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Kenyatta University Celebrates International Mother Language Day



Cabinet Secretary for Sports, Culture and Heritage Amb. Dr. Amina Mohammed (2 left) with the High Commissioner for Bangladesh to Kenya, Major-Gen. MD Jahangir (left) and Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina (2 right) alongside the acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Paul Okemo (right) are joined by members of the University Management during the International Mother Language Day Celebrations at the University's International Language Cultural Centre.

AT A GLANCE

KU Celebrates International Women's Day

International Mother Language Day Celebrations in KU

CS Kobia launches KU-WEE Hub.

CS Balala inspects KU Global Tourism Centre

KU to Host the 10th All Africa University Games 2022

The International Mother Language Day is celebrated on 21st February every year. The day designated by UNESCO and earmarked to celebrate the mother language and promote cultural diversity. In this spirit of celebration, the Department of Literature, Linguistics and Foreign Languages, in collaboration with the Bangladesh High Commission in Kenya, held a one-day conference on 19th February 2021.

The celebration was graced by the Cabinet Secretary in charge of Sports, Culture and Heritage Amb. Dr. Amina Mohammed who was the Chief Guest. Dr. Amina Mohammed underscored the critical role of a people's language and culture in the way they perceive the world. She pointed out that her Ministry solidly supported the thriving of indigenous Kenyan languages. However, she noted that the threat of extinction of some of these languages was real as children increasingly abandoned their ancestral languages and chose to use the

dominant regional and international languages instead.

The Vice-Chancellor of Kenyatta University, Prof. Paul Wainaina, who led the delegates in the celebrations, reiterated the importance of mother tongue as it is the language through which children are socialised into the society's way of life and that it contributes to the total of human knowledge; inside each language is a vision of the past, present and future. He also noted that mother tongue serves as an important basis for identity construction; identity concerns the shared characteristics of members of a group, community, or region.

The Bangladesh High Commissioner in Kenya, Major General MD Jahangir Kabir Talukder, delivered a moving keynote address that, among other things, highlighted the fact that Bangladesh owes her existence as a nation-state partly from the struggle for recognition

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of Bengali as the Mother Language of the nation. The Government of the day had proscribed the use of Bengali and advocated instead for Urdu's use, a move that did not go down well with the inhabitants of the then East Pakistan. The struggle resulted in the death of a number of university students who are immortalised as language martyrs. The agitation for recognition of their mother tongue set in motion a trajectory that culminated in Bangladesh's birth, a country whose mother language is Bengali or Bangla.

The other Keynote speaker was Prof. Chege Githiora from the Department of Literature, Linguistics and Foreign Languages, Kenyatta University. Scholars from Kenyatta University, Egerton University, University of Nairobi and Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology also presented papers on mother languages research.



Students from Watuka Boys High School present Agikuyu poem entitled 'Humburia tuone' during the International Mother Language Day Celebrations at the University's International Language Cultural Centre.

Editorial

Hello and welcome to the new normal: the Corona virus is still with us, but we have learnt quite a bit and each can take the necessary precautions to keep it at bay. The good news is that the first phase of the COVID-19 vaccine is currently being rolled out in Kenya and at Kenyatta University.

There are various international celebrations in the early months of the year, and Kenyatta University has celebrated them with gusto. First off was the International Mother Language Day (IMLD), which we celebrated in style at our new International Language and Culture Centre. This was followed by the International Women's Day, celebrated with pomp and ceremony: the celebration this year having been made all the more meaningful by the earlier inauguration of the KU Women Economic Empowerment Hub.

The positive vibes continued as the Arts received a boost from visiting professors of Arts and Arts Education from Italy and Poland, under the auspices of the European Commission, bringing a smile to the faces of all those who have a passion for the arts: literature, theatre, film, fine art, fashion, and graphic design, among others.

That smile broadened as the month of March ended, as we celebrated the World Oral Health Day and became empowered with information pertinent to oral health. Relax, smile, and keep turning the pages for all the juicy details.

Esther K. Mbithi, Ph.D.

Covid -19 Vaccination Roll-Out at Kenyatta University



The Chairman, Kenyatta University Council, Prof. Shem E. Migot-Adholla receives the Covid-19 vaccine at the University Health Centre, which was administered by Sister Lucy Ngatia.

