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50th Graduation Ceremony



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A graduation is not something that you get to experience on a daily basis. It isn't even something that everybody gets to experience either. So when you get a chance to graduate, applaud

yourself for this great achievement. It is a landmark memory that symbolises transition from one stage in your life to another. Your friends and family get to celebrate you for your great achievement.

Editorial

Wishing you all a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year 2022! If the activities of the last few months of 2021 are anything to go by, this is the year we shall be the change we want to see. In this newsletter, you'll get a glimpse of some of these activities. The show stopper was, of course, the 50th graduation ceremony: pomp and colour in a hybrid physical/virtual extravaganza which, in December 2021, included the Kenya Military Academy Intake 09. But please don't stop there.

Read about how, in an effort to keep fit and remain healthy, staff members have made significant progress in creating and building formidable teams that are now competing around the country. Also, find out how clubs on campus are engaging responsibly with the community – from visiting children's homes, through donating sanitary towels, to greening the environment.

Indeed, the environment and climate change continue to receive attention, in academics and research too. You'll get an idea of the different areas and disciplines in which the research community of Kenyatta University has been winning: in competitions, as well as in getting research grants. Keep reading...

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It is Kenyatta University's norm to take time to appreciate and recognise the special achievements of those students who have persevered and fought through the challenges to complete their degree programmes.

Kenyatta University celebrated its 50th Graduation Ceremony on Friday 17th December 2021 at the main campus's Amphitheatre. The event recognised achievements of over 6000 graduands awarded with various certificates, Diplomas, Undergraduate, Masters' and Doctoral degrees in their respective disciplines.

The Chancellor recognised the roles played by those who have successfully overseen the education and commissioning of the students over the years despite the challenges caused by the Covid-19 pandemic within the last 2 years. He encouraged the graduands to maximize their strengths to make a difference and more importantly to achieve their professional and life goals.



Nairobi Summer School on Climate Justice



The School of Environmental Studies through the Department of Environmental Studies and Community Development hosted the Nairobi Summer School on Climate Justice (NSSCJ) under the theme: 'Sustaining Momentum on Climate action in the Pandemic Era' at the Kenyatta University Conference Centre from August 29th to September 11th 2021.

The NSSCJ's core objective was to build new bridges and bring the voices of frontline communities into the international arena. Additionally, the School sought to bridge the conversation gap between prominent scholars, communities and other stakeholders on climate justice in the

Global North and those in the Global South, while providing an opportunity to explore diverse possibilities on climate justice.

To achieve the mentioned objectives, the Summer School relied on key modules. At the end, the over 500 participants who attended either virtually or physically expressed deep satisfaction with the experiential learning as well as the networking and knowledge sharing opportunities that the NSSCJ presented them with. Some of the networks created during the Summer School are sure to create a movement of 21st Century climate advocates who are going to be at the centre of not only Climate Action in Africa, but also those who shall lead

thought and practice at the global policy and legislative platforms and tables of negotiation, all these efforts geared towards a low carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive Africa.

Participants in the Summer School were drawn from across the globe, from Argentina, Afghanistan, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Colombia, Costa Rica, DRC, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, India, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, The Gambia, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Kingdom, USA, Zambia, Zimbabwe among others. The ten-day event saw the presenters, moderators and facilitators rigorously go through interesting topics with participants actively contributing to the sessions through the discussions, panels, group work and question and answer sessions.

Organised into thematic areas, the 14 days' programme focused on the following thematic areas: climate crisis; climate justice; environmentalism and conservation; international environmental governance; institutions and unpaid climate debts; emerging solutions; response measures and policy options in building resilience and cities in the era of the pandemic; movement and alliance building in the transition to low-carbon; climate resilient, fair, equitable and ecologically-just development trajectory; participatory alternatives; technical solutions and fusions for the future; and nurturing the movement from below. In addition, participants deliberated on the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), successes and lessons in articulating peoples' legitimate voices in global climate politics; and navigating the era of the pandemic and climate emergency. The programme also provided for tree planting and field visits as well as solidarity building activities.



