



Kenyatta University newsletter

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TEACHERS AT THE HEART OF EDUCATION RECOVERY



UNESCO Regional Director for Eastern Africa, Prof. Hubert Gijzen flags off the World Teachers' Day walk

AT A GLANCE

School of business annual International Business Research and Industrial Conference (IBRIC), 2021

Kenyatta University accredited for Teacher Professional Development

The KU coffee house and bakery

Orbit Reader Training kit donation

The World Teachers' Day 2021, under the theme Teachers at the Heart of Education Recovery, was colourfully celebrated on 5th October 2021. The event was held at Kenyatta University. UNESCO collaborated with the Kenya National Commission for UNESCO and the School of Education, Kenyatta University to organize the event at the premises of the university. It was organized as part of an International Conference on Education and Life-long Learning that was held on 6 and 7 October 2021. The Kenyatta University ceremony was attended by representatives of teachers and learners at the basic education level, university teacher trainees, education fac-

ulty staff, and the Vice-Chancellor, Kenyatta University.

UNESCO Regional Director for Eastern Africa, Prof. Hubert Gijzen was the Chief Guest for both the World Teachers' Day 2021 and the International Conference and made speeches on both occasions. Prof. Hubert Gijzen highlighted the important role teachers play in the education system of any country and the need to cater for their needs in terms of professional development and welfare. He paid homage to the thousands of teachers who were called upon to take on roles for which they were not adequately trained when the COVID-19 pandemic forced school closures.

A journey to Excellence

Kenyatta University through the School of Education held a virtual 7th Annual International Conference on Education and Lifelong Learning on 6th and 7th October 2021. The conference was preceded by the World Teachers' Day celebration on 5th October 2021 which was marked by a walk within the University.

The two events were preceded by preconference activities where representatives of KU, UNESCO and KNATCOM appeared on KUTV.

The walk was flagged off by the Chief Guest, Prof. Hubert Gijzen, the Regional Director, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa, accompanied by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul Wainaina and the KNATCOM Deputy CEO, Dr. Peter. The walk attracted few participants due to Covid-19 protocols.

Prof Hubert Gijzen also officially opened the conference virtually as a Chief Guest on 6th October 2021 at 9.00a.m. His brief speech



Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul Wainaina addresses participants during the World Teachers Day Walk

delved into how the world turned digital during the lockdown and the challenges occasioned by the lockdown especially in Africa. He looked into the recovery post-COVID-19 and how the participation of teachers has assisted in accelerating the achievement of SGDs.

The theme of the conference was *"Rethinking Education in Dynamicity"* with the following seven (7) sub-themes:

- i. Education in Crisis
- ii. Education and reforms
- iii. Mental Health and Education
- iv. Social Justice in Education
- v. Information Literacy for Life Long Learning
- vi. Global Citizenship Education
- vii. Higher Education and Research

The conference had the face of the world since it attracted participants from many countries such as Kenya, Britain, Ireland, Canada, Nigeria, South Africa, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Rwanda and USA. In total we received about 100 abstracts.

The key note speakers were:

Prof. Elizabeth Blue Swadener from Arizona State University, USA. Her presentation centered on disparities in the education sector. She emphasized on the need to have gender equity in access to education.

Prof. Ignatius Dambudzo from Zimbabwe University was one of the international keynote speakers. He gave participants a glimpse of life-long learning through digital education. He pointed out the

challenges faced in the process of learning and made suggestions for surmounting the same.

Prof. Kabiru Kinyanjui who was a local keynote speaker took the participants through the education reforms in a period of uncertainty. He enumerated several milestones that Education reforms in Kenya have gone through and the key lessons learnt from it. He further took the audience through the following epochs:

- ⦿ 1964 - Onset of independence
- ⦿ 1985 - Structural Adjustments
- ⦿ 2017 - Changes to goals and content

He also veered into the preparedness of the country in the implementation of Competence Based Curriculum (CBC). He pointed out the challenges that the new curriculum is likely to face as well as the possible solutions.

It came out strongly from the conference that teachers all over the world face a myriad of challenges. However; they cannot be ignored given their knowledge and wealth of experience in matters touching on education. Therefore, nothing can be successful without their input and involvement. In this regard, they need to be facilitated in order to make them competent in executing their work effectively.

The school of education intends to hold the next conference from 5th to 7th October 2022.

