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# The jobs and skills for the future

The issues of jobs and skills for the future featured prominently during the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of Nation Thought Leadership Forum (NLF) organized by the University of Nairobi (UoN) and the Nation TV (NTV) on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The huge interest generated by these subjects were evident from the heavy attendance of the forum and the lively exchanges between the audience and the panelists. People who want to pursue lucrative careers in the future must focus their efforts in solving future global problems and also leverage on opportunities created by the emerging rapid technologies that will drive business during the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

The time for Kenya to start earnest preparation for competent and skilled workforce is now! Research indicate that in the next decade, technological innovations and subsequent disruption will lead to massive job losses rendering more than half of the current occupations irrelevant. The work environment will be

marked