effective January 2025.

The University has seen a surge of interest in its nursing programme, having received over 600 applications this year, even though only 200 students were admitted due to the limited facilities. The programme welcomes both local and international students, providing them with practical skills through collaboration with industry. The

Corporate Affairs section, part of the Vice-Chancellor’s Office, is dedicated to aligning the leadership team and the entire organisation with its messages and actions across all stakeholders. Additionally, the University is committed to enhancing the healthcare system through partnerships with organisations like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the USAID HERO project, which aim to improve health outcomes in the country.

The conference concluded with an awards ceremony recognising outstanding achievements by various nurses. This gathering not only highlighted the vital role of nursing in the healthcare system but also reinforced the importance of collaboration and continuous improvement within the profession.

Kenyatta University continues to fulfil its mission of supporting and nurturing dreams in healthcare and it remains committed to empowering the next generation of nursing professionals, ensuring they are well-equipped to address the challenges of tomorrow.

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Paving the Way to Careers in National and International Media



KUTV staff with Austin Aakhonya and Sylvia Anyango (centre), recent graduates of practical courses in Audio-Video Editing and TV News Journalism, respectively.

Sylvia's dream was realised through the Advanced Apprenticeship Training in Television Reporting and Presentation course at Kenyatta University. This certificate course equipped Sylvia with the skills and knowledge to confidently enter the world of journalism. By September 2024, Sylvia had graduated as an accredited journalist, able to practice both locally and internationally. Reflecting on her journey, Sylvia shared, "Completing the training not only gave me essential skills but also helped me secure a role as a news anchor. It has made me a more versatile professional in the media industry."

Sylvia's story highlights the value of specialised training, but she is not alone. Other graduates, like Austin Akhonya, have also benefited from the practical, industry-oriented training offered at KUTV. Austin specialised in Studio Technical and Camera Operations,

where he had the opportunity to film a show called Technovation. "Filming and production were incredibly rewarding experiences that equipped me with invaluable skills," Austin recalled.

Kenyatta University's television station, KUTV, has become a key media training hub in Kenya, attracting students eager to pursue careers in journalism. The station offers courses in journalism, TV reporting and presentation, camera operations, studio techniques, and video editing, with a strong emphasis on industry standards and real-world applications.

KUTV is widely recognised as one of the country's premier journalism training centres, attracting students from across the region. It has served as an essential learning venue for aspiring journalists, offering them the opportunity to gain practical experience and benefit from a wealth of media knowledge. The

station is also a popular destination for field trips, where schools from primary to secondary levels bring students to witness firsthand the dynamic environment of a professional media training ground. Many of these students have been inspired by the success stories of KUTV alumni who have gone on to work at leading media houses both in Kenya and abroad.

One such alumnus is Mariam Mjahid, who recently joined the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). Mariam's move to the BBC has garnered significant attention, further showcasing the calibre of media training offered at Kenyatta University. Reflecting on her journey, Mariam shared, "KUTV gave me the foundation and confidence to take on big challenges in media from an early age. It's been key to everything I've achieved today."

As KUTV continues to shape the future of media professionals, its apprenticeship courses remain an invaluable opportunity for anyone looking to build a career in journalism. Whether you are a professional seeking to expand your skill set, someone with a passion for media, or a graduate looking to refresh your knowledge, the program is designed to meet these diverse needs. KUTV has played an instrumental role in launching the careers of numerous media professionals, equipping them with the practical experience and confidence they need to thrive in the ever-evolving media industry.

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Celebrating Diversification in Academic Programmes



In August 2024, Kenyatta University Nakuru Campus and TVET Centre marked a significant milestone with the arrival of its first cohort of TVET (Technical Vocational Education and Training) students. This event signals a new era of growth and development for the campus as it continues to expand its academic offerings and facilities.

The Campus Director, Dr. Jagongo, alongside his team, warmly welcomed the new students, reaffirming that by joining Kenyatta University, they were now part of a prestigious academic community. Dr. Jagongo encouraged the students to uphold the values that distinguish Kenyatta University from other institutions, emphasising the commitment to excellence that defines the institution.