In March 2021, the Ministry of Health started a structured COVID-19 vaccination programme to contain the global COVID-19 pandemic. The vaccination programme in Kenya, which is voluntary, consists of three phases. This first phase targets frontline health workers, teaching and non-teaching staff in educational facilities, uniformed forces, including the police and military and immigration officers. The second phase is expected to begin in July 2021 and targets persons over 50 years and those over 18 years and known to have chronic diseases, such as diabetes, hypertension and sickle cell disease. The third phase is expected to begin in January 2022; depending on the availability of vaccines will target all persons in congregate settings, such as prisoners, densely populated settlements and staff working in entertainment, restaurant and retail sectors.

Kenyatta University received 4500 doses of the vaccine. In preparation for the vaccination

exercise, two nurses from the Directorate of University Health Services – Ms. Lucy Ngatia and Ms. Cecily Ngaire attended a training and sensitisation workshop at the Tamarind Hotel, Nairobi, organised by the Ministry of Health. The vaccination exercise at Kenyatta University started on 12th March 2021 and was kicked off by Prof. Paul Okemo, acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Dr. Gabriel Waari, Director of University Health Services.

To ensure an adequate immune response is achieved, two doses are given eight weeks apart. During trials, side effects were mild to moderate and included pain at the injection site, fever, headache, muscle aches, and fatigue.

To cover the entire Kenyatta University community, the exercise is expected to continue for at least four weeks. This will afford all staff adequate opportunity to receive the vaccination.

Women's Economic Empowerment Hub Launched



Prof. Margaret Kobia, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Public Service and Gender, presides over the Launch of the Kenya University Women's Economic Empowerment Hub. Looking on (centre) is the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina and the Chair of the University Council, Prof. Shem Migot-Adholla.

Kenyatta University Women's Economic Empowerment Hub (KU-WEE Hub) entitled "Initiative for What Works for Women's Economic Empowerment (IWWWIE)" and funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, is a five year research project. The goal of this project is to build programme and policy evidence on what works to advance Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) in Kenya.

The hub was established on the 18th of September, 2020 and launched on January 28th 2021 by Prof. Margaret Kobia, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Public Service and Gender. This hub will serve as a research and evidence hub aimed at strengthening generation and use of evidence to advance WEE and gender equality in Kenya. The KU-WEE Hub focus is on building programme and policy evidence on "what works" to drive decision-making in focal geographies that advance women's economic empowerment.

Speaking during the launch, Cabinet Secretary for Public Service and Gender, Prof. Margaret Kobia lauded Kenyatta University for making the first steps in launching a hub in Kenya under "The Initiatives for What Works for Women's Economic Empowerment". The Cabinet Secretary committed to work with the University to apply evidence generated to influence policy and programmes in the country.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina noted that the University recognizes that the human capital of women and girls is an integral part of the development process, and while available data indicate that Kenyan women perform two thirds of the total informal work in the economy and they receive only 10 % of the wealth created, and thus this project is designed to change the situation in favor of women and girls.

Ms. Diva Dhar, Senior Programme Officer, Gender Data and Evidence at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation remarked that the evidences from research projects in the grant will impact not only Kenya but many other parts of the world.

Additionally, Hub leader Prof. Judith Waudo observed that women's representation in the economy is marred by poor female gender representation at the policy decision making levels due to various barriers.

She added that, lack of clarity in policies to address workforce segregation and the fact that existing programmes and policies in Kenya have not been independently evaluated are some of the rationales towards this programme. The establishment of the Hub is informed by the need for gender data and robust evidence that informs the women's economic empowerment architecture in Kenya and indeed the Eastern Africa Region.

KU-WEE Hub will serve as a research and evidence hub aimed at strengthening generation and use of evidence to advance Women's Economic Empowerment and gender equality in Kenya.

The hub is working with 102 researchers, partners and other stakeholders to build programme and policy evidence on what works to advance women's economic empowerment with a focus on three thematic areas.

Further, key in the research is evaluation of how the various policies targeting women's work, economic empowerment and wellbeing are being implemented and the impacts they have brought to the ecosystem of equity for women. The evidence from the successful stories from the application of the policies will be documented and used to advocate and design of new programmes that promote equity and empowerment of women.