Editorial

Time really does fly! As the year 2021 draws to a close, Kenyatta University is in full swing and the tempo of academic activities has become that much more vibrant. The walk on World Teachers Day is a reminder that on health matters, it is teachers who really define the health of an education system.

Get updated about the exciting conferences hosted by the different schools, on and off campus, increasing the number of participants by switching seamlessly between physical and virtual attendance with dexterity, all the while observing the COVID-19 protocols to a tee.

All of us are welcome to sample the delights offered by a newly opened coffee shop and bakery, which is doing a fantastic job of thoroughly spicing up the academic discourses.

And then to top it all, Kenyatta University has been accredited for the TPD. Read all about it, as you catch up on all the topical issues, while sipping a delightful cup of coffee: home-grown and blended!

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Building Business Resilience and Sustainability during Pandemics

The School of Business held its 3rd International Business Research and Industrial Conference (IBRIC) virtually on 26th and 27th August, 2021. The conference sought to inculcate scholarly attitude and creativity amongst all participants and aimed at fostering a multidisciplinary approach to research by delving into key priority areas of interest for industry players, practitioners, researchers, government and academicians. These included: emerging and contemporary global issues; technical, administrative, human, strategic, information systems; accounting and financial resource management; knowledge management; business innovations; industrialisation; forensics and cybercrimes; supply chain management; marketing; project management; corporate governance, among others. A total of 89 paper presentations were made with 270 participants, drawn from academia and industry – local and international, attending the conference.

The conference brought together a broad spectrum of participants drawn from experts in the industry, policymakers, and researchers in academia to address the theme *“Building Business Resilience and Sustainability in the Context of Economic Recession and Pandemics”*. This theme was broken down into seven sub-themes, namely: Managing Global Human Resource and Knowledge; Technological Innovation and Financial Deepening; Strategic Resilience, Organizational Agility, and Industrial Responsiveness; Marketing Intelligence, Forensic and Cyber Security; Social Entrepreneurship, Supply Chain Management, and Sustainability; Project Management in Public and Private Sectors: Issues and Solutions; Corporate Challenges, Governance, and Performance. It is worth noting that this was the



2nd virtual conference held by the School.

The 3rd IBRIC 2021 Conference sought to provide an interdisciplinary platform for academicians, policymakers, top managers, 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.

270 International and local participants, including policymakers, postgraduate students, Academia-Research, Policy Makers, industry players and researchers actively participated in the two-day virtual conference while 22,801 people followed the event on KUTV and Kenyatta University Social media platforms

The virtual conference was officially opened by the Vice-Chancellor, Kenyatta University, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina. Amb. Peter Kaberia (CBS), Principal Secretary, State Department for Industrialisation, delivered the Key Note address.

International guests who graced the lively 3rd IBRIC 2021 virtual discussions included: JoAnn Rolle (PhD), Dean School of Business, Medgar Evers College, City University of New York, USA; Prof. James Cochran, University of Alabama, USA; Dr. Peter Mwencha, American International University, Kuwait; James Ondracek (PhD), Professor of Business Administration, Minot State University, USA; Dr. Eric Balan, Head of Academic and Talent Development, AsiaTech Business School, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Dr. Roopinder Oberoi, Associate Professor, University of New Delhi, India; Dr. Joshua Simuka, Harare Institute of Technology, Zimbabwe; Dr. Odongo Kodongo, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Local industry participants included; Dr. Nicholas Letting, Chief Executive Officer, KASNEB; CPA Edwin Makori, Chief Executive Officer, ICPAK; Fred Gituku, Human Resource Manager, Vivo Energy Kenya; Betty Kaindo-Mwangi, Founder and Senior HR, Ajira Human Solutions; Den Gathitu, CEO Academy of Certified

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Human Resource Professionals; Dr. Ehud Gachugu, Director, Ajira Digital & Youth Employment (KEPSA); Dr. George Makokha, Chairman, Board of Management, Kenversity; Ms. Loise Wangui, Head of Regulatory Affairs, Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE); Ms. Rose Mwaura, CEO, Institution of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK); Mr. Francis Gachuri, Senior Reporter, Royal Media Services; Mr. Edwin Alum, Chief Executive Officer, Mula Export Ltd; Ms. Dorcas Kinyua, Senior Growth Marketing Manager, Angaza Limited; Mr. Peter Langeplani, CEO Uwezo Fund, Kenya and Ms. Margaret Mutheu, Founder and CEO, East Africa One Million Start-ups.

