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Transforming Higher Education... Enhancing Lives.

Mapping and Leveraging on Youth, Technology and Soft Skills



Central Bank Governor Dr. Patrick Njoroge addresses high schools and University students at Kenyatta University during the institutions career week. Over 10,000 high schools drawn from over 300 schools attended along with hundreds of KU students. Behind him (right) is Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul Wainana. Dr. Njoroge asked students to embrace personal skills in their career development and in particular technology which would help them advance in their working life.

AT A GLANCE

- Kenyatta University to Host the 10th All Africa University Games 2020
- Sixteenth KUSA Congress Installed
- International Research and innovation conference
- KU Wins 7th KUSA Games Title

Kenyatta University held its 2020 career week from January 25th to 31st event. The theme for this year's event was: Mapping and Leveraging on Youth, Technology and Soft Skills.

The main objective of career week is to help address the challenges students face when selecting courses to pursue in universities, middle-level colleges or technical institutions. In many instances, students are not equipped with skills in course selection early enough, therefore, affecting the choice of career path due to lack of information and proper guidance while still at their formative education levels.

"Because of this, the students keep hopping from one course to another trying to find their career paths," said Dr. Daniel Muthee, Director of Career Development and Mentoring Programmes.

The week kicked off with the annual career week high school day attended by over 300 schools from different regions of Kenya. They were given a guided tour around the university to have a feel of Kenyatta University modern facilities and

thereafter gathered at the graduation square for a well-ironed program that included mentorship talks and music.

The second day was dubbed the HR Forum Day. Selected HR practitioners had an interactive session to prepare the students on job searching, CV writing, interview etiquette, and job highlights. It's the single best interactive session job seekers get to have with HR practitioners from various organizations including Kenya Commercial Bank, Centum Limited, Vivo Energy, L'Oreal East Africa and the Institute of Pension Management who participated in the forum as panelists.

The third and fourth day was set aside for public Lectures. The discussion topics change every year depending on the market trends and students' interest. This year's guest speaker was Mr. James Shikwati, Founder and Director, Inter-Region Economic Network who gave a public lecture on "Demystifying Entrepreneurship in the New Decade."

Mapping and Leveraging on Youth, Technology and Soft Skills



Artist Kevin Kioko popularly known as Bahati entertains high school students during Career Week 2020.

He revealed that entrepreneurs aim at improving people's lives and economies by globally sharing ideas and improving efficiency by creating new technologies, finding new solutions and creating jobs. He encouraged students to come up with creative ways of initiating life-changing

processes by introducing innovative products or social change aimed at improving society.

The climax of the Career Week 2020 was the official opening ceremony which was graced by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul Wainaina at the Graduation Square on Thursday 30th January. The Chief Guest was Dr. Patrick Njoroge, Governor, Central Bank of Kenya who gave the keynote address on "Mapping and Leveraging on Youth, Technology and Soft Skills for the 21st Century Workforce."

Dr. Njoroge told participants that the true core of technology in the coming years would be in its ethics. The ethics of technology means that, even at the point of conception, people and their welfare should be at the very heart of it. He challenged students that they needed to re-imagine technologies that have the greatest positive impact on society and ethics.

In echoing the words of the American business magnate, investor, and philanthropist, Warren Buffett he stated that employers look for three things when hiring people: Intelligence, initiative or energy, and integrity. Skills, intelligence, and initiative are good for accomplishing tasks. He stressed the need to uphold integrity by stating that when the people you hire do not have integrity, they can

actually use their proficiency to bring down the organization.

He urged students not to be obsessed with success but rather prepare relentlessly, do the right things at the right time and declare what they are going to do and then do it and not wait to be pushed. "Go forth! Build your career, Go Live life and be all you can be!" Dr. Njoroge concluded as he officially opened the career week.

On the same day over forty corporate companies set up exhibitions at the graduation square and engaged the University community and high school students on the various career paths and options available in their fields of trade. It was an excellent opportunity for the University students to connect with the job market directly.