New KENET Open Wi-Fi @ KU

The Kenya Education Network Trust (KENET) is rolling out the first Africa Open Wi-Fi network. The Wi-Fi network will provide connectivity for over 65,000 students and staff at Kenyatta University among other institutions. The KENET Open Wi-Fi network will be delivered and deployed by Kenyan Cloud and integration services provider Atlancis Technologies, a leading Kenyan firm specializing in enterprise ICT solutions together with ecosystem partners NetExperience and IO Networks by Himachal Futuristic Communications Ltd (HFCL), an Indian telecom firm.

The KENET network is a perfect example of how Telecom Infra Project (TIP) Open

Wi-Fi ecosystem collaboration works. IO Networks by HFCL provides the access point hardware, while Net Experience delivers the open-source controller software. Other current Open Wi-Fi projects involve controller software from TIP Open Wi-Fi-compliant vendor Indio Networks.

The KENET network's other Open Wi-Fi-compliant projects are excellent examples of how the Open Wi-Fi community works and strong proof that Open Wi-Fi is the right Wi-Fi architecture choice. Kenyatta University is excited to be part of a strong international community bringing cost-effective connectivity to support learning and research.

Influencing Planning and Development



In the month of November 2021, the School of Architecture and the Built Environment was invited to participate in the USAID, Standards Alliance Phase 2 Programme whose overall goal is “Enhancing Quality Infrastructure in East Africa through Modern Reinforced Concrete Building Codes”. The programme aims at building awareness and confidence of key decision makers and influencers in target countries on the adoption

and implementation of modern building codes for construction materials, based on ACI’s code applied worldwide.

The School has made tremendous strides in establishing a vibrant postgraduate programme for training, capacity development and research; and has submitted the International Masters for Resource Efficient Cities (IMAREC) degree programme to Senate for approval and

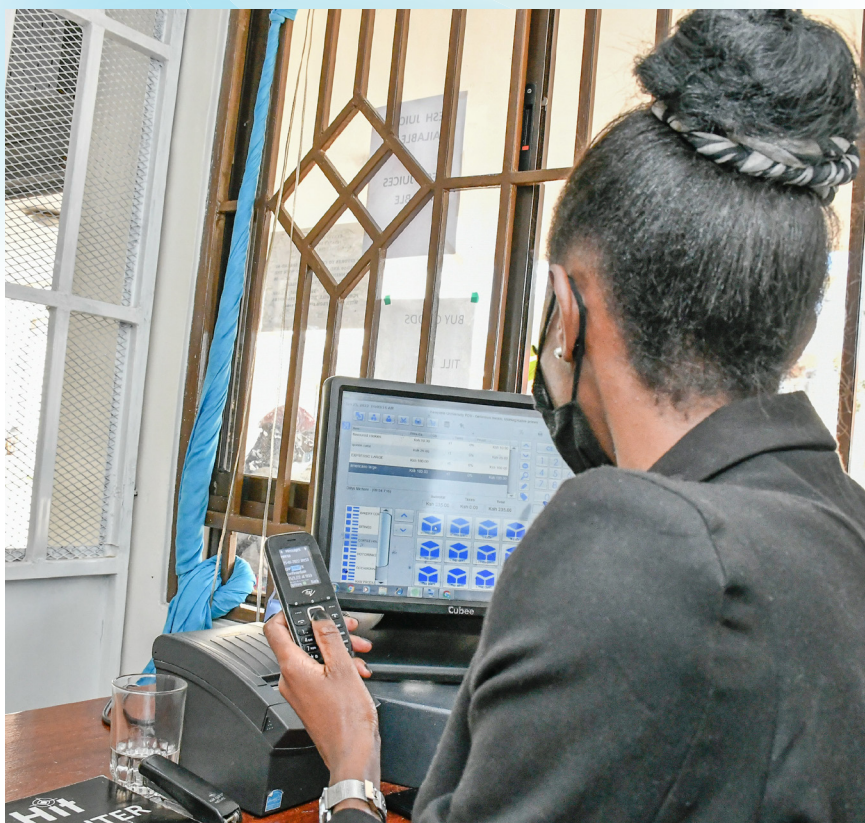
implementation. This is an Inter disciplinary and Inter University International degree to be offered through the collaboration among Kenyatta University, Technical University of Koln, Germany; Ain Shams University, Egypt; University of San Luis Potosi, Mexico and the University of Gadjah Mada, Indonesia. Other ongoing collaborations in training and research include the Qingdao University of Technology, China, Shandong Jianzhu University China, Southern Utah University, USA and the University of Bordeaux in France.