Representing the government from crucial state agencies was Dr. Evangeline Njoka, CEO/Sec General,

Kenya National Commission for UNESCO; Mr. Noah Otieno, Research Manager, Kenya Tourism Board; Prof. Frederick Q. Gravenir DVC (Research, Innovation and Outreach), Kenyatta University.

The conference sponsors were Kenversity Sacco, Anti Counterfeit Authority, Family Bank, Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) and E Mobilis.

The two-day virtual conference presentations and engagements with academia, industry and government are expected to be profoundly insightful to all participants. It will also serve as an anchor for re-energising the University's commitment to collaborative initiatives. Key outputs from the conference included increased dissemination of knowledge

on Business Management and Innovation, publishing of the Conference proceedings and printing of the Book of Abstracts, improved university ranking on webometrics, policy briefs to government and industry on sustainable business development, strengthened strategic partnerships for follow-up initiatives and enhanced university visibility

Conclusions from this two-day virtual conference ultimately seek to provide policy interventions to unresolved issues in the business world that keep emerging and make significant contributions to the Big-4 Agenda and Kenya's Vision 2030 besides improving the ranking of Kenyatta University and School of Business in the local and international circles.

Orbit Reader Training to enhance education

Many learners with disabilities use assistive technologies to aid them in the performance of one or more educational tasks. These specially designed or modified products often provide access to information, and help with reading and writing.

The Orbit Reader 20 is one of these assistive technology products. This is a portable refreshable Braille display which can enable learners who are blind to read stored course content on its SD card, take notes in class, conduct internet research, and produce written assignments that can be submitted to instructors in soft or hard copy print format. Thus, assistive technologies like the Orbit Reader 20 are critical to the academic success, employment, daily living and independence of learners with disabilities.

Kenyatta University's partnership with Kilimanjaro Blind Trust Africa was prompted by an appreciation of this important role of assistive technologies in enhancing the educational and post-school success of learners with disabilities. Kilimanjaro Blind Trust Africa trained ten (10) of our students and two (2) members of staff on the use of the Orbit Reader 20 for three Days from 12th to 14th October, 2021. After the three day training, KBTA donated ten (10) Orbit Reader 20 to Kenyatta University.



Kenyatta University DVC (Academic), Professor Waceke Wanjohi, receives an Orbit Reader 20 from the Executive Director, Kilimanjaro Blind Trust Africa, Suparna Biswas.

The training was officially opened by the Ag. DVC (Administration), Professor Paul Okemo, who delivered the VC's speech. The closing ceremony was graced by the DVC (Academic), Professor Waceke Wanjohi, who gave the VC's closing remarks and received the 10 donated orbit reader 20 on behalf of the VC from the Executive Director, Kilimanjaro Blind Trust Africa, Suparna Biswas. Subsequent to this training, Kenyatta University in partnership with Kilimanjaro Blind Trust

Africa will explore the impact of the Orbit Reader 20 on learning for students with visual disabilities at the University. For this purpose, the academic performance of students trained on and using the orbit reader will be tracked for one to two years. In addition, the students' views on the impact of the orbit reader on their learning will be collected. The findings of this pilot study will inform future use of the orbit readers as a teaching and learning tool at higher education institutions.

Success through University-Industry synergy



Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul K. Wainaina (5th left) with Prof. Dr. Thomas Bayer, project leader at Neu-Ulm University of Applied Sciences (5th right) alongside delegates and partners during the University-Industry Conference.

This University-Industry Conference was part of the joint, DAAD-funded project “Applied Entrepreneurship Academy” (AEA) between Kenyatta University (KU) and Neu-Ulm University of Applied Sciences (HNU). It provided a stage for young innovators who have been trained at Chandaria Innovation & Incubation Centre (CBIIC) with training content jointly developed with HNU. Furthermore, it was a run-up to Kenya Innovation Week, which will be organized by Kenya National Innovation Agency (KeNIA) from 6th to 10th December, 2021.