To cap the week long events, on Friday 31st January 2020, four high school leavers and their guardians were engaged at the University amphitheatre where more than 4,000 attended and were given a detailed career and academic talk on the various courses available in Kenyatta University and advised on the admission process.

During the event, students got the opportunity to sign up for internships, inquire about job opportunities, learn about company expectations.

Editorial

Hello and Happy New Year 2020! Welcome to this first edition of the newsletter this year, where we give you updates on what has happened, and previews of what to expect in the coming year. The very first event was the Career Week, which gives High School students the unparalleled opportunity of spending a whole week on a university campus, learning about making that critical transition from High School to university.

But just in case you missed some of the exciting end-of-year activities, we have distilled them into the following pages for your enjoyment. There was the annual Culture Week Festival: an appreciation, and a celebration of our diversity. And in 2019, we had the rare opportunity of celebrating one of our departed heroes, Prof. Francis Imbuga, through the launch of his Biography. Prof. Imbuga was organiser and Chairman of the Culture Week Festival, as well as a performer, in earlier years.

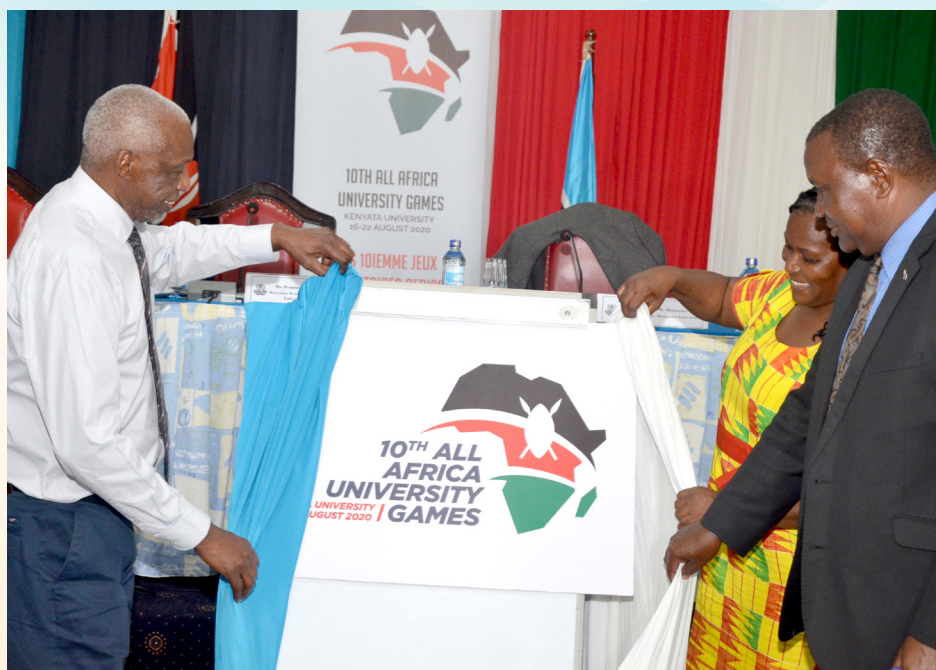
Read about the Annual Local Chinese Teachers' Training, and engage with readily available job opportunities for Kenyans of all ages in real time. Then get an update of innovative research and outreach projects, as well as all the collaborations and partnerships that make Kenyatta University the University of Choice.

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Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul K. Wainaina presents a gift to Central Bank of Kenya Governor Dr. Patrick Njoroge when he visited KU to speak to over 10,000 students drawn from over 300 high schools during the institutions Career Week.

Kenyatta University to Host the 10th All Africa University Games 2020



Vice-Chancellor, Prof Paul K. Wainaina, Ms. Peninnah Kabenge Aligawesa, the FASU Secretary General and Mr. Mbaatu Murithi, President of Kenya Universities Sports Association unveil the games logo and online registration portal.

On 6th February 2020, Kenyatta University, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul K. Wainaina officially launched the preparations for hosting the 10th All Africa University Games 2020 to be held at Kenyatta University.