Kenyatta University Women's Economic Empowerment hub is working with among other partners, Institute of Economic Affairs, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics and Tharaka Nithi County towards achieving the main goal

The launch was attended by amongst others University Council Chairperson Prof. Shem Migot-Adholla, senior officials from the Ministries of Public Service and Gender, Education, Tourism among others.

Towards a Disability Inclusive Society



Hon. Lady Justice Mumbi Ngugi during the 11th Disability Awareness Day.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina steered the University community in celebrating the 11th Disability Awareness Day whose theme was “Towards a Disability Inclusive Society in a post-Covid-19 World”.

The event which was held on 19th March

2021, also marked the first hybrid Disability Awareness Day. It was a mix of a physical event for a few guests and transmission live on KUTV and online via zoom.

This important function celebrated the successes that the University has achieved in preparing students with disabilities

for their careers as well as raised some critical emerging issues about the welfare of persons with disabilities within the context of COVID-19.

In her address, Justice Mumbi explored the nexus between society’s rights to protection and its responsibilities to persons with disabilities in a situation where Corona Virus safety and management protocols call for adjustments to the way people interact.

The Vice-Chancellor in his remarks highlighted some of the fruits that had been borne by the University’s disability inclusivity efforts.

Dr. Mbugua wa Mungai, the Director of Disability Services at Kenyatta University, challenged the community to think about ‘inclusivity’ as integrated service delivery rather than separate service delivery for persons with disabilities.

This annual event in the University’s calendar was held in partnership with Kenya Commercial Bank, the National Fund for the Disabled of Kenya, Safaricom Ltd, Kilimanjaro Blind Trust Africa, Kevian Ltd and Light for the World.

Transcultural Perspectives of Art and Education



Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Paul Okemo (Front row, 2L) with experts of the Transcultural Perspectives of Art and Art Education (TPAAE) Project.

Kenyatta University hosted six experts from Poland and Italy under the European Commission funded “Transcultural Perspectives of Art and Art Education (TPAAE) project. The six experts participated in a schedule of activities that put the student at the centre of the staff exchange within the project.

Film students in the Ruiru Campus benefited from working with the experts on perfecting various technical areas of film-making such as sound and lighting. The experts also facilitated workshops in various areas

and were integrated in ongoing classes in Film, Fine Art and Design such as: Oriental and Oceanic Art, Compositions and Styles (Painting), Computer Application in Fashion Design, Cinematography, Sound and Light in Film, Art and Design appreciation, among others.

On Thursday 18th March 2021, the Polish team, made up of Dr. Hab. Julia Kureck, Prof. Dr. Maciej Osmycki and Dr. Arkadiusz Piętak, mounted an exhibition which comprised artworks from staff of the Academy of Arts in Szczecin, Poland together with

artworks of staff and students of the School of Creative and Performing Arts, Film and Media Studies, Kenyatta University. Titled “Niko na Hadithi” (I have a Story), the exhibition was an aesthetic interpretation of artworks inspired by known artists. The focus was on creative photography, film and other art media.

From 23rd – 29th March 2021 the Polish, Italian and KU teams proceeded to a TPAAE GRANT PROJECT partners meeting held at Pwani University on 24th March 2020 and thereafter inaugurated an Art Festival in Kilifi within the Transcultural Perspectives of Art and Art Education Project.

The total grant amount secured in partnership with five establishments, namely: Academy of Art in Szczecin, Poland, National Museum in Szczecin, Poland, Università degli Studi di Macerata, Italy, Pwani University, Kilifi, Kenya, and Beneath the Baobabs Limited, Kilifi, Kenya is 96.7 Million Kshs. Through the Dean, Prof. John Mugubi, the School of Creative and Performing Arts, Film and Media Studies, the School of Creative and Performing Arts, Film and Media Studies at Kenyatta University was allocated 16.9 Million Kshs from the fund to undertake Research and a joint programme of exchange of staff, artists and PhD students.

Kenyatta University Responds to West Pokot Disaster



Some members of the Kenyatta University Outreach Team and locals during a follow up visit to West Pokot.