After five very successful project years, in which entrepreneurs as well as lecturers and mentors throughout various KU Schools were trained, this conference is the last highlight and first physical event after 1.5 years of pandemic-induced online incubation and collaboration. Yet, it also benefitted from digital technologies for upscaling: In addition to the 70 physically present guests, more than 100 tuned in to

follow the conference online. The online guests were mainly young innovators dispersed throughout the country who are currently participating in the National Young Innovators Program. It is an education program sponsored by the Kenyan government which builds on the contents developed in the AEA project to train youths in the whole nation in entrepreneurship and enable them to build their own businesses. Watching their more advanced fellow founders’ pitches

The conference was opened by introductory remarks by Dr. George Kosimbei, Director, Innovation Incubation & University-Industry Linkages, as well as Prof. Dr. Thomas Bayer, project leader at Neu-Ulm University of Applied Sciences, Mrs. Beate Schindler-Kovats, Director of DAAD Regional Office for Africa, Prof. Frederick Q. Gravenir, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research, Innovation and Outreach, Prof. Paul Kuria Wainaina, Vice-Chancellor of Kenyatta University, and Chief Guest Dr. Tonny Omwansa, CEO of Kenya National Innovation Agency

(KeNIA). Having been founded in 2011, CBIIC has generated more than 100 different startup teams and created many success stories: sustainable businesses which create employment and provide innovative solutions to societal challenges. Embedding practice-oriented entrepreneurial teaching methods into the curriculum across various KU Schools has increased the number of startups ready for incubation. The remaining key challenge was addressed by VC Wainaina: KU students have excellent ideas and are supported to create prototypes and minimum viable products, such as the mechanical ventilator which was created by CBIIC innovators last year when international supply chains collapsed at the peak of the pandemic. Even though this product is badly needed by the market, the process of taking it to the market including all the necessary approval steps takes too long. Innovators need more support to move from a prototype to an actual product. The opening remarks by KeNIA



Prof. Dr. Thomas Bayer, project leader at Neu-Ulm University of Applied Sciences during the University-Industry Conference.

Dr. Omwansa also emphasized the need to create a collaborative and interdisciplinary innovation ecosystem in which incubated ideas can be supported to go to the next level. Several factors such as funding and bottlenecks in the system need to be overcome and an environment where ideas can connect needs to be created.

A digital platform which links startups to partners and the market would be of great help. Omwansa highlighted KeNIA's simple definition of innovation: "change that adds value," emphasizing that innovation is not only for ICT specialists or scientists, but that anybody can create valuable innovations.

CBIIC's slogan "from job seekers to job creators" and the conference's theme "Navigating the COVID-19 pandemic through University-Industry Linkages" came to life in the following innovators' pitches. Panelists from the Kenyan innovation ecosystem were prepared to ask detailed questions about the proposed business models and give feedback based on their expertise. Innovators were at different stages, some at the end of the ideation stage, others already on market with a minimum viable product.

Malaika Vital Watch: A watch which tracks patients' vitals in hospitals to relieve the nurses from this task and gives early warnings when vitals deteriorate.

UHAI Handlers: Self-sanitizing door handlers which can be fitted to existing door handlers for improved hygiene.

Pandagun by Marpcad Ltd: Easier and smart planting for smallscale farmers.

Smart Triage System: A digitized and automated triage system to contactlessly welcome patients into hospitals and sort the cases according to urgency.

Jiko Poa: An energy-efficient cookstove which requires less fuel thanks to volcanic rocks, a currently unused material.

Apollo by AFECS: A smart access control system for tracking mask wearing and temperature when entering a building. Useful during the pandemic, customizable and contactless. Generation 2 can track faces for access to buildings instead of using a key, for improved security.

Ofama: Online pharmaceutical market, a B2B platform which targets market information asymmetry.

Thintech Consulting: A virtual work station for EduTech, replacing the CPU component of a desktop and pools computing powers to reduce costs in educational computer labs.

Shamba Assistant: Affordable IoT tool which connects to old-fashioned cellphones to assess the quality of farming soil. It helps smallscale farmers to determine at a low cost and easy transaction which fertilizer and pesticides to use. It uses a pay as you go model.

Automated Solar Powered Electrolysis Cells for waste water treatment: Fast cleaning of wastewater by using solar power without chemicals.

Closing remarks were given by Dr. Martin Irungu from EmpServe Kenya, an independent non-profit making organization promoting interests of young and vulnerable communities in both rural and urban Kenya for grassroots entrepreneurship initiatives. He appreciated the innovators' pitches and the valuable feedback provided by the panelists and emphasized the importance of collaboration.

Kenyatta University School of Law victorious in African Moot Court Competition



Kenyatta University winners Martin Kioko (extreme left) and Sidney Tambasi (extreme right) of the 30th Africa Human Rights Moot Court Competition in Stellenbosch University with Law school members including (from left to right) Dean Dr. Faith Kabaata, Student coach John Muchina and Wambui Njogu.