The event involved commissioning the Local Organising Committee (LOC), unveiling the games logo and online registration portal. The games participants are expected to arrive on 16th August 2020, compete from 17th to 21st August 2020 and depart on 22nd August 2020.

A Pre-Games Scientific conference and Heads of Delegation meeting is also scheduled to take place in July 2020 at Kenyatta University.

About 4,000 participants are expected 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.

This will be the 3rd time for Kenya to host the events, commonly known

as the FASU Games, 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, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina thanked FASU for entrusting the University with the games and urged the LOC to deliver the games at a standard that reflects Kenyatta University's track record of excellence. He was also confident that Kenyatta University teams shall put up a great display, based on their past performance record in the region.

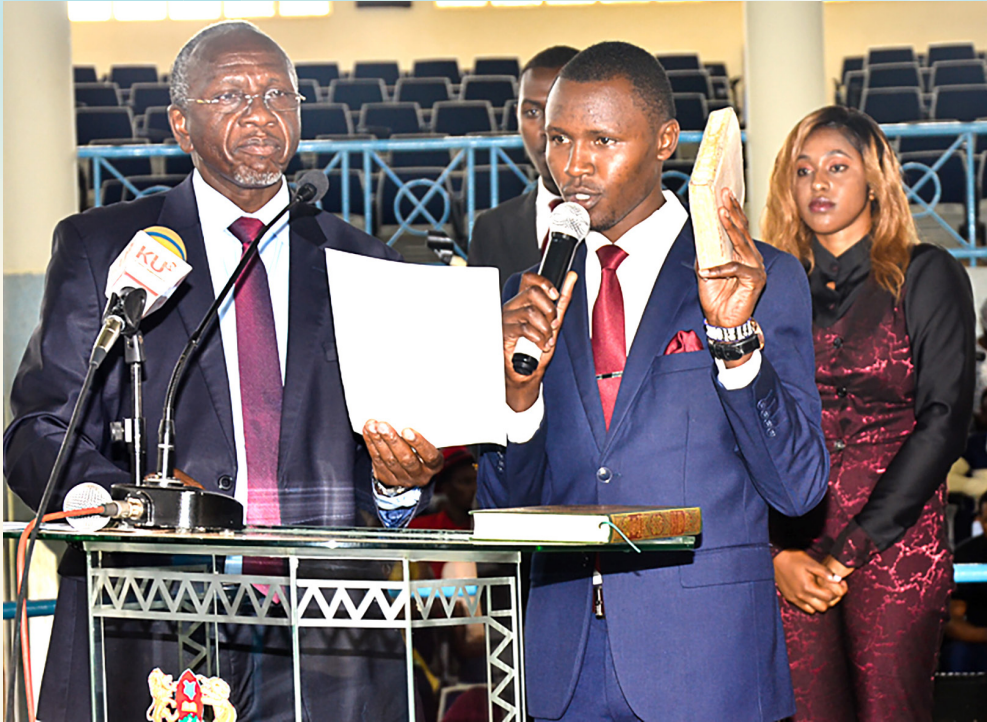
Speaking at the launch, Ms. Peninnah Kabenge Aligawesa, the FASU Secretary General highlighted the opportunities that await participants including qualifying to represent Africa in the paid World Universities' Leagues for 3x3 Basketball 2020 and Soccer 2021, and the lasting legacy the games bestow on the host university and country.

The LOC is chaired by Prof. Godfrey Mse the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Finance and Development), with a membership representative of various top management sections and other key stakeholders. The event was also attended by the Chairman of the Kenya National Sports Council, Mr. Nderitu Gikaria.



Federation of Africa University Sports (FASU) Secretary-General Ms. Penninah Kabenge Aligawesa (L) presents the official 10th All Africa University Games logo to the Vice-Chancellor, Kenyatta University Prof. Paul K. Wainaina (2R). Looking on is the Byrone Omondi, KUSA Secretary General(C). The Games will be hosted at Kenyatta University from 16th to 22nd August 2020.