Usawa na Haki Club Visit Children’s Home

The Usawa Na Haki club on Sunday 19th November 2021 paid a visit to Victors Children’s Home located in Kiwanja. During the visit, club members held mentoring sessions with the children and group discussions on gender rights and children’s rights in general. The discussions elicited many questions from both the staff and children seeking to know more about their rights.



Implementing University Automation Strategy



this strategy by developing the following online processes:

E-voting for the 2021 Kenyatta University Student Association (KUSA) Elections.

The Directorate of ICT in collaboration with the KUSA Electoral Commission successfully ran the 2021 KUSA Elections via online e-voting, a first for Kenyatta University. The e-voting was available to students studying online and in those in the blended mode of study with a voter register of over 20,000 students eligible voters. The voting was run on the University E-Learning platform. SMS based two-step verification (2SV) codes were used to ensure enhanced security and authentication of the eligible voter from the register.

The e-voting was held in phases. Phase 1 covered the non-resident students' congresspersons; representatives of campuses and those for special needs, and congresspersons; whilst Phase 2 covered the school congresspersons and delegates for 9 Schools. The e-voting results were relayed to the agents of the various candidates in real time and projected via dashboards at the various polling stations.

As the University implements its automation strategy and continues to offer more of its services online, adherence to the COVID-19 containment

measures has also been taken into consideration. In the past 6 months, the Directorate of Information Communication and Technology (ICT) has furthered

Kenya Military Academy Intake 09 Commissioned



The ninth intake of cadets training at the Kenya Military Academy was commissioned on 26th November 2021 in a colourful Pass-out Parade. The students began their training in October 2018 and graduated in the 50th Kenyatta University' Graduation Ceremony on 17th December 2021 having completed the B.Sc (Military and Security Studies) programme offered by Kenyatta University through the School of Security, Diplomacy and Peace Studies. The group was the first to undergo training under a revamped programme revised to reflect the current theater of war.

The programme aims at equipping military cadets with both hard and soft skills for preparedness, critical evaluation, planning, problem solving, teamwork, flexibility, communication, discipline, integrity and technical capabilities. These skills are critical assets for the present day military officer faced with an ever changing and increasingly complex war and defense landscape.

Centre for Research Ethics and Safety (KUCRES) – protecting the rights and welfare of research subjects

In an effort to promote high ethical standards in research the University established the Centre for Research Ethics and Safety that houses:

The Ethics Review Committee (KUERC) that is accredited by the National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI). KUERC's primary role is to safeguard the dignity, rights, safety and wellbeing of all actual and potential human participants within the research enterprise. KUERC therefore has the responsibility of ensuring that appropriate steps are taken to protect the rights and welfare of human beings during research.

The Animal Care and Use Committee, focusing on the handling, housing and transportation of animals used in laboratory research; and

The Biosafety Committee to handle

research protocols involving genetically modified organisms, biosecurity and biological waste management.

Together, these committees are important in the realization of the vision and mission of advancing the quality of scientific and scholarly research to meet global standards; and ultimately contribute significantly to the development agenda, both nationally and internationally

The number of proposals reviewed has continued to grow over the years due to increased awareness of the importance of applying ethical principles in research. The enhanced Centre is committed to ensuring the continued development and implementation of research protocols aimed at ensuring the highest scientific and ethical standards.



Higher Education Development for Green Economy and Sustainability

The Higher Education Development for a Green Economy and Sustainability (HEDGES) under the School of Environmental Studies, Department of Environmental Studies Community Development, organised a one day capacity building seminar on 28th October, 2021. The Seminar brought together participants from the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), University of Leeds, United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Stockholm Environmental Institute (SIE), Kenya Bankers Association, Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM), United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA), World Wildlife Fund (WWF). The thematic areas of focus included environment and climate change, green economy, economic transition skills, Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET), education for sustainable development, competency-based learning, and sustainable and renewable energy.

