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KU Inks Ksh400m for Women Empowerment Project



Ms. Diva Dhār, a Senior Program Officer at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation with Kenyatta University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina and the University Management. The discussions centered on the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant entitled: Initiative for What Works to Advance Women's Economic Empowerment. The project aims at creating a Hub at Kenyatta University that will generate evidence-based research to support women and girls empowerment. Accompanying Ms. Dhār (from left to right) is Prof. Simon Onywere, Director, Capacity Development and Consultancy Services, Prof. Grace Wamue –Ngare, Director, Center for Gender Equity and Empowerment and Prof. Germano Mwabu, Professor of Economics at the KU School of Economics.

AT A GLANCE

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Kenyatta University has received a Ksh400M grant from BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION to establish the Women's Economic Empowerment (KU-WEE) Hub.

The KU-WEE Hub Project aims to ensure that interested parties such as relevant ministries and departments, county governments, policy leaders (legislators and policy makers) implementing agencies and donors utilize policy evidence to shape policies, programmes, interventions, and advocacy efforts related to supporting women's economic empowerment (WEE) in Kenya.

The primary outcomes envisaged to be achieved via application of the evidence generated by eleven evaluation studies are: Representation of women in management and leadership positions increased by 30% within the public and private sectors by 2025; Women

participation increased by 30% in corporate governance in public and private companies by 2025; Proportion of women-owned and managed enterprises within the manufacturing sector increased by 30% by 2025; Increased exposure of transferable skills to 20% girls and women and transitioned to work by 2025; Improved exposure of 20% women and girls to apprenticeship and mentorship programmes to enhance their work readiness by 2025; Exposure of 20% girls and women to lifelong learning programmes to enhance their skills for economic self-empowerment by 2025; Sexual and gender-based violence prevalence reduced by 50% by 2025; At least four gender responsive policies implemented to protect women and communities against sudden adverse socio-economic shocks by 2025; Diversity and quality of women livelihoods (market participation and productivity) increased by 20% in at least five counties by 2025; A new women economic empowerment measurement index constructed

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and demonstrated by 2025; and a new gender responsive budgeting tool developed and shared with stakeholders by 2025.

Under this project, the following activities will be completed:

1. Undertake analytical studies that will involve impact evaluations in three thematic areas:

- Women's Roles in the Public and Private Sectors;
- Skilling and Mentoring; and;
- Violence, Crisis, and Women's Work.

The project will carry out an impact evaluation in one of the thematic areas, using

Randomized Control Trials (RCT) to generate evidence on causal relationships and the effectiveness of a promising intervention to improve WEE.

The study will involve Stakeholder engagement. National-level policy dialogues to discuss evidence and constraints, involving policymakers as well as citizens and civil society groups so that a range of informed stakeholder groups can come together to advocate for evidence-based policy making.

In addition, the research will include capacity building to ensure that strong institutions and networks emerge and are available to partner with governments and others on evidence generation for WEE.

Finally, BMGF media partner will train researchers in advocacy and communications strategy in the following areas: packaging of research evidence for media; effective policy communications and advocacy; modes of communicating evidence effectively; how evidence needs to be packaged in order to be most impactful.

The Hub Board chairperson will be Prof. Caroline Thoruwa while the Hub leader is Prof. Judith Waudo.

This project is currently housed at the Kenyatta University Centre of Gender Equity and Empowerment.

KU Excels in Global Moot Court Competition

Kenyatta University emerged 1st runners up in the 12th Edition of the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition. It was a historic moment for Africa and Kenya as this is the first time

in the history of the Competition that the two finalists came from the same country. The all-female Strathmore University team of Eugene Kanyugo and Mariam Malik triumphed over Kenyatta University School of Law's Sidney Tambasi Netya and Martin Kioko Munyoto on 10th December 2020. The Strathmore duo beat Bolivia's Universidad Catolica, while Kenyatta University made history after beating the defending champions, the University of Oxford, in a hotly contested semi-final setting the global stage for an all Kenyan finals. According to the Oxford University website, "a moot court competition simulates a court hearing (usually an appeal against a final decision), in which participants analyse a problem, research the relevant law, prepare written submissions, and present oral argument. Moot problems are typically set in areas of law that are unsettled or that have been subject to recent developments. They usually involve two grounds of appeal, argued by each side." "We are very excited to have made it thus far," Says KU Law student Sidney, "Even second best feels like we won." For his part Martin said: "It's has been a humbling journey