On Saturday, 23rd November 2019, West Pokot County experienced massive mud, and landslides that left devastation in their wake, with 22 people reported missing, 50 dead, and an estimated 30,000 persons displaced. The University sprang into action by carrying out a needs assessment of the affected liaison with the local administration at West Pokot. Being a learning institution, Canon Price Tamkal Secondary School in the area was identified as an eligible beneficiary of the University's intervention and donated 150 beds and 150 mattresses.

A follow-up visit to Canon Price Tamkal Secondary School was done on 5th March 2021. Kenyatta University donated learning

materials and other souvenirs during the visit, which included wall clocks and calendars. Through the Directorate of Career Development and Mentoring Programmes, the University conducted career and motivational talks for form three and form four students. The students were taken through milestones in their career journey, entry requirements for different career levels, factors to consider when choosing a career, subject selection and good study habits. Both students and teachers were enthusiastic about joining Kenyatta University.

The Deputy Principal, Mr. Michael Kimutai, expressed gratitude to the University, noting that the beds and mattresses

were useful and timely. He reiterated that no other organisation or institution had come to their aid following the disaster as Kenyatta University did. The school head girl alluded to the same, indicating how helpful KU had been in restoring their hope in the dormitories and the entire learning experience. The team visited the dormitories and noted the school's commendable degree of effort in rebuilding the damaged structures. Specifically, the school had used the government allocation on infrastructure to build two permanent dormitories in consideration of the landscape to avoid vulnerability to future disasters of the exact nature - one of the constructed dormitories after the disaster had been named Kenyatta University Dorm.

The University endeavours to continue engaging with the school towards complete recovery from the disaster. Some of the proposed areas of engagement include: Working with the KU School of the environment to plant trees in the school compound, working with the KU School of Agriculture to cultivate their very arable land using modern farming methods to maximise land use and productivity for food security and agribusiness, working with the Directorate of Career Development and Mentoring Programmes for continuous engagement with the students and teachers who are the University's potential clients, working with the wellness centre for guidance and counselling.

In other news, Kenyatta University visited Chewoiet National and made a presentation on career choices and their respective cluster subject combinations to the form three and four students. The students and the teachers present were very impressed with the presentation.

Commemorating the World Oral Health Day



The University through the Directorate of University Health Services in collaboration with Colgate Palmolive, Equity Afia, Regal Pharmaceuticals and Smile Changers Foundation commemorated the World Oral Health Day on 26th March, 2021. World Oral Health day is a day celebrated worldwide and annually to empower people with Knowledge, tools and confidence to secure good oral health.

The event which was held at Central Administration Complex, was a big success as both staff and

students were screened by staff of the Directorate of University Health Services. A number of activities were carried out which included oral health talks, free dental checkups and dental care giveaways.

Oral Health awareness is a neglected activity which needs to be carried out often. Good oral health equals quality overall health which results in a longer and healthier life. Regular dental checkups help promote preventive practices, maintain healthy teeth and increase awareness about benefits of dental services.

Digital Competitiveness in a Flat World



By Dr. Elishiba Murigi

To curb the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and reduce the spread of the virus, most governments across the world enacted lockdowns. This was followed by curfews that led to declining business activities and ultimately closure. In the midst of all this, a new world was birthed where digitisation flattened the world into one standard environment, only varied by culture and regulatory regime diversity.

The Digital space opened up attracting business from all sectors to compete on the same platform: The Digital Space! In this space, all businesses ranging from small scale enterprises to large corporates utilise the same venue to showcase their products and services, resulting in a Flat Business world.

Having understood the digital space's adoption by most businesses globally and to operationalise digitisation as the new norm, the Nation Media Group Digital Summit held at the Sarova Whitesands in Mombasa from 25th to 26th February 2020 brought organisations together to Showcase the Nation. Africa Platform. This is a new digital platform where companies and brands will market, advertise, promote

and effectively manage media spreads. The Chief Executive Officer, Nation Media Group (NMG), Mr. Stephen Gitagama, said, "NMG has moved from the traditional media model in both news and advertising." This is exemplified in how many companies managed to leverage themselves during the pandemic by adapting the digital platforms and making their brands and companies more visible in the digital world.

The summit provided an opportunity for business owners and the Government to examine digital trends on the continent and look into how organisations can change existing business models, processes and embrace collaboration to deliver value to their stakeholders more efficiently and effectively.