Sixteenth KUSA Congress Installed



Newly elected KUSA Chairman, Mr. Bernard Karanja takes Oath of Office.

The Inauguration ceremony for the sixteenth KUSA Congress was held on 12th November 2019 in the University Amphitheatre. This marked the commencement of a one year term for the new Student Governing Council following successful and peaceful elections held at the University.

Speaking during the Inauguration Ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-

Chancellor (Academic), Prof. John Okumu congratulated all who competed in various positions during the election. He particularly lauded those who did not make it for accepting the students' verdict with humility.

The Vice-Chancellor said that Kenyatta University recognizes students as the focal point of its Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan. To this end, he added that all University processes are essentially geared towards making the life of every student better.

The Vice-Chancellor urged the newly elected student leaders to properly represent the students in key decision-making processes in the University.

Furthermore, he advised the student leaders to understand the role and mandate of KUSA and the Management Board; and work with the Management to address issues that affect students and KU at large. "For you to leave a positive legacy, you will have to both individually and collectively, espouse sound leadership and moral values that put the welfare of students and University at the forefront", Prof. Wainaina added.

This year's KUSA election was unique in a number of respects. To begin with, the competitors for both the Students Governing Council and the Congress, and their supporters displayed great discipline. There were no incidences of rowdiness, name-calling and drunkenness as has been the case in the past elections. On the other hand, those who won did so convincingly and with grace. This was as a result of having a process that was free, fair and credible.

The University Management commits to give the 16th Congress all the support required to discharge their duties. Moreover, the student leaders were encouraged to always embrace dialogue and sobriety in dealing with challenges affecting students.



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Culture Week Festival 2019

Culture for the Big Four Agenda

This year the Culture Week started with a Multi-faith Extravaganza which was held on Sunday, 27th October 2019. The event is specifically held to thank our creator for all the blessings bestowed upon Kenyatta University throughout its existence. It also offers a platform to embrace tolerance of different faiths by engaging in dialogues which help in eliminating the culture of religious intolerance.

The opening ceremony for the Culture Week 2019 was held on Tuesday, 29th October 2019, at the Bishop Square graced by Hon. Amb. Amina Mohammed, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Sports, Culture and Heritage, who was the chief guest. During the ceremony there was a great display of talent from among the students and staff. The captivating performances ranging from emotionally engaging poetry, well-choreographed dances, melodious songs, among others were well received by the audience.

The Cabinet Secretary lauded Kenyatta University for continually taking the lead in integrating local and international cultures. She urged the youth to develop an interest in matters cultural as well as nurture their talents adding that through the cultural week festivities, it was revealed that it is not culture that divides us, but it is culture and through culture that we are united.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina, stated that Kenyatta University, through the Culture Week festivals will continue to celebrate this spirit of oneness, guided by the conviction that we are stewards of our nation. He added



Amb. (Dr.) Amina Mohammed, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Sports, Culture and Heritage with Culture Queens and Kings.

that the festival, like the many previous editions, has contributed in enriching the cultural life of Kenyatta University through strong and well prepared performances.

Kenyatta University supports the nurturing and growth of various talents among the students by always providing an enabling environment for the students to discover and display their talents. The University choir, drama, film and sports categories are some of the avenues through which the students display their talents.

"The cherished footsteps"

Book Launch : Biography of Prof. Imbuga



Prof. Mwendu Ntarangwi, Commission Secretary – Commission for University Education (4L), Prof. Mabel Imbuga (3R), Prof. Paul K. Wainaina, Vice-Chancellor (2R), Mr. A. Nankululu from the Ministry of Education and other guests during the book launch.

Under the auspices of Culture Week, 2019, there was a launch of a book on the late Prof. Francis Davis Imbuga titled: "The Cherished Footsteps". The book authored by Masinde Kusimba is a biography of an icon in the world of African literature, a professor of literature and drama, a renowned playwright, a gifted actor and director – Prof. Francis Imbuga. The biography is a recollection that takes us from the humble beginnings of a boy from Wenyange Village in Chavakali, Vihiga County to a world renowned literature scholar.

