

Opening and Welcoming Remarks – Talking Points

Salutations

Vice Chancellors and Representatives from Participating Universities:

- Prof. Paul Wainaina, Vice Chancellor, Kenyatta University (Host)
- Prof. Peter Muchiri, Vice Chancellor, Dedan Kimathi University of Technology
- Prof. Elijah Omwenga, Vice Chancellor, Open University of Kenya
- Prof. Zipporah Ng'ang'a, Principal, Mama Ngina University College
- Prof. Laila Abubakar, Vice Chancellor, Technical University of Mombasa
- Prof. Victoria Wambui Ngumi, Vice Chancellor, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology
- Prof. Isaac Ipara Odeo, Vice Chancellor, Kibabii University

Government Representation:

- A special recognition to the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry, ably led by Principal Secretary, Dr. Juma Mukhwana, for spearheading the KIEP-SKIES initiative in collaboration with development partners.

Development and Implementation Partners:

- Acknowledgement of implementing firms, Spineberg and E4Impact, for their contributions to the Rapid Tech Skills Program's success.

About the Program

- The KIEP-SKIES Rapid Tech Skills Program, a flagship initiative of the Government of Kenya through MITI and funded by the World Bank, is a forward-looking investment in our youth.
- Its mission is to equip young Kenyans with the skills needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving digital economy.

The program offers training in fields including:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Cybersecurity
- Software Engineering
- Data Science
- Animation and visual effects
- Soft Skills and Entrepreneurship

Cohort 2 Achievements

- The graduation of 263 students from seven leading public universities, a testament to our collective commitment to building Kenya's future tech talent. These students were selected from:
- Kenyatta University
- Dedan Kimathi University of Technology
- Open University of Kenya
- Mama Ngina University College
- Technical University of Mombasa
- Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology

Kenyatta University's Role

Kenyatta University, is graduating 33 exceptional students trained in:

- Cybersecurity
- Software Engineering
- Data Science
- Artificial Intelligence

Strategic Impact

- This program speaks to Kenya's vision of becoming a globally competitive, knowledge-based economy.
- It aligns seamlessly with the Kenya Vision 2030, the Digital Economy Blueprint, and the ongoing efforts under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

A Word to the Graduates