thus far and our confidence level is way up." Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul Wainaina, congratulated the duo for leveling the United Kingdom based University of Oxford and getting into the finals. He said; "Congratulations to Strathmore for emerging winners and to our KU team for emerging finalists. Two Kenyan Universities competing for a global prize is a major accomplishment for our institutions of higher learning. We feel very proud of them." Both Kenyatta University and Strathmore University are part of the initial 92 global teams, out of which 44 teams were shortlisted and accepted in the 12th Edition Competition. The Competition is organized by the Center for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, South Africa in partnership with the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, American University, Washington College of Law and the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). The finals which took place on 10th December 2020 coincided with the International Human Rights Day and was broadcast live on YouTube and Facebook by the Centre for Human Rights.

Editorial

The year 2020 was an extra-ordinary year, and it brought many firsts, especially in cyberspace: The 48th graduation ceremony became the first ever virtual graduation ceremony for Kenyatta University; and this is our first ever virtual newsletter!

The Cyberspace can also be fun and exciting. There was an online photography competition where prizes were won. We teamed up with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the Economic Empowerment of women. Keep reading and learn all about the nano-satellite prototype project; hard-working innovative students who bring fame and prestige to KU; as well as the MoU with NTSA.

Above all, Kenyatta University is doing everything possible to ensure compliance with Ministry of Health COVID-19 prevention protocols, for the safety of all of you, as and when you do physically come on campus.

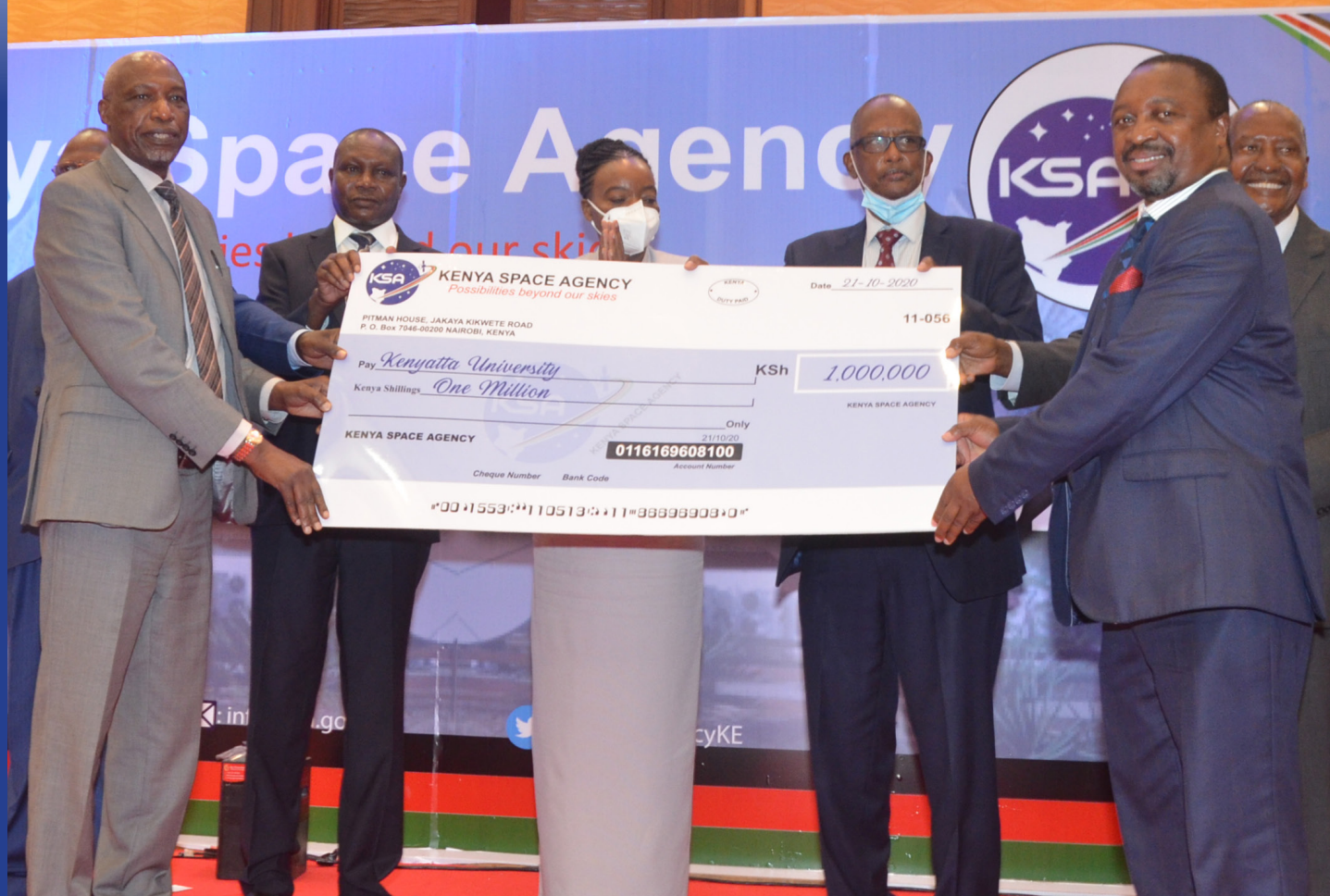
Quite a lot has happened in the tumultuous months of 2020. In this first online issue we have shared just a few of the highlights. We invite you to 'watch this page' as we fill in the details over the coming months.