KU faculty receives a grant from



Dr. Stephen Waithaka, a senior lecturer in the department of Computing and Information Technology (CIT) received grant funds amounting to \$10,000 from Google.

The funds are as a result of Google's growing effort to support excellent research in academics. Kenyatta University through the department of ICT therefore intends to use these funds towards 'TensorFlow' which is an interface for expressing machine learning algorithms and an implementation for executing such algorithms.

KU Staff Football Club: Aiming for the skies



Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Evenings, just when everyone else is closing their offices and rushing to beat the evening traffic, a group of KU members of staff follow a different script. They rush to the playing field next to the Arts Complex where they do some jogging as well as technical and tactical training, before engaging in a game of football.

The KU staff Football Club (KUSFC) is fast becoming a phenomenon. Starting in 2019 with fewer than five players, today KUSFC has over 33 active players, all of whom are members of staff drawn from various departments and sections of

Kenyatta University. The team consists of teaching and non-teaching staff, and even professors are represented in the team by the evergreen Prof. Vincent Onywera.

The objectives of the team are to promote physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle among its members; to engage in corporate social responsibility in line with the Kenyatta University policy; and to engage in corporate networking by playing friendly and competitive matches against other institutional staff teams.

Some of the notable corporate teams the KUSFC has played against include:

Nation Media staff team, Tusker F.C old boys, KCA University staff team, Kenya School of Government staff team, and MPesa Foundation staff team.

Bunge F.C (members of National assembly), Egerton University staff team, and ABSA staff team have also shown interest in playing KUSFC soon.

The Vice-Chancellor and the University Management have been very supportive in the development and growth of the KUSFC. Recently, the Vice-Chancellor enabled the team to acquire three different sets of uniforms for each player, and 30 footballs for use during training. The team's support has also been extended to logistics where the team has been granted facilitation whenever they have to play outside the University.

KUSFC continues to grow and members of staff who are able and willing to fly the KU flag are encouraged to join the team regardless of age, gender or profession. In fact, the word in the corridors is that KUSFC has reached out to the Vice-Chancellor, himself a fitness enthusiast, to join and take up the vacant attacking left-winger position.

International Day for the Girl Child



Kenyatta University, Registrar Corporate Affairs. Prof Grace Bunyi(left) hands over donation to Principal Ms Munene Nancy (centre) and students of Kiwanja Secondary School Through the Center for Gender Equity and Empowerment while Celebrating Girl Child .

On Thursday, 21st October, 2021 the Centre for Gender, Equity and Empowerment in partnership with the office of the Registrar Corporate Affairs donated sanitary towels to the girls of Kiwanja Secondary School. This was done to mark the International Day of the Girl Child that was on 11th October, 2021. During the visit books were donated and motivational talks were given to the entire school by students and staff of the STEM Club led by Prof. Judith Waudu, Director, Gender Equity and Empowerment.

Pictorial



C.A.S, Ministry of Public Service, Gender, Senior Citizens Affairs & Special Programmes, Hon. Rachael Shebesh (4th left), Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor Prof Paul K. Wainaina (4th right) and other stakeholders during the KU wee- hub annual retreat.



Kenyatta University Vice Chancellor Prof Paul K. Wainaina (left) and the executive director and Co-founder of Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) Dr. Mwenda Mithika, Showcase an MOU.



Architect, Dr. James Kimathi explains one of his design plans to Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul K. Wainaina (2nd right) and Dean, School Of Architecture, Dr. Peter Kamau (2nd Left) among others.



Ag. DVC (administration) Prof. Paul Okemo (Centre), Ag. Dean School of Environmental Studies Dr. James Koske (seated 2nd right) and Participants during Urban Networks for Sustainable Cities.



PS. State Dept for Implementation of Curriculum Reforms, Prof. Fatuma Chege receives a gift from Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul K. Wainaina (left), and Prof. Kisilu Kombo during the School of Education Farewell.



Kenyatta University former DVC Research ,Innovation and Outreach Prof.Fredrick Gravenir (2nd right) ,The NRF Officer Mr.Mulatyah Nzumbi (2nd left), Project Investigator, Prof.Richard Oduor (left) and the Project Principle Investigator, Dr. John Paul Oyore (right) interact during an inception meeting for COVID-19 Research Project .