Since May 2023, the campus has been accredited by the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority (TVETA) to offer seven diploma courses in high-demand fields. These programs, which cater to the ever-growing need for technical expertise in Kenya and beyond, include:

1. Diploma in Accountancy

2. Diploma in Business Management
3. Diploma in Procurement and Supply Chain Management
4. Diploma in Human Resource Management
5. Diploma in Information Science
6. Diploma in Marketing
7. Diploma in Records Management & Information Technology

In addition to these diploma programs, the campus also offers Continuing Education Programmes (CEP) and Digital and Open Learning opportunities. Admissions for the January, May, and September 2025 intake are currently open.

Dr. Jagongo expressed his excitement about the growth of the Nakuru Campus, which has made significant strides in the past five years. The campus has expanded its infrastructure considerably, now housing 16 lecture halls capable of accommodating over 2,000 students. This growth is accompanied by the introduction of new, market-driven programs that respond to the changing demands of the workforce.

One of the standout developments at the campus is its investment in Information and Communication Technology (ICT). With two well-

equipped computer laboratories, boasting a total of 76 computers, the campus has been able to offer ICT Professional Training and Certification Courses. Among the offerings are programmes such as the ICDL Centre, providing certification for ICDL 1 & 2 and ICDL for Professionals.

The campus' focus on providing hands-on, practical training ensures that students are well-prepared for the demands of the labour market. Dr. Rugar Thaddeus, the former Director of Nakuru Campus, also played a key role in guiding students during the Matriculation Ceremony on August 30th, reinforcing the importance of academic commitment and success.

With a clear vision to be a dynamic, inclusive, and globally competitive centre for Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET), Kenyatta University Nakuru Campus is committed to empowering students with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in a rapidly evolving job market. As the campus continues to grow, it remains focused on providing quality education and shaping the future of TVET in Kenya.



Bridging Education and the Workforce

in the Heart of Nairobi CBD

Established in 2009, Nairobi City Campus was created to address the growing demand for higher education and to meet the needs of a dynamic society. Conveniently located in Nairobi County's Central Business District along Haile Selassie Avenue, the campus has experienced steady growth in student enrollment across undergraduate, master's, and doctoral levels. Currently, the campus offers over 80 undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes. The introduction of programs at the campus is strate-

gically driven by the need to address current market demands. City Campus boasts of state-of-the-art facilities that support higher education, including two computer laboratories, lecture rooms, a library, and a medical clinic.

These developments are made possible through the collaborative and dedicated efforts of the University Council, Management, Deans of Schools, the Director, Chairpersons of Departments, academic staff, and support staff.

In the First Semester of the 2024/2025 Academic Year, the campus enrolled more than 210 regular postgraduate and undergraduate students, in addition to over 100 students in the Virtual and Open Learning mode. Students have already begun their studies under the blended mode of learning, providing a flexible and comprehensive education experience. Moreover, the successful election of student leaders for the Kenyatta University Students Association (KUSA) has ensured representation of the Campus in the student's body this semester.

City Campus is also progressing towards registering a Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Centre, with external TVET inspections currently pending. The campus is under the leadership of its newly appointed Director, Prof. Daniel W. Muthee, who continues to guide its development and growth.



A Promising Start in TVET

Kenyatta University Mombasa Campus

Kenyatta University's Mombasa Campus has made a remarkable entry into the world of technical and vocational education with the launch of its accredited TVET Centre.

The centre, which is already offering seven cutting-edge diploma programs, is poised to become a key player in providing quality, industry-relevant education in the region.

With the enrolment of its first cohort of 46 students for the 2024 intake, the Mombasa TVET Centre is off to a strong start, offering programs such as Diploma in Accountancy and Diploma in Business

Management, designed to equip students with practical skills and knowledge essential for success in today's competitive job market.

The centre's success can be attributed to its hands-on learning approach, which ensures that students not only receive solid academic training but are also prepared to meet the demands of the industry.

With a focus on real-world applications, the Mombasa TVET Centre is creating a unique environment for students to thrive and become leaders in fields like marketing,

human resource management, and procurement. The campus's prime location in Mombasa offers students valuable opportunities for internships and collaborations with local industries, further enhancing their educational experience.

Looking ahead, the TVET Centre is excited about the growth potential of both KUCCPS and self-sponsored program admissions, which take place three times a year.

With its unwavering commitment to excellence, the Mombasa TVET Centre is set to shape the future of technical education in the region.



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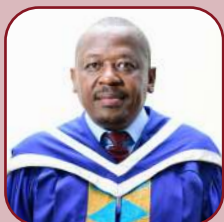
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