Wishing you all Good Cheer and Happy New Year as you keep safe! EKM.



The University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul K Wainaina (2nd left) and Dean school of law Dr Faith Kabata (2nd right) with Kenyatta University School of Law students Sidney Tambasi Netya (third year) and Martin Kioko Munyoto (Second year) who represented KU in the finals of the 12th Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition.

KU Awarded Grant for Nano-Satellite Project



Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul Wainaina. (LEFT) receives a dummy check FOR 1M from Kenya Space agency (KSA) presented by Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Defence Amb. Dr. Monica Juma (CENTER) together with Maj. General Chepkuto(second left) Acting Director - General KSA. Looking on (RIGHT) is Dr. Shadrack Mamba, Dean KU School of Engineering

Kenyatta University was recently awarded a Ksh. 1 million grant for development of a nano-satellite prototype by the Kenya Space Agency. Kenya Space Agency is a State Corporation that is charged with promoting, coordinating and regulating Space related activities in Kenya. The award cheque presentation took place on 21st October 2020 in an event presided over by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Amb. Dr. Monica Juma. The funds shall be utilized to develop a nano-satellite prototype for imagery, telemetry and drones for agricultural use and disaster management in the country. The university was awarded the grant following successful submission of a proposal to Kenya Space Agency (KSA) under "Operational Space Weather and Nano-satellite Development". University, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology, Technical University of Kenya, and University of Nairobi. Kenyatta University won the grant out of

five participating universities including, Moi. The prototype christened 'KUCUBE' Nano-satellite is aimed at helping Kenya predict and mitigate agricultural disasters. Agriculture being the leading sector in Kenya's economy, ability to disasters affecting food security in line with sustainable development goal 3 is paramount. Some of the disasters mapped out include locust migrations and losses associated with planning timelines.

This is also aimed at addressing challenges from inefficient traditional disaster curbing methods. Through 'KUCUBE', an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) drone shall be guided to gather data useful for prediction and monitoring of agricultural disasters as well as mitigation of the same. The total payload for the KUCUBE satellite will be 0.5 Kgs. The payload consists of a low-resolution camera which is the primary payload.

This will be responsible for taking images to be studied for Geographical/ Geomatic Information systems (GIS) purposes. The secondary payload is a bent pipe communications system. These serve the purpose of receiving and transmitting data to (downlink) and from (uplink) the ground station. They serve both in UAV guidance and telemetry.