Pictorial



Kenyatta University Student Governing Council 2021/2022 after their swearing in ceremony.



Kenyatta University Vice Chancellor Prof Paul K. Wainaina (seated centre), during a meeting with Kenyatta University 2021 retirees, trustees and management members.



The Italian ambassador to Kenya, H.E Alberto Pier (Centre) during a courtesy call to Ag. DVC academic Prof. Joseph Ngeranwa (2nd right) together with KU School of Creative Arts, Film and Media Studies Faculty members.



Kenyatta University Culture Week Chair, Dr. Duncan Wambugu (Far left) together with sponsors and the overall plus size winner (centre) during the 2021 culture week festivals.



Teachers Service Commission Chairperson, Dr. Jamleck Kamau (2nd right) paid a courtesy call to Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul K. Wainaina. Also Present is DVC (academic) Prof. Waceke Wanjohi (Front Left) and TSC Vice-Chair Leila A. Ali (front right).



Kenyatta University students interacting at the newly established KU coffee house and Bakery.

Kenyatta University Don wins COVID-19 Africa Rapid Grant Fund



A Kenyatta University COVID-19 related project was among 80 projects across 17 African countries that were selected for funding under the COVID-19 Africa Rapid Grant Fund. The multidisciplinary project is under the leadership of Prof. Paul Okemo of the Department of Biochemistry, Microbiology and Biotechnology. The award of about USD 100,000 (Ksh 10M) will facilitate investigations on the uptake of COVID-19 preventive measures, the anti-severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 antibody commonness in the Kenyan population, the biochemical profiles and clinical characteristics of COVID-19 patients as well as the antiviral activity of selected Kenyan medicinal plants.

Implemented in collaboration with partners from Kenyatta National Hospital, Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), University of Pretoria and Harbin Medical University, the project is expected to deliver several outputs including reports on:

The uptake and attitudes of the Kenyan population towards the Ministry of Health COVID-19 infection prevention measures and recommendations for strengthening the evidence-based strategies on how to improve public health outcomes;

Socio-demographic characteristics of a cross section of Kenyan COVID-19 patients for enhanced disease surveillance in Kenya; Immunity status and persistence of COVID-19 in patients and recommendations to relevant authorities to inform on full resumption of normalcy in Kenya

Antiviral activities of selected medicinal plants preparations for improved case management and health outcomes in COVID-19 patients in Kenya.

Prof. Okemo's co-Investigators in KU include Dr. Gladys Mwangi, Dr. James Ogutu, Dr. Samuel Chege, Dr. Lister Onsongo, Dr. Peris Thamaini and Dr. June Madete.

KU scholar to study drug resistance in bilharzia



Dr. Eric Ndombi of the Department of Pathology, School of Medicine was awarded an R01 Research Grant (International Research in Infectious Diseases) by the United States of America's National Institute of Health (NIH). The US\$ 785,622 grant will run for 5 years and is anchored in the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), one of the 27 centers and institutes that make up the NIH. NIH is the largest public funder of biomedical research in the world, investing more than \$32 billion a year to enhance life, and reduce illness and disability.

The collaborative study that titled 'Characterisation of drug resistance in field collected schistosomes' involves the Kenya Medical Research Institute's Centre for Global Health Research (KEMRI-CGHR), Kisumu and Texas Biomedical Research Institute, USA, with Dr. Ndombi as the principal investigator.

KU Researcher Explores Interventions to Reduce Covid - 19 Severity

Dr. John P. Oyore, of the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology was awarded a research grant of Kshs 18,156,000 by the National Research Fund (NRF) Kenya for a research study titled, 'Optimizing parameters for the proper use of face masks to reduce severity of underlying infections for enhanced tolerance to COVID-19'.