Notably, Kenyatta University has been among the universities in the country that have been at the forefront of utilising the Digital Space. The history of success of the University's Digital School of Virtual and Open Learning (DSVOL), which has been operational since 2014, demonstrated the University's initial level of preparedness that only required minimal reconfiguration in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Indeed, Kenyatta University is competitively positioned in the digital space. Through mobile technologies, the University has ensured continued delivery of curriculum of the various degree programmes unconstrained by location, space and time limitations and at the convenience and safety of learners. Further, the adoption of the blended mode of delivery of the curriculum enabled the University to leverage various digital resources such as google meet, zoom and google calendar, among others.

Technology has become the single most important resource to an enterprise's value creation and delivery processes. It has significantly promoted telecommuting, remarkably supporting the COVID-19 containment measures and disrupting the traditional product and service delivery models. During the summit, the ICT Cabinet Secretary Joe Mucheru indicated that there are plans to increase internet connectivity across the country to enable technology to do business. Digital Technology is a big thing in Africa and the world, and any company in the digital path should keep strengthening its digital presence.

Women in leadership: Achieving an Equal Future

The Centre for Gender Equity and Empowerment, in collaboration with the Office of the Kenyatta University Students Association, Vice-Chairperson (KUSA) and Kenyatta University Gender Action Movement (KUGAM), celebrated International Women's Day on 8th March 2021.

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating women's social, economic, cultural and political achievements. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. This year's theme was "Women in Leadership: Achieving an Equal Future in a COVID-19 world." The theme celebrates women and girls' tremendous efforts around the world in shaping an equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

In his speech, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina, noted that although the world has made remarkable advances, no country has achieved gender equality. Women and girls are still facing challenges punctuated by poverty, age, education disparities, unchanged laws and stringent cultures. The Vice-Chancellor urged the participants to recognise and accept that women and girls in Kenya have unlimited potential, which has not been exploited due to the multifaceted barriers.

Hon. Priscilla Nyokabi Kanyua, Commissioner, The National Gender and Equality Commission, endorsed that there



Director Centre for Gender Equity and Empowerment, Prof. Judith Waudo during the International Women's Day Celebrations under the theme "#ChooseToChallenge,"

have been several initiatives developed to promote the inclusion, participation and representation of women in varying sectors of life, all of which have yielded some gains. These gains include gender issues in legal, policy, budgets, plans and institutional frameworks, mainstreaming gender in public and private life, establishing affirmative actions, programmes, resources, and setting gender quotas in various sectors that encourage women empowerment.

Hon. Nyokabi concluded by applauding the Government for sustained efforts towards women's economic empowerment programmes during the COVID-19 pandemic and recommended that such

efforts continue even after the pandemic.

Prof. Nancy E. Glass, Associate Director of the John Hopkins Centre for Global Health, to echo the previous speakers, emphasised that women and girls face gross inequities, both private and public inequities. She encouraged women to assert their rights, question their roles in society, challenges power structures and affect positive social change (Feminist Leadership).

The event ended with a clear message from all the speakers that women and girls are imperative in decision-making and therefore need to be empowered by giving the leadership positions.

2nd School of Business IBRIC Conference Held Virtually



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina receives a gift from the Ag. Dean, School of Business, Dr. Paul Sang in recognition of his role on the success of the 2nd Annual IBRIC 2020.

The School of Business has been in the forefront in realigning the School's mission with the University's on enhancing research capacity and productivity among scholars. Following the success of the 1st IBRIC 2019, which was brought about largely by the strategic positioning, the School of Business embarked on a mission

to have the 2nd IBRIC. This was held virtually on 3rd and 4th December, 2020. It had a fully blended approach where a robust team of key industry players from blue chip companies were incorporated with key state actors as well as members of academia to discuss topical issues affecting the country, region and the globe.

The industry players, representatives of government and members of the academic fraternity engaged in lively debates on the thematic areas. These were very insightful deliberations that captured the mood of the moment, especially under Covid-19 restrictions. The discussions on the online zoom platform were followed by over 160 delegates as well as a litany of online followers on KUTV, our social media pages as well as on YouTube, saw the IBRIC streamed live to an audience of over 15,000.

The conference whose theme was "Academia-Industry Partnerships for

Competitive Innovations and Global Sustainable Development' was officially opened by the Vice-Chancellor, Kenyatta University, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina who was represented by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Innovation and Outreach), Prof. Fredrick Gravenir.