Innovative Students Win UN Person of the Year Award



Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul Wainanina (2R), looking on (from left) UN Director-General Ms Zainab Hawa Bangura, UN Resident Coordinator Mr. Siddharth Chatterjee and (extreme right) Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor in the office of the President Ms. Ruth Kagia receive the UN PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD 2020

On 28th October 2020, a team of 15 Kenyatta University Students who developed the first Mechanical ventilator using locally available material to assist COVID 19 patients in breathing are the 2020 UN in Kenya Persons of the Year. The team who have developed the Tiba-Vent Ventilator that has already received Certification from Kenya Bureau of standards and awaiting clinical trials emerged winners for their innovation after foreseeing a shortage of ventilators due to increased demand occasioned by the global pandemic, and reduced freight travel

Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of ICT and Youth Affairs Hon. Joe Mucheru lauded the young innovators and assured them of Government's support when they come up with innovations that work towards finding solutions to the development challenges of our time, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic

"young people are at the heart of our future as a country. You (Kenyatta University Students) have given us reason to believe in ourselves and affirm our innovative aptitudes as a country" he said.

While receiving the award on behalf of the students, the Vice Chancellor of Kenyatta University Prof. Paul Wainana said the University will continue supporting students to come up with innovative ideas and ensure that they have mentors who can help them move their ideas to tangible work.

"We have established the Chandaria innovation and incubation center as a dedicated hub to support Students and Researchers to facilitate their transformation into benefits to society and we already have 3 more innovations on the pipeline" he said. The UN Resident Coordinator, Siddharth Chatterjee congratulated the students saying that 'Kenya is a Hotbed of innovation' that has shown that the country is ready to build back better, post COVID, while enhancing technology and ensuring that the youth are involved.

"What will make us emerge from the COVID response is how we rethink our new economy that wilset the country on a trajectory for prosperity" he added. Others who received UN commendation for their work include Lady Justice Martha

Koome for her advocacy on the rights of children in conflict with the law and child victims and Wawira Njiru for leadership during the COVID 19 pandemic where she served 2 million meals to both school children and their parents since the imposition of school closure and dawn to dusk curfews in an effort to provide nutritious meals to Kenyans

"Our role is not to sit and receive, but rather, our role is to harness the opportunities provided to to us" said Ruth Kagia, the Deputy Chief of Staff in charge of policy and strategy at the Executive office of the President.

The Award was introduced in 2002 as the collective UN family of agencies to honor individuals or institution for succeeding to bring to public notice significant issues related to the Sustainable Development Goals, that serve as an inspiration to all Kenyans, and in keeping with the ideals of the UN.

Previous winners have been Kenya's First Lady Margaret Kenyatta for her beyond zero initiative, Founder of Safari Doctors Umra Omar, Marathon Runner Eliud Kipchoge and Teacher Tabichi

KU to Help NTSA Improve Road Safety

The National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) and Kenyatta University (KU) have today signed a Memorandum of Understanding to support road safety management in Kenya on 8th October 2020. The collaboration will provide a platform for research, innovation and academic partnership. Other key areas will include;

- The use of Technology in Road Safety
- Development of Innovative applications for Road Transport
- Data Analytics for Road Safety
- Training, Mentorship and internship in the fields of Engineering
- Use of Robotics, AI and Deep learning on data analysis
- Quality Assurance and project Management for NTSA Projects.

Speaking at the MOU signing ceremony, the Director General NTSA, Mr. George Njao, noted that through the collaboration, the Authority will have access to unique technology, specialized equipment, facilities and knowledge that will enhance road safety in Kenya. This partnership comes at a time when the Authority is in the process of implementing the Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project (HoAgDP) and this will go a long way in supporting the technological elements of the project, he added.