Dr. Oyore is leading a team of multidisciplinary researchers to conduct the study that aims at investigating possible natural protectants that can be used to coat face mask surfaces to reduce microbial contamination due to prolonged use. The project recognizes that many

Kenyans, especially in the informal sectors, perform their routine duties where they have to deal with excessive sweating, talking, shouting and/or touching the face masks. Others, particularly during rainy seasons unknowingly or due to the nature of their work find their face masks permanently moistened. By being in tight proximity to the face and receiving warm moistened breath from the nose, face masks also naturally assume the body temperature; together, these parameters are conducive for breeding of disease-causing bacteria from the individual wearer, atmosphere and polluted environments. The project will also seek to reduce bacterial contamination from prolonged use of



Appointments

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Prof. Waceke Wanjohi
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Section

Bereavements

1. Mr. Stephen Musyoka Maweu, who was a member of staff in the Department of Physics, passed away on 16th May, 2021. He was buried on Friday 21st May, 2021 at Kisekini village, Kaiti Sub-location, Makueni County.



2. Dr. Mildred Jennifer Lodiaga, who was a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Sociology, Gender and Development Studies, passed away on 25th June, 2021. She was buried on Tuesday 29th June, 2021 at Lunga, Ngulu village, Ajigo Sub-location, Maranda Division, Bondo Sub-county, Siaya County.



3. Mr. Abdullahi Mohamed Kipsang, who was a member of staff in Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration) Section, passed away on 25th July, 2021. He was buried on 6th August, 2021 at Uasin Gishu, Kapseret location, Lemooka Sub-location



4. Ms. Leah Wanjiru Njagi, who was a Registered Nurse in the Directorate of University Health Services, passed away on 12th August, 2021. She was buried on 24th August, 2021 at Iveche village, opposite DEB, Embu County.



5. Ms. Ruth Wairimu Maina, who was a member of staff in the Department of Architecture & Interior Design, passed away on 18th August, 2021. She was buried on 25th August, 2021 at Langata Cemetery.



6. Dr. Felix Musili Titus, who was a Lecturer in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, passed away on 4th September, 2021. He was buried on 11th September, 2021 at Kamunyu village, Mutonguni, Kitui County.



*The Editorial Team joins the Vice-Chancellor in
condoling with those who have lost their dear ones*





The Hult Prize is offered in partnership with the United Nations. It is hosted and supported by Hult International Business School, and generously funded by Swedish entrepreneur Bertil Hult and his family. In just over a decade, the foundation has deployed more than \$65M into the impact sector which it helped create. Operating on more than 2,000 college and university campuses in 121 countries with a global team of more than 30,000 staff, student volunteers, and change makers, the Hult Prize continues to be a disruptive global leader in education, soft skills training, and entrepreneurial development for the 21st century.

Project Background

The Hult Prize is home to the world's largest college and university network for impact. The OnCampus Program operates on two-thousand college campuses on five continents and is made up of students, university administrators, professors and alumni who participate in the program as mentors, speakers and sponsors for events, workshops and startup competitions which are organized under the Hult Prize Banner. In Kenyatta University the OnCampus Program has been held since 2017 with the mission to inspire youth, change their trajectory and bring them to the social impact space. As a result, it has gained recognition as the university's biggest student-centered event and crowd-sourcing platform. In 2021/2022 competition we are taking a totally different approach and taking it a notch higher like never seen before as we aim to create a generational

impact that will be felt even years after we face off, and that will have a resultant impact to the community, the individual businesses and the economy of the country at large.

The Team

The Campus Director (The CD) who undergoes a couple of interviews and is vetted among other applicants who also applied in the same institution. My name is Desmond Smith Mboya, and this year I was chosen to be the Campus Director in Kenyatta University. With me I have a team of 14 very dedicated individuals working with me in the 5 below dockets;

- Team Coordinators - They answer any queries they have and also handling any issues that affect the teams.
- Unicorn Curators - They document and write stories of the amazing things that we are doing within the campus and also interact with those who have created Impact.
- Logistics Coordinators - They handle the logistics for our team.
- Media Coordinators - They handle our social media, take footage and photos for our documentary, and also handle plans for media interviews that we are slated for.
- Judges Coordinator - They try to evaluate what the students are doing, what they need and queries they might have, send out reminders. They are the direct contact with the judges

Together with my team we will be in charge of; recruiting students for the competition, sensitize not only students but also many others about the competition, train the students

who will participate in the same, recruit judges who will evaluate the projects of the students and lastly bring onboard sponsors to help us in various areas of the competition.

Our Mission

Transforming how young people envision their own possibilities as leaders of change in the world around them.