The conference sought to provide an interdisciplinary platform for policy makers, key industry players, researchers, practitioners and educators to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in the fields of business management and innovation through the conference podium and refereed publications. The conference further provided opportunities for academia to receive informal in-depth feedback from the industry through discussions and to enable them to establish contact with professionals in other countries and institutions.

Pictorial



(Right-Left) Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina, CEO World Athletics Under20, Mike Rabar, President Athletics Kenya Gen. Jackson Tuwei, Chief Administrative Secretaries Sports Gender and Social Services, Simon Kachapin, his Sports counterpart Zack Kinuthia, during a media breakfast meeting at Serena Hotel.



Dr. Mary Mwangi of the Department of Biochemistry, Microbiology and Biotechnology, explains the growth cycle of improved cooking banana (NARITA) and plantain (PITA) hybrids in a controlled environment using a participatory gender-intergrated approach.



Kenyatta University Daadab Centre in collaboration with BlackRhino (Virtual Reality Company) and Newcastle University showcase their research findings of maternal mothers.



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina hands over a gift to the Cabinet Secretary of Tourism and Wildlife, Mr. Najib Balala during the inspection of the Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre.

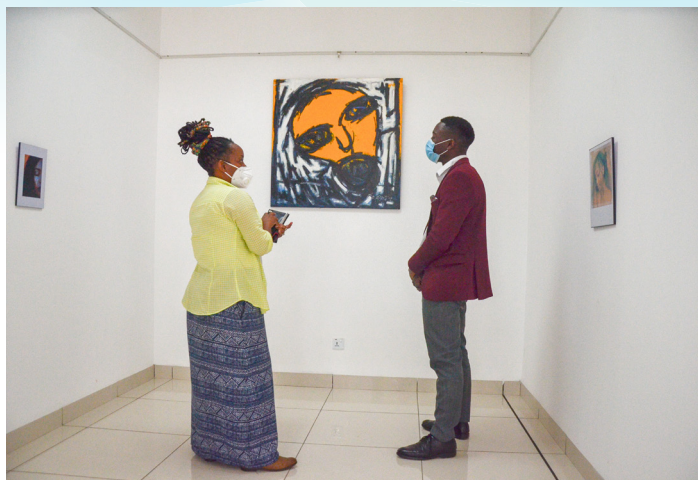


Kenyatta University first year students follow proceedings during Matriculation Ceremony at the Graduation Square.



(Seated left to right) Centre for Gender Equity and Empowerment Director, Prof. Judith Waudu, Prof. Jane Catherine Ngila Acting Executive Director, the African Academy of Sciences and Prof Grace Bunyi, Registrar (Corporate Affairs) together with participants during International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

Pictorial



Ms. Anne Mwiti, a lecturer from the Department of Fine Art and Design, explains her artwork to a participant during the Transcultural Perspectives of Art and Art Education Exhibition at the International Language and Cultural Centre.



Prof. Margaret Kobia, Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Public Service and Gender, plants a commemorative tree at the University grounds during the launch of the Kenyatta University Women's Economic Empowerment Hub. Looking on is Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina.



Directorate of Career Development and Mentoring Programmes, Senior Career Advisor, Mr Kenneth Njoroge Kiambuhi gives a career talk to students from Nyandarua High School.



(Left-Right) Dr Ruth Agesa, Deputy CEO World Athletics Under20, Nairobi. Dr. B. Kathungu, Director, Accommodation Services, Dr. G. Waari, Director of Health Services and Dr. Victor Bargoria, World Athletics Organizing Committee during a visit to the University to assess level of preparedness.



The 11th Disability Awareness Day in KU. The event recognized various achievements and challenges inhibiting inclusivity for Persons Living with Disability in working spaces and learning institutions.



Prof. Robert Osei-Bonsu from the Adventist University of Africa during the first 2021 Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service held at the Kenyatta University Amphitheatre.