On his part the Vice Chancellor, Kenyatta University, Prof. Paul Wainaina said the partnership is a testimony that Universities are solution providers to the most challenging social challenges and not just ivory tower institutions. KU, Prof. Wainaina said, is very keen in spearheading



Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul K. Wainaina (LEFT) with the Director General National of the National Transport and Safety Authority Mr. George Njao (RIGHT) showcasing the signed Memorandum of Understanding to commemorate partnership between the Kenyatta University and National Transport and Safety Authority

research and development and seeking home grown solutions to the challenges facing Kenya. Already KU has developed a ventilator that will be used in the mitigation of Covid-19 nationally. In addition, a team of innovators from various Universities across

the country are currently being hosted at Kenyatta University in a 30-day challenge to develop a new digital learning device to be rolled out across the education sector.

KU Readiness in Light of Covid-19 Pandemic

In light of the global challenges occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic, Kenyatta University has implemented various changes in adherence to strict protocols in preparation for resumption of studies. Among these include personal protective measures including hand and respiratory hygiene. Visible signage at all University points at the Main Campus as well as satellite campuses has been mounted. The signage bears information on mandatory donning of face masks, hand hygiene, and physical distancing to curb the spread of COVID-19.

The University has also continued to provide information, education and communication on prevention, management and care

including mental, physical and nutritional wellness. These continue to be disseminated to staff and students through official channels.

As part of routine measures, screening at all points of entry in the University as well as various social facilities including catering and hospitality are carried out. Besides these, adequate sanitation points have been put up not only at entry points but also in all facilities within the University to ease access and facilitate regular hand hygiene.

Other measures include management of probable and confirmed cases. These comprise of quarantine protocols including contact tracing, standby ambulance services,

surge capacity management and liaison with various medical and referral facilities as well as the Ministry of Health.

In addition, regular fumigation of premises and decontamination schedules in line with public health guidelines has also been instituted.

As guided by the Ministry of Education, we are set to receive all final year students on Monday 5th October 2020. Safe resumption of in-person learning is set to be communicated soon for all the other student groups. Kenyatta University having been designated as a quarantine facility, the centres have been fumigated under supervision from the Ministry of Health in readiness for re-opening.

Students to Intern and Research at KURA



Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina (right) and Director General Engineer- KURA, Eng. Silas Kinoti signs an MoU to actualise a new partnership. The collaboration aims to utilize the University research and innovation capacity to provide modern solutions to urban challenges like drainage system, traffic management and sustainable environmental

Kenyatta University and Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) have entered into an agreement that will see the two institutions collaborate in research, innovation and in finding solutions to road maintenance and asset management challenges.

Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul Wainaina described the signing as a milestone that heralds public education institutions working closely with other public bodies to help find solutions to complex national challenges.

The KURA Director-General Eng. Silas M. Kinoti said Kura is set to benefit in terms of testing of materials, developing new ways of road management, road safety and ensuring that roads are used for the purpose they are intended for.

This will not be the first time Kenyatta

University is collaborating in areas such as testing materials. KU already has elaborate facilities and laboratories to effectively carry out testing.

"KURA faces many challenges in terms of urban roads development and we feel that collaborating with KU, which is known for research and innovation, we are going to find modern solutions to modern problems for our cities and towns," said Eng. Kinoti.

The University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Wainaina said KU's competencies in creating solutions that are ready to be put in to the market was not in doubt. Already, the institution has innovated a mechanical ventilator in response to the prevailing covid-19 pandemic.

The M.O.U with KURA will allow different schools and department to work together in finding working solutions to modern problems in ICT, Electrical,

mechanical and civil Engineering. Under the agreement, Kenyatta University students will have an opportunity to intern at the Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) and be initiated in research that is not only practical but with useful outcome that can be applied immediately.

"This collaboration will help in ensuring that our students are grounded in terms of doing research that is immediately beneficial. Our Engineering students will have a head start in employment," said Prof. Wainaina.

"We have worked with KU before, but we now want to have an elaborate structure that will ensure that the students that are trained and can then join KURA on internship and thereafter future employment so that they can gain the practical knowledge even before they leave their formal education," said KURA Director-General Eng. Kinoti.