Theme for 2021-2022

"Getting the World back to work, create 2000 jobs by 2024". It is aimed at bouncing back after the Covid19

Our Plan of Activities for this Year

- Bringing students onboard and we hope to be done by the end of January.
- The aim is to not only have teams that just have a participation mindset, but gain various skills that will impact in their life and also think widely.
- Create partnerships, bring onboard sponsors, and create some sort of a community where innovators can be able to access mentorship, network, get grants to prototype and even capital to take their startups to the next level.
- Activations in satellite campuses and push for the Hult prize.
- We are planning for a very unique public lecture towards the end of February.
- Quarters and semis in early March with intensive training on pitching coupled with it.
- The Hult Prize Ku finals which will also be a unique high breed event that will not only act as a competition but a networking session with a very high potential of getting resources.

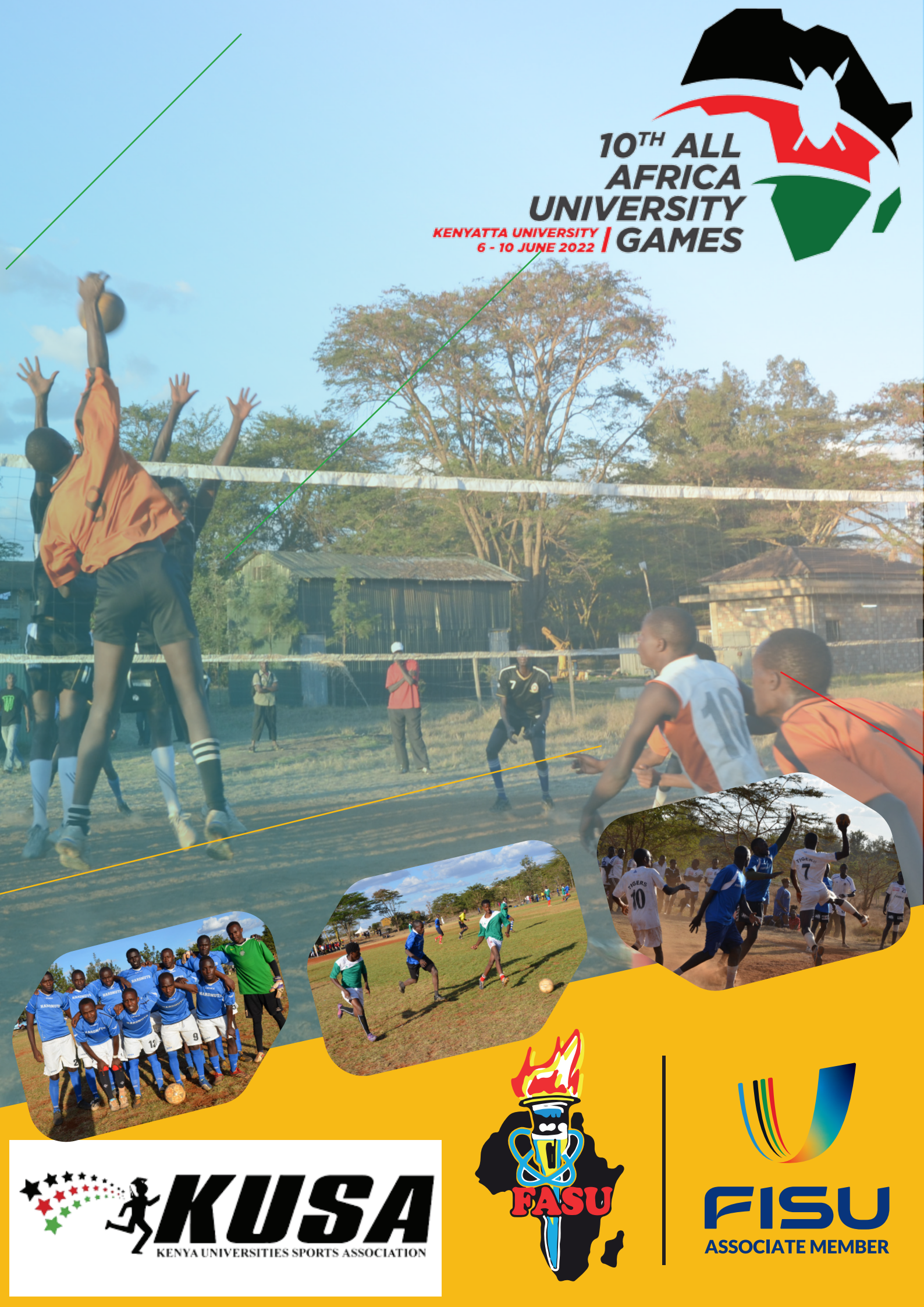
How to Participate

1. Form a team of 3-4 individuals.
2. Go to oncampus.hultprize.org/ku and download the call to action, this will help you understand the theme deeper and help you brainstorm with your team.
3. Think of a project that is relevant and in line with the theme.
4. Still on the website above, sign up by using your names, email and phone number. Do the same for your team members as the sheet only allows you to sign up a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 people.
5. Congratulations, you have signed up as a Hult Prize warrior and you have just started your journey to greatness.
6. You shall be contacted by the team coordinators who will give you more details and also be keeping you up to date with training and deadlines.

If you have any queries, comments or anything on your mind you can reach us using the email hultprize@ku.ac.ke, or myself through the contacts +254728231036, or the team coordinators through 0704406810 or 0704578319, or check out our socials on twitter and instagram @hultprize_ku, Hult Prize Kenyatta University on Facebook. Hashtags to use are #hultprizeku #nikondani #hp22 #hultprize. See you there

10TH ALL AFRICA UNIVERSITY GAMES

KENYATTA UNIVERSITY
6 - 10 JUNE 2022





northcoast BEACH HOTEL