Kenyatta University School of Law beat thirty eight African law schools to emerge winners of the 30th Edition of the prestigious African Human Rights Moot Court Competition in September 2021. The Competition was held on 20th - 25th September 2021 and was organized jointly by the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria and Stellenbosch University. It was hosted by the Faculty of Law, Stellenbosch University in South Africa.

The Competition was held under the theme "Responsiveness of the African Human Rights System to Sexual and Gender Based Violence". Thirty (38) teams representing African law schools including, the

Stellenbosch University, University of Western Cape, University of Ghana, Kabarak University, African Nazarene University, Makerere University, Eduardo Mondlane University and University of Johannesburg participated in the Competition.

The winning team members were Sidney Tambasi, a fourth year student and Martin Kioko, a third year student. The team was coached to victory by a fourth year student, Mr. John Muchina, the best orator in the 2021 World Trade Organization Moot Court Competition and Dr. Faith Kabata.

The annual Competition involved students arguing a hypothetical legal problem before Judges of

the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, Commissioners of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and the African Committee on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. It tested the students' knowledge of the African human rights system and the students' ability to work in multi-lingual teams.

In the final rounds of the Competition, Kenyatta University was paired with the best French speaking team from Felix Houphouet-Boigny University, Ivory Coast and beat Stellenbosch University which was paired with Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique.

Kenyatta University appointed service provider for TPD programme



Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul K. Wainaina (extreme right) receives contract documents for TPD accreditation from Nancy Macharia, CEO Teachers' Service Commission.

Kenyatta University won the bid for 'Accreditation of Service Providers for Teacher Professional Development (TPD) Programme for Registered Teachers in Kenya' by Teachers Service Commission (TSC) alongside three (3) other institutions. The programme seeks to offer Professional Teacher Development (TPD) training to all the registered teachers in primary and secondary schools, as well as colleges in Kenya.

The training requires teachers to be taken through the Teacher Professional Development programme in order to continue practicing, as is done in other professions, by sharpening their professional skills. Teachers will be equipped with skills to become better teachers in pedagogy, content delivery and management skills of both the learners and resources. The process is a continuous lifelong learning where one can take twenty five (25) years to be professionalized.

The School of Education has been a leader in training teachers in the republic of Kenya who are readily accepted across the whole world. Kenyatta University has positioned itself as a centre of excellence in the

region and beyond. It has a national visibility in form of her satellite campuses located in different parts of the country as well as her Teaching Practice and Mentorship (TPM) collaborations whereby it has inducted over 2,500 teacher mentors and school managers in primary, secondary and tertiary institutions spread over the whole Country.

The School of Education has identified lecturers to be in charge of the training in each county in Kenya. They are professionals in teaching and have made the School of Education a leader and pacesetter in the teaching profession. They will offer competencies needed for the training. The School of Education has seven (7) departments based on specific areas of specialization where the teachers in management positions and others who would want to further their studies can be accommodated.

The School of Education has the requisite capacity and structures in place to undertake the Teacher Professional Development programme at the national level and beyond. In addition, the Kenyatta University's efficient Learning Management System

(LMS) will enable it to offer the TPD training through a blended modular approach that allows for flexible, focused, independent and innovative learning with an equally reliable evaluation process designed to enhance learning outcomes.

To support the Teacher Professional Development is the KU E-Learning Directorate that works in collaboration with the Kenyatta University Digital School of Virtual and Open Learning. The Digital School has experience in offering courses at the levels of Certificate, Diploma, Undergraduate and Post-graduate degree using the blended modular approach to both local and international learners. In this context, Kenyatta University will be able to implement the Teacher Professional Development programme as well as capacity building for instructional leaders who will be mandated to oversee effective implementation of teaching and management in their schools. With a well-organized time-tabling office in the University, KU will schedule when, where, who and how TPD training programme will be delivered.

'Culture: Rising above the Pandemic'



Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul K. Wainaina (right) unveils the Culture week Logo during the launch ceremony.