Confucius Institute Second Photography Contest

The Confucius Institute at Kenyatta University held its second photography competition on the 10th of August 2020. Themed "The road of Growth" the online event was geared towards sparking the student's enthusiasm for learning Chinese language despite the fact that the COVID19 pandemic had interfered with their school year program.

The main theme was broken into sub themes namely; 'My dream' 'Know China' 'Confucius Institute and I' & 'Chinese Learning' Lecturers at the Institute were elated to receive very

many applications from students who were eager to win amazing prizes. There were three evaluation categories that counted the number of Facebook likes, number of online votes and evaluation of each group's score. The competitors had been put into different groups.

The award categories were; 8 excellent awards, 6 third prizes, 4 second prizes and the first prize. Harriet Makasi, a Beginner in Chinese Language and Culture student won the first prize award for the group photo she presented.



Harriet Makasi, a Beginner in Chinese Language and Culture student won the first prize award at the Confucius Institute Second Photography contest displaying her martial art skills expressing her passion for the Chinese language

CS Mucheru launches 30-day Digital Learning Device Challenge



The ICT Authority CEO, Dr Katherine Getao addresses participants during the launch of a 30-day innovators challenge at Kenyatta University. Several Universities, experts and innovators are expected to design and prototype a 'fit for purpose' Digital Learning Device that aims at empowering basic education for all.

The Cabinet Secretary for ICT, Innovation & Youth Affairs, Joe Mucheru, launched a 30-day challenge to design and prototype the 'fit for purpose' Digital Learning Device that when completed aims at empowering basic education for all. The launch took place at Kenyatta University and involved a multi-disciplinary team of over 20 ICT researchers, experts and innovators.

The CS announced in a speech read on his behalf by the Chief Administrative Secretary, Maureen Mbaka, that the Kenya Government was committed to equipping learners with ICT skills to enable them become innovators and adapt to the future workplace. He said: "This is in line with sustainable development goal number 4.4 that seeks to ensure inclusive and equitable quality of education and promote learning opportunities for all."

The digital learning device (DLP) he said was part of that future thinking as defined in Kenya's economic blueprint Vision 2030 and the National ICT Policy guidelines...On skills and innovation, the Policy stipulates that we will continue to generate a skilled workforce that is globally competitive.

Through DLP, the CS revealed that so far over one million devices have been installed in over 21,000 public primary schools and over 331,000 of public primary teachers trained.

The CS lauded universities for their synergy

and collaboration between universities who have all appointed experienced teams of experts and innovators who will design and prototype the device. CS Mucheru revealed that institutions such as JKUAT have already made their contribution to the big four agenda, in manufacturing. He said the digital Assembly plants at both JKUAT and Moi University have successfully assembled teachers and learners devices thus supporting a vital government Programme and showcasing that Kenya has local capacity to meet a large demand for digital devices used for teaching and learning.

The CS said that this was even more critical now considering that Covid-19 has affected the education sector and learning is moving to the online platform. He said: "While the Digital Literacy Programme was visionary in its anticipation of the need for children to master ICT, Covid-19 has taught us that every home, every community as well as every school, needs a learning device."

He added that the Digital Literacy Programme is the driving force for integrating ICT into teaching and learning in Kenya as the country veers towards the knowledge based economy as stipulated in Vision 2030.

Through the Digital Literacy Programme, the government of Kenya has also pushed internet connectivity. Other benefits accrued from the initiative including increased

electrification of schools and homes nearby the schools

The ICT Authority CEO, Dr Katherine Getao said the Digital Literacy Programme is the most unique model, globally, that seeks to integrate ICT into education.

Dr. Getao added that the thought to design and prototype a 'fit for purpose' digital device came as a result of the need to augment the digital devices that have already been provided to learners in the public primary schools, under DLP, and therefore have one that can be used at home and the community level. The CEO clarified the parameters of this device includes affordability, environmentally friendly, educationally appropriate, energy efficient and robust.

Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul Wainaina said that KU was very keen in spearheading research and development and seeking home grown solutions to the challenges facing Kenya. Already KU has developed a ventilator that when approved will be used in the mitigation of Covid-19 nationally.