Set on the beautiful and breathtaking pure sandy beaches of the Kikambala Beach Area, the North Coast Beach Hotel is a fine Hotel, situated along the Mombasa – Malindi Road about 2Km from Mombasa town, and approximately 27Km from Moi International Airport, Mombasa. The Hotel faces the Indian Ocean and is located directly on the white sandy beach. Its private location, structural design and the spectacular interior décor is inspired by passionate desire to offer you the best hospitality in a homely environment. The Hotel is ideal for holiday makers, business people, conferences, team building & bonding retreats, high flier blue chip board meetings, groups, honeymoon, newly-weds get-away, and families anniversaries. With fine meals, great entertainment and abundance of animation activities, the Hotel offers a truly splendid blend of rare beauty, quality, satisfaction and great memories.

About the Hotel

This fine Hotel is wholly owned and managed by Kenyatta University, which is one of the top renowned higher education institutions in

Kenya. It provides up-market services facilities that have been tastefully designed with the needs of the discerning customer in mind.

Modern Restaurant

The Restaurant provides a sleek and sophisticated contemporary dining experience. Designed over two Floor levels, the restaurant presents stunning panoramic views of the Indian Ocean. Set around the crystal clear swimming pool, we have created a cosy, intimate restaurant, mixing natural décor, woods, potted plants, soft tweeds and warm, earthy colours that contrast with the clean water rays and the cool ocean breeze. We do our very best to make your time with us both relaxing and enjoyable. The restaurant focuses on the fundamental principles of seasonal Kenyan, regional and internal cuisine prepared in the most innovative ways for your enjoyment and satisfaction. Origin is especially important; we use only those suppliers who are keen on quality and freshness. All our food is made from the finest ingredients available in the market, with care and a whole lot of love.

LOCATION:

27KM NORTH OF MOMBASA ALONG THE MOMBASA-MALINDI HIGHWAY

CAPACITY RANGE:

246 PAX WHEN FULLY BOOKED

GUEST ROOMS:

THE HOTEL COMPRISES OF 94 STANDARD ROOMS, 17 SUITES, 12 DELUXE ROOMS, 1 PRESIDENTIAL SUITE

CONFERENCE MEETING ROOMS:

3 BIG CONFERENCE CENTRE WITH AIR CONDITION AND EN SUITE FACILITIES AND A STATE-OF-THE-ART EXECUTIVE BOARDROOM WITH A CAPACITY OF 25 PAX

LUXURIOUS BOARDROOM:

A SEA FACING LUXURIOUS BOARDROOM, CREATIVELY DESIGNED FOR STRESS FREE MEETINGS

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