Appointments



Dr. Paul Gachanja
Registrar (Finance and Development)



Dr. Bernard Kivunge
Ag. Registrar (Academic)



Dr. Eva Maxine Angoro
Chairperson, Department of Clinical
Radiology and Imaging Services



Dr. Laji Adoyo
Chairperson, Department of Urban &
Regional Planning



Dr. Francis K. Njoka
Chairperson,
Department of Energy Technology



Dr. Stephen Macharia
Chairperson,
Department of Human Anatomy



Dr. Shadrack M. Mwilaria
Chairperson,
Department of Economic Theory



Dr. Wilson M. Thagana
Associate Dean,
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Development



Dr. Leonard M. Chacha
Associate Dean, Graduate School

Correction and Apology

In our earlier Issue of the Newsletter (Volume 17, Issue 1), under appointments we incorrectly identified Dr. Paul Gachanja as the Registrar (Academic) and Dr. Eva Maxine Angoro as the Chairperson, Department of Surgery and Orthopedics. We have since corrected the mistake in our current issue and would like to unreservedly apologize to Dr. Paul Gachanja and Dr. Eva Maxine Angoro for the error.

Bereavements



Professor Andanje Mwisukha, the Registrar (Academic) passed away on 15th January, 2021. He was laid to rest on 30th January 2021 in Chekalini, Lugari.



Mr. Leonard Kimutai Bii, a staff in the Department of Communication, Media Film and Theatre Studies passed away on 19th March, 2021. He was laid to rest on 27th March, 2021 in Bomet County.



Dr. Zeddy Rop, a lecturer in the Department of Fine Art and Design passed away on 20th January, 2021. She was laid to rest on 29th January 2021.



Mr. Peter Kamondo Muiruri, a Lecturer in the Department of Physics passed away on 23rd February, 2021.



Mrs. Catherine Timitira Lubembe Njoka, a member of staff in the Examinations Section passed away on 30th March 2021. She was laid to rest on 6th April 2021 in Muranga County.

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

KU to Host 10th All Africa University Games 2022



Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul K. Wainaina receives a FASU gift from the President of FASU, Ms. Nomsa Mahlangu and Secretary General, Ms. Peninnah Kabenge. Looking on are Prof. Vincent Onywera, Registrar (RIO) and Dr. Beatrice Kathungu, Director, Accommodation.

Kenyatta University will host the 10th All Africa University Games in 2022 at a date to be communicated soon. This was confirmed by the Vice-Chancellor, Kenyatta University, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina during the Federation of Africa University Sports (FASU) Ordinary General Assembly as well as the FISU – FASU Strategic Dialogue held from 26th to 27th March 2021 in Addis Ababa – Ethiopia. The Vice-Chancellor reaffirmed Kenyatta University's commitment to put up a great show and host Africa at the great event by working with local and foreign partners to create legacy projects for the university and country at large.

The games were initially supposed to be held at Kenyatta University from 17th – 21st August 2020 but were postponed to 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, given the current circumstances; it will still not be feasible to have the games in 2021. The University in consultation with the leadership of FASU has therefore agreed to have the Games in 2022 and to be hosted at Kenyatta University.

The FASU Games will bring over 4000 participants to represent their respective universities across the African continent in the five day competition programme consisting of 15 games that include

Athletics, Chess, Swimming, Taekwondo, 3x3 Basketball, Badminton, Table Tennis, Tennis, Woodball, Billiard and Snooker, Karate, Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Handball, Rugby 7's, Netball. Three extra games (Rollball, Snooker and Woodball) shall be played for demonstration purposes. This will be the 3rd time for Kenya to host the event having hosted the 2nd FASU Games in 1978 and the 7th FASU Games in 2014 both at the University of Nairobi. The Federation of Africa University Sports (FASU) is a continental affiliate of the International University Sports (FISU) and a

member of the Association of African Sports Confederation, with the mandate to oversee and organise continental university sports activities in Africa.

The Vice-Chancellor made history as the 1st head of a university to personally make a presentation on the preparations for the FASU Games at a FISU-FASU-NUSF Strategic Dialogue. The Delegation included Prof. Vincent Onywera – Registrar Research, Innovation and Outreach and Co-Chair of the Local Organizing Committee and Dr. Beatrice M Kathungu – Director Accommodation.



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina (centre), Prof. Vincent Onywera, Registrar (RIO) and Dr. Beatrice Kathungu, Director Accommodation during the FISU – FASU Strategic Dialogue held in Addis Ababa – Ethiopia.



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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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