

TREE PLANTING DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY HELD ON 16TH MARCH, 2019 AT THE UNIVERSITY ABUORETOUM

Every year, the Kenyatta University School of Environmental Studies conducts a tree planting exercise as part of its efforts to conserve the environment to mitigate against adverse effects of climate change. The 2019 tree planting exercise was organized by the Deans office through the School of Environmental Studies congress person (KUSA).

This year's activity took place on 16th March 2019 at Kenyatta Universities Arboretum where around 30 students from the School participated. The students planted 100 indigenous seedlings donated by Green Peace Africa. Green peace for Africa is a growing movement of people acting in protection of the environment. Their campaign is peaceful, creative confrontation to expose the environmental injustices around the world and develop solutions for a green and peaceful future. The university is targeting to plant 15000 trees which should be planted during this year's rain seasons.

The students have realized the importance of trees not only here at the University but also in the country and globally. Here at the University, the trees which should be planted includes indigenous and Fruit. The university emphasizes on careful study of different soils and areas to know where to plant which tree seedlings and ensure we do not only plant the seedlings but also ensure its survival. Trees create an ecosystem to provide habitat and food for birds and other animals. Trees absorb carbon dioxide and potentially harmful gasses, such as sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, from the air and release oxygen. One large **tree** can supply a day's supply of oxygen for four people. Trees contribute to their environment by providing oxygen, improving air quality, climate amelioration, conserving water, preserving soil, and supporting wildlife. During the process of photosynthesis, trees take in carbon dioxide and produce the oxygen we breathe.

It's no secret that trees help the environment, but you may be surprised by all the benefits that planting trees can provide. Besides producing oxygen and removing carbon dioxide and contaminants from the air, trees have many other social, economic, and environmental benefits.



Students pose for a photo before the Start of the exercise



Student participate in the tree planting Exercise at the University Aboretoum grounds



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Students demonstrate what combined effort can do as participate in the tree planting Exercise at the University Aboretoum grounds

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