Prof. Imbuga contributed to critical scholarship in African literature. His areas of publication tell the tale of his great success as a researcher and author of literature to both the local and international community.

Apart from teaching at the University, Prof. Francis Imbuga held the posts of Chairman of the Department of Literature, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Director, Quality Assurance. He was also very committed to the development of various artistic talents and participated in the Culture Week as Chairman and performer.

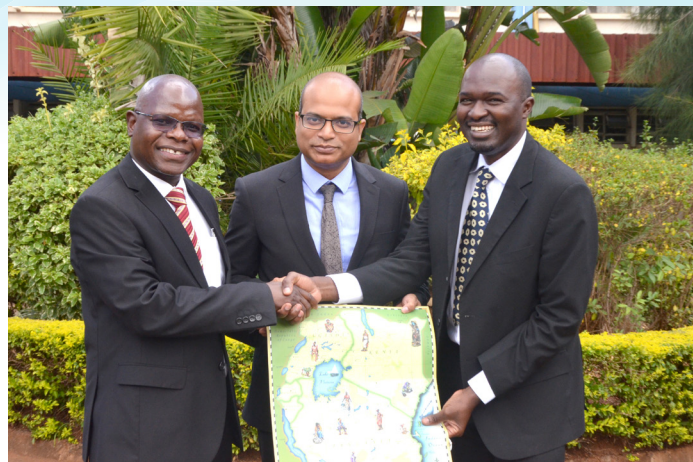
The Chief Guest for the launch ceremony was Prof. Mwendu Ntarangwi, Commission Secretary and Chief Executive Officer, Commission for University Education. Prof. Mabel Imbuga, the immediate former Vice-Chancellor, JKUAT, and her family expressed gratitude to all the people who honoured their invitation to witness the launch of the book on a great man.

Other notable guests included; Prof. Austin Bukonya, Prof. Ireri Mbaabu, Dr. Kisa Amateshe, Prof. Oluoch Obura, Prof. Miriam Were, Prof. Ken Walibora, Prof. Egara Kabaji, among others.

Pictorial



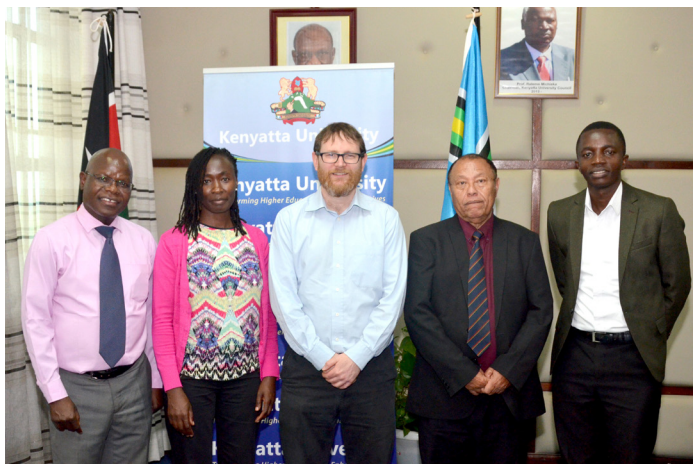
The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina with members of the interim board of the Kenyatta University Alumni Association when they paid him a courtesy call.



Prof. Vincent Onywera (L), Registrar (RIO) receives a map on mother language distribution in East Africa from Mr. John Olando (R), Director, Summer Institute of Linguistics. With them is Mr. Sayem Ahmed, Counsellor, Bangladesh High Commission.



A potential Kenyatta University student with her guardian consulting with an Admissions officer after KUCCPS opened the online student portal for registration, application and revision of courses.



Prof. Tristan McCowan (C) of University College London, following a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor represented by DVC (RIO) Prof. Frederick Gravenir (2R). Kenyatta University is co-implementing a project on 'Transforming Universities for a Changing Climate'.



School of Creative and Performing Arts, Film and Media Studies students hand over the Kalasha 2020 Best Student Film Award to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina.