The 28th Edition of the Kenyatta University Culture Week Festivals was held between 23rd and 29th October 2021. In adherence to the COVID-19 protocols, the festival was a hybrid event where some few groups performed at the University Amphitheatre and live streaming of the celebrations was done virtually through KUTV and social media platforms. The theme of this year's festivals; 'Culture: Rising above the Pandemic' was a true testament of the resilience witnessed given the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Celebrations began on 1st October 2021 the permanent Culture Week logo and Culture Week website were officially launched. This auspicious occasion was graced by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul Wainaina when he also commissioned the KU Cultural Ambassadors. The KU Cultural

Ambassadors are drawn from various communities in Kenya. A part from presenting the various aspects of their respective cultures, the cultural ambassadors played a key role in the running of numerous activities of the Culture Week Celebrations. Through the dedicated website, various events of the festivities over the years are highlighted with the hope of reaching out to the local and international community.

Speaking during the official opening ceremony which was held on 26th October 2021, the Vice-Chancellor as the Chief Guest, represented by Prof. Frederick Gravenir, observed lauded the Planning Committee for putting up an entertaining and informative ceremony. The Vice-Chancellor also observed that the celebrations have created an avenue to appreciate other local and international cultures through the showcasing of various cultural aspects and values. It is

though such interactions cultural tolerance and cultural acceptance can be built.

In addition, the Vice-Chancellor recognized and appreciated friends and partners for the support towards the realization of our annual Culture Week Festivities. He specifically acknowledged sponsorship from Safaricom, Standard Media Group, Coca cola Beverages Africa, Bomas of Kenya, Hotpoint Appliances, Indomie Kenya, KUSA and KUTV.

The climax of the cultural celebrations was the Mr. and Miss KU beauty pageant which was held on Friday 29th October 2021. For the first time all the Satellite Campuses of Kenyatta University participated in the contest. During this colourful display of various talents, Collins Ojwado and Wairimu Wambui were crowned Mr. and Miss Kenyatta University 2021.

Pictorial



Kenyatta University Dean, School of Education Prof. Kisilu Kombo addresses participants during the 2021 World Teachers Day celebrations.



Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul Wainaina with Dr. Donald Otoy, Director - Permanent Presidential Music Commission (PPMC) and Dr. Duncan Wambu, Chairperson - Department of Music and Dance.



Mr. Robert Kahiga, Kenyatta University Career advisor gives a career talk to Ithanga Boys High School.



Dr. Mbugua wa Mungai (3rd right) Director Kenyatta University Disability services, Mrs. Iwona Odongo Admissions Coordinator during a Sightsavers International seminar.



KU election commissioners after a swearing in ceremony.



Prof. Judith Waudu, Director, KU- CGEE addresses participants during a Gender Empowerment program at Kiwanja Secondary school.

Pictorial



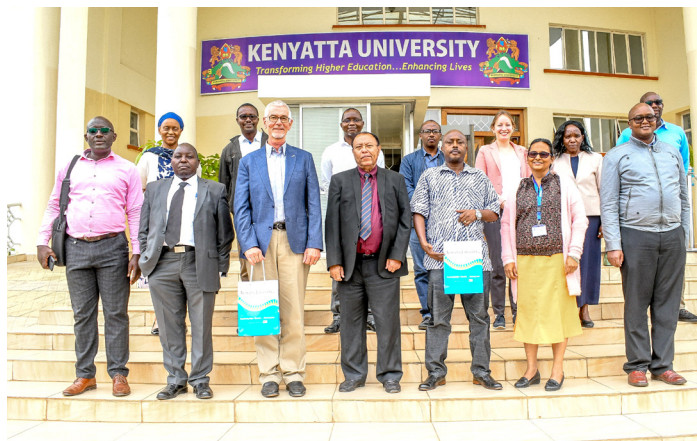
Dr. Peter K. Kamau, Dean, School of Architecture inducts newly admitted students.



Body builders showcase their prowess during culture week.



Newly crowned Mr. KU Collins Ojwando and Miss Wairimu Wambui during the week long Culture Week festival 2021.



Kenyatta University Prof. Fredrick Gravenir (centre) DVC Research, Innovation and Outreach, Prof. Thomas Bayer and other participants of industry conference.



The KU Dadaab workshop participants of various Departments of the University.



Kenyatta University registrar (RIO) Prof. Vincent Onyvera (2nd left) receives a refrigerated centrifuge from Ms. Cynthia Kamau (coordinator CIM programme migration and Diaspora (PMD)).