The KEBS representative Dr. Joshua Njiru said that his organization would partner with the ICT Authority to ensure quality in the product that will come out of the designing and prototyping of the 'fit for purpose' digital learning device.

The team of experts and innovators were in KU for a month and had been drawn from several universities namely JKUAT, DeKUT, Moi and host Kenyatta University.

Pictorial



Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina launches masks designed by the department of fashion and design.



Kenyatta University Students taking precaution against the Covid-19 virus while maintaining social distance and donning of face masks which is mandatory University regulation



Women Education Researchers of Kenya launched the 2020 guidelines and app to help curb gender based violence



Immediate former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. John Okumu receives a gift from Kenyatta University Administration staff



Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul K. Wainaina (Center) and Dean School of Engineering Dr. Eng. Shadrack Mambo with Students who emerged winners in the UN person of the year 2020 award



The President and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta lays the foundation stone for the Molecular Imaging Center after officiating over the opening of the Ksh9BN Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital.

Pictorial



Dr. Peter K. Kamau, Dean school of Architecture with freshmen during the induction of Architecture students at the International Cultural and Language Center



Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul K. Wainaina (left), Catholic Archbishop Anthony Muheria and acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic Prof. Paul Okemo following an inter-faith service at the Kenyatta University Amphitheatre.



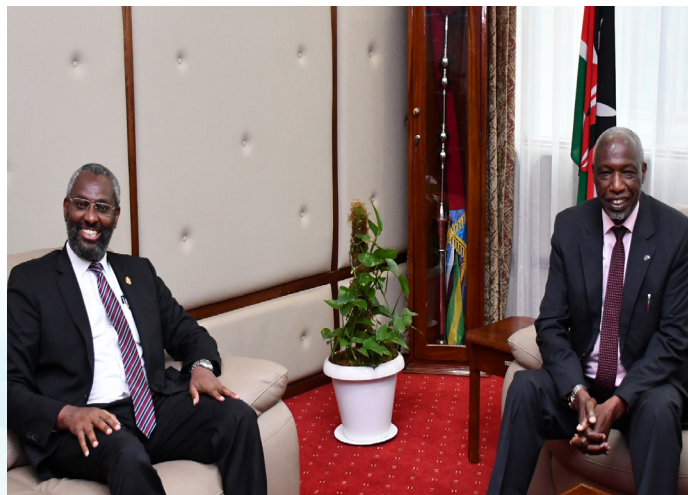
Former Kenyatta University timetabler, Prof. Surendra Pratap Singh, celebrating his retirement with colleagues.



Kenyatta university Corporate Affairs staffs donate face masks to the University community.



Kenyatta University Acting Dean School of Medicine Dr. Gilbert M Munywoki (left), Project manager Dr Titus Kahiga (2nd left) School of Medicine receives 12650 surgical masks, 5060 KN95 protective masks from Equity Bank Branch Manager (UNICITY) Mr David Waigwa (3rd right) and The Operations manager Elizabeth Ndoga (3rd left). These masks will come in hand to help students, staff in protecting themselves from Covid-19.



University of Nairobi Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Stephen Kiama when he recently paid a courtesy call on Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina.

A p p o i n t m e n t s

Appointments – Management

1. Prof. John Okemo
Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)

2. Dr. Paul Gachanja
Registrar Academic

3. Mr. Nderitu Gikaria
Acting Registrar (Administration)

4. Dr. Evans Mwasiaji
Acting Human Resource Manager

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1. Dr. Gilbert Munyoki,
Acting Dean, School of Medicine

2. Dr. Perez Onono
Acting Dean, School of Economics

Directors

1. Dr. George N. King'ara
Director, Kenyatta Television & Radio Services

2. Prof. Richard Okoth Oduor
Director, Research Support & Dissemination

3. Prof. Willis J. Ambusso
Director Timetabling and Unit Scheduling

4. Dr. John M. Muthini
Director, Technical and Vocational Education & Training (TVET) Programmes at Kenyatta University

5. Dr. Faith Ngugi Nkuru
Deputy Director, Students Affairs–Main Campus

6. Prof. James Kungu
Director, Kenyatta University Mama Ngina University Campus

7. Dr. Esther Munyiri
Director, Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre at Kenyatta University

8. Dr. Jacob O. Omolo
Director, Capacity Development and Consultancy Services

9. Dr. Gabriel Waari
Director, University Health Services

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4. Dr. Joseph Patrick Gweyi
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KU Mega Innovation and Entrepreneurship Expo 2020