Students of Nanyuki High School on stage during Culture Week Drama Night in Harambee Hall.

Pictorial



Kenyatta University team lead by Dr. Paul Sang (3L), Dean, School of Business and a delegation from People's Republic of Bangladesh led by Mr. Md Nurul Huda (4L).



Ms. Diva Dhâr (2L), Senior Programme Officer at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation accompanied by the University Proposal Development and Project implementation lead Prof. Grace Wamue-Ngare (2R), Prof. Germano Mwabu (R), School of Economics and Prof. Simon Onywere (L), Director, Capacity Development and Consultancy Services during a courtesy call to the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul K. Wainaina.



A section of students with disability follow proceedings during the 2020 Kenyatta University Career Week.



The visiting President of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Prof. Joybrato Mukherjee speaks to students and alumni of DAAD during a public lecture. Looking on is the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Innovation and Outreach), Prof. Frederick Gravenir.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul Wainaina and Prof. Violet Eudine Barriteau, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of the West Indies exchange signed MoU that will explore the setting up of a framework for Co-operation between the two institutions. The areas of engagement will also include the setting up of a Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre at KU.



Participants who attended the Mother Language Day seminar organized by the Department of Kiswahili and other African languages.

Kenyatta University hosts international research and innovation conference

The University hosted the inaugural Kenyatta University Biennial Research and Innovation Conference - 2019 from 23rd – 25th October. The conference attracted over 300 delegates from 15 countries representing academia, government, private sector, civil society, practitioners, students and others. The overarching goal of the conference was to provide a platform for dialogue on the knowledge and practice in the priority areas for development in line with Sustainable Development Goals and Africa's development agenda, which is in line with the Kenya's Big 4 Agenda.

The theme of the conference was "Research and Innovation for Achievement of Sustainable Development Goals and Kenya's Big Four Agenda". The Conference was organized into pre-conference events, plenary sessions and scientific technical parallel sessions. Prior to the Conference, on Tuesday 22nd October 2019, pre-conference events were held including training and capacity building on research ethics, scientific writing and communication, career development and mentorship. School children from the neighbouring Kenyatta University Primary School were also treated to physical exercises, motivational talks and

were provided with healthy milk and milk products courtesy of new KCC. In partnership with KETRACO our main conference sponsor, two full scholarships were awarded to two (2) female students pursuing courses in engineering at Kenyatta University.

The Conference was officially opened by Dr. Juma Mukhwana, the Director General and CEO of the Kenya National Qualifications Authority. Also present during the official opening ceremony were the Chairman of Kenyatta University Council Prof. Shem Migot-Adholla and the Vice-Chancellor of Kenyatta University Prof. Paul K. Wainaina.



Annual Local Chinese Teacher's Training

The Confucius Institute at Kenyatta University held its annual Local Teacher's Training on 6th November 2019 at the Multi-Purpose Hall of the New International Language and Culture Centre. The Keynote Speaker was Dr. Samson Kariuki who holds a Doctorate of Philosophy in Education Research and Evaluation, School of Education Kenyatta

University. Dr. Kariuki has participated as a lead consultant for TVET Competency Based Education and Training (CBET). Together with other panelists drawn from Kenya and China they taught on Chinese Language and Culture in the competence Based Curriculum (CBC).

Participants were treated to an

interactive session with the panelist in the whole day conference and were challenged to position themselves to take advantage of the opportunities afforded in the CBC as Chinese Language Teachers. In attendance was Dean School of Education Prof. Kisilu Kombo and Confucius Institute Board Members.



Making the Agricultural Sector attractive to the Youth

The agricultural sector is often deemed as an unattractive livelihood option by many youth. This has led to underutilization of youth as influencers of food security in Kenya. Yet young people can be involved as leaders, innovators and problem – solvers for attainment of food security. In an effort to stimulate this shift and offer the youth opportunities to contribute to food security.

Kenyatta University is implementing a highly innovative and participatory pilot project entitled, Enhancing Community Food Security in Urban and Rural Areas through Outreach Youth Champions (EFSOYC).