Appointments

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Prof. Waceke Wanjohi
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)



Prof. Paul O. Okemo
Ag. Deputy Vice-Chancellor
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Prof. James B. Kung'u
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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 KU coffee house and bakery

Coffee drinking is very popular globally and common in many international Universities. This is because of the health benefits associated with the coffee drinking, and its associated culture and lifestyle. Despite Kenya producing some of the best coffees in the world it consumes only 3%, comparing poorly with other coffee producing countries like Ethiopia which consumes 50% of its local coffee, Brazil 40%, Columbia 35% and Guatemala 30%.

In its continued endeavour to be a globally competitive centre of excellence and in line with the national agenda of popularizing coffee consumption among Kenyans, Kenyatta University partnered with the Coffee Directorate – Agricultural Food Authority - AFA (formerly Coffee Board of Kenya) to establish the KU Coffee House and Bakery.

The Coffee House and Bakery was officially opened on Friday, 20th August, 2021 by the CS, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives, Hon. Peter Munya, who was the Chief Guest, accompanied by the Vice-Chancellor, Kenyatta University, Prof. Paul Wainaina, and the Head

of Coffee Directorate Mrs. Isabella Nkonge.

KU Coffee House & Bakery is located at the former University bakery at the Shopping Centre and is operated by the Directorate of Catering Services (DCS). To operationalize the Coffee House and Bakery, infrastructure renovation and installation of equipment was undertaken.

Additionally, ten (10) of catering services staff members underwent Barista training designed to teach basic barista skills and expertise required in the production and service of coffee through standardized methods of brewing at the Coffee Directorate (AFA) headquarters in Nairobi in August, 2021.

The Coffee house and Bakery is open from 7.00 am to 7.30 pm on weekdays and 8.00 am to 12.00 noon on Saturdays. It is open to students, staff and members of the public who visit the university as individuals or groups. The Coffee House and Bakery serves quality Kenyan coffee in a lively and easily accessible facility with a relaxed ambience. The variety of coffee currently being

served includes: House Coffee (black/white), Espresso (strong small coffee), Cappuccino, Café Latte, Mocha Americano, Latte Macchiato and Espresso Macchiato. The Coffee House and Bakery also offers various baked products to go along with the coffee and other beverages. The facility offers both take-away and on-site services.

Kenyatta University has ensured that the Coffee House and Bakery is COVID-19 compliant just like all its other facilities. The Coffee House has so far proved to be popular with students and staff who enjoy the top quality products at friendly prices.

The members of the Steering Committee on Partnership for the Establishment of Coffee House at Kenyatta University were:- Dr. Ambrose Jagongo, Dr. Lucy Kathuri-Ogola, Dr. Fredrick Ndede, Dr. Grace M Kariuki, Dr. Margaret Kosgei and Mr Paul Gichuhi.

Welcome to the Kenyatta University Coffee House and Bakery for delicious and quality products in an amazing setting!





CHRISTMAS OFFERS

Book your X-Mass Holiday
(23rd Dec 2021 - 2nd Jan 2022)

Book now
while rooms are available
NB* All prices are in Kenya Shillings

Special Rates for KU Staff

23rd December 2021 to 2nd January 2022

Standard	BB	HB	FB	Suite	BB	HB	FB
Single	6,350/=	7,350/=	8,300/=	Single	12,700/=	14,700/=	16,600/=
Double	7,800/=	9,300/=	11,500/=	Double	15,600/=	18,600/=	23,000/=
Triple	10,200/=	12,800/=	15,800/=	Triple	20,400/=	25,600/=	31,600/=

SGR, Airport Transfers and Health club are available upon request at a small fee.

Ask for Coast Excursions from us.
All Covid-19 protocols observed.

First come first served. You can use KU check off system to pay

BANK ACCOUNT

Kenyatta University North Coast Beach Hotel
Equity Bank, Digo Road, Mombasa
A/C: 0180293713910



A/C: 01801293713910
Paybill No: 960530 / Acc.: Your Name

CHECK OUT TIME: 10.00AM
CHECK IN TIME: 11.00AM

**RATES ARE SUBJECT TO
CHANGE WITHOUT
PRIOR NOTICE**

FOR RESERVATIONS:

Call: 0722 209 458, 0733 409 430,
Email: info@northcoastbeachhotel.com
Website: www.northcoastbeachhotel.com

CHILDREN'S RATE

Infant 0-4 years - free

5-12 years (sharing with 1 or 2 adults, 50% of half double rate per child)

5-12 years (in own room, 75% of the double rate)



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