Chandaria BIIC Board Chairman, Prof Nicholas Gikonyo (L) with the winning innovators at the Mega Innovation and entrepreneurship Expo

The Mega Innovation and Entrepreneurship Expo 2020 was held on 12th March 2020 at BSSC where various Innovations from the School of Engineering and Technology were showcased.

There was also a pitching session where different solutions geared towards solving various problems. Energetic ladies and gentlemen sat down to come together as they outdid each other but also came up with various high quality ideas.

The Judging Panel included team leaders of successful startups and technical **MENTORS AT CHANDARIA INNOVATION CENTER.**

The awards ceremony was held on 19th November 2020 where the event was graced by the Deputy Vice Chancellor Research, Innovation and Outreach Prof. Fredrick Q. Gravenir, the Chairman of the Chandaria BIIC Board and Director National Phytotherapeutics Laboratory Prof Nicholas Gikonyo, the Dean School of Engineering and Technology Dr. Shadrach Mambo and the Director Innovation,

Incubation and University linkages Dr. George Kosimbei. All the projects were given incubation opportunities where the top innovations received a shield and prize money.

The following were the top innovations.

2nd Runners Up
Hostel Security
By Eric Ouma & Elijah Kiplimo
Shield and Kshs: 10,000

1st Runners Up
Secure Eco-Friendly Housing
By Issac Ngatia, Eva Mugweru, Gregory Osembe, Eric Ouma
Shield and Kshs: 20,000

Winner
Table Salt Fueled Power Generator
By Leakey Kebaso
Shield and Kshs: 30,000

Kenyatta University takes this opportunity to congratulate students and staff working on innovations and encourages them to commercialize them for the good of the society.

Bereavements



Mrs. Tomdilla Kipkoech, a member of staff in the Department of Pathology. The Late Tomdilla Kipkoech passed away on 14th August, 2020. The burial took place on Wednesday 19th August, 2020 in Kesses, Uasin Gichu.



Mr. Edmund Muya Gathuto, a member of staff in the Directorate of Information Communication and Technology. The Late Edmund Muya Gathuto passed away on Saturday 29th August, 2020. The burial took place on Wednesday 9th September, 2020 in Karatina, Miiri village.



Mr. Dennis Kipkurui Rono, a member of staff in the Public Relations section. The Late Dennis Kipkurui Rono passed away on 11th October, 2020. The burial took place on 19th October, 2020 in Nakuru County, Kuresoi South, Tendwet.



Mr. Zabron K. Kenguru, a member of staff in the Directorate of Catering Services. The Late Zabron K. Kenguru passed away on 16th November, 2020. He was laid to rest on 27th November 2020 in Mukwerero-rateti village, West Mugirango Location, Boyaiguba Sub-County, Nyamira Division, Nyamira County.

Mr. Gachanja Kiai, a member of staff in the Department of Literature, Linguistics and Foreign Languages. The Late Gachanja Kiai passed away on Friday 4th September, 2020. The burial will take place on Thursday 17th September, 2020 in Nyeri County, Kiganjo Sub location, Nyaribo village.

Ms. Constance Kambua Kasyoki, a member of staff in Kitui Campus. The Late Constance Kambua Kasyoki passed away on 23rd November, 2020. The burial took place on 3rd December, 2020 in Wikililye, Kitui County.

Mr. Peter Ngidi, a member of staff in the School of Engineering. The late Peter Ngidi passed away on 4th December, 2020. The burial took place on Friday 11th December, 2020 at Kitui County.

The Editorial team joins the Vice-Chancellor in sending a message of condolences to those who have lost their dear ones

“The greatest joys in life are found not only in what we do and feel, but also in our quiet hopes and labours for others. ~ Bryant McGill”



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