In addition, through this 18-month pilot project, Kenyatta University will contribute to the Big 4 Agenda and SDG 2 on Zero hunger. The pilot project, has seen the deployment of 16 Kenyatta University students to urban and rural communities. These students were taken through an intensive training and mentorship to prepare them as Outreach youth Champions (OYC).

The project is leveraging on the potential of youth to drive food security efforts in their local communities. These students

are currently implementing innovative and smart agri-social initiatives. The OYCs are working with smallholder households and communities in Makueni, Kajiado and Nairobi in a bid to address the gaps in food security across the value chain.

The OYC initiatives include:- shade nets, bio-intensive farming methods, improvised cold rooms, offhand vegetable drying tool kit, multi-storey gardens, sack technology and demo farms.

The OYC are working in pairs with an intended reach of over 160 household. The Makueni and Kajiado counties represent the semi arid areas. The OYC teams in Kajiado include Ian Muthumbi and Kennedy Thiong'o "Lima Smartnet" working in Isinya Area; Samuel Lasiti and Pauline Naserian "Wakulima ni sisi" working with Ewuaso Kedong'community and Brian Omondi and Mercy Wanjiku "Kilimo sasa" working with households in Kajiado Township.

For Makueni County, Calvince Onyango and Jackline Mwazighe "Inuwa mwenzako" are working at Kitise while Isabel Muiga Kabugo and Peter Muhoho "Punguza uharibifu" team is working

with the Wote community with an initiative of a solar powered coldroom.

In Nairobi county, the focus is on the urban poor populations with Stephen Ogweni and Kevin Oduor "Info4Food", working with Njathaini community in Githurai; Tracy Gatambia and Caroline Muasya "Kilimo Mdogo mdogo" with Maringo community and Isaac Omondi and Stephanie Mburu "Ukulima Mtaani" in Kayole Soweto Area.

These initiatives have not only been able to introduce new food production and preservation methods in the target communities but also influence the attitudes towards these food aspects. Consequently, there have been evidence of increased food availability and accessibility by the participating households as well as capacity building on innovative food preservation methods.

The project team includes Dr. Lucy Kathuri-Ogola (KU), Dr. Joan Kabaria – Muriithi (KU), Martin Irungu (Empserve) and Stephen Muchiri (Empserve). Kenyatta University has been funded by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to undertake the pilot project.

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Dr. George N. Kin'gara
Acting Director, KUTV Services

KU Signs MoU with Bidco Africa and Nairobi Securities Exchange



Mr. Chris Diaz (L) Director – Bidco Africa and Prof. Fredrick Gravenir (R) DVC (RIO) sign an MoU between KU and Bidco Africa. Witnessing is Ms. Judy Momanyi – Head of Legal at Bidco and Dr. Paul K. Sang, Acting Dean, School of Business.

Kenyatta University through the School of Business signed an MoU on 17th October, 2019 with Bidco Africa towards the provision of internship and attachment opportunities for Kenyatta University students, joint research participation on areas of interest such

as disruptive innovations and data analytics, joint hosting of conferences, workshops and seminars.

On Monday 4th November, 2019, through the initiation of the School, the University also signed, for implementation by the School, an MoU with the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE). This was towards provision of historical trading data and listed companies' information to Kenyatta University.

It also involves capital markets training and capacity development including provision of tailored training to student groups hosted at Kenyatta University.

NSE and Kenyatta University will also conduct Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment (CISI) Training and Certification on a

revenue sharing model, provision of internship and attachment opportunities for Kenyatta University, joint research and educational activities, participation in joint community outreach activities, as well as joint hosting of conferences, workshops and seminars.

The NSE collaboration is very critical as it will make it easy for KU postgraduate students to access data on companies and firms listed at the NSE, which forms the bulk of the students' research data. Before this partnership, getting this data was both difficult and costly. KU is the first University in Kenya to get this privilege.

KU Wins 7th KUSA Games Title

Kenyatta University scooped a total of 99 medals to clinch the seventh Kenya Universities Sports Association (KUSA) games title at Moi University in Eldoret from 16th to 21st December 2019. During the games, Kenyatta University bagged 39 gold, 29 silver and 31 bronze medals to emerge top among the 18 universities that competed in the run up to the 2020 national play offs.

In the swimming category, Kenyatta University bagged a total of 18 gold medals, 6 silver medals and 6 bronze medals. This took the tally to 30 medals in the discipline. In athletics, the

University peerlessly won 9 gold medals, 8 silver medals and 11 bronze medals to bring the total tally in athletics to 28 medals.

The University Karate team won 2 gold medals, 2 silver medals and 6 bronze medals to return a tally of 7 medals in the discipline. Teams from scrabble and badminton recorded 2 gold medals each while volleyball and chess teams won 1 gold and 1 silver each.

In the rugby 7's and handball categories, the university won a gold medal in each discipline. For the Tae Kwon Do teams, the university had 5 silver medals and 4 bronze medals while in soccer,

the University teams clinched 2 silver medals. Other disciplines that returned impressive results for Kenyatta University included tennis and hockey where 1 silver medal was won in each discipline as well as netball where the university teams scooped a bronze medal.

Besides the medals in the above disciplines, the University received a total of 23 trophies including the overall winner's trophy out of the 18 participating Universities. The University was represented by a contingent comprising of 16 men teams and 15 women teams with a combined participation of 248 athletes.



Creating a platform for promoting gender equity and equality



Participants during the celebrations to mark the International Men's Day held at Kenyatta University.

The Centre for Gender Equity and Empowerment (CGEE) continues to play a key role in creating a platform for conversation and engagement on matters that promote gender equity and equality at Kenyatta University. Through advocacy, the centre applies a gender lens in raising awareness especially on issues and barriers that inhibit gender equity and equality.

On 13th November, 2019, the Centre observed the International Day of the Girl Child. Celebrated annually on October 11th, the day highlights inequalities specific to girls. The renowned Family Lawyer, Madam Judy Thongori captivated staff and students on the "Marriage, Divorce and Succession Laws in Kenya-Highlighting the Matrimonial Property Act, 2013." In her simplified legal jargon, Judy urged the audience to write a "Will" from age 18 and avoid "Come we Stay unions".

The GCEE also notes that Gender-Based Violence and Sexual Violence (SGBV) have become increasingly sophisticated, complex and diverse, thereby compromising reporting due to associated stigma. As such, the Centre secured a grant from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) to develop and implement an android application to address SGBV.

It is hoped that the use of technology will create awareness of the gender dynamics that promote SGBV, in particular the reporting process. Expected to be fully rolled out in 2019/2020 academic year, the Anti-Violence Android Mobile App will be available to students and staff to anonymously, efficiently and securely report SGBV cases, without data dilution, fear, and/or intimidation. Through the App, we will continuously sensitize and update students and the general university community on gender issues.

To effectively enhance gender equity and equality especially combat SGBV, the CGEE strongly recognizes the role of men. For the first time, we joined the world in observing the International Men's Day, which highlights the positive difference that men bring to the world, communities and to their families.

The 2019 theme Day was "Making a Difference for Men and Boys", which we simply interpreted as "Men Leading By Example". Observing that men fear women's empowerment seeing it as a threat to their status quo, Prof Dan Kiambi's (DVC Academic, Pan African Christian University (PAC) dismissed this myth. Under the topic: "Overcoming Toxic Masculinities; Men Leading by Example", he highlighted the mileages achieved when men and women work together and encouraged those present to re-think what it means to "be men".

Bereavements



Ms. Pamela Akinyi Omuga who was a member of staff in the Department of Physics passed away on Tuesday 24th September, 2019. The late Pamela was laid to rest on 12th October, 2019 in Homabay County.



Dr. Wallace Kamau Mbugua who was a Lecturer in the Department of Literature, Linguistics and Foreign Languages passed away on Tuesday 12th November, 2019. The late Wallace was laid to rest on Wednesday 20th November, 2019 in Kiambu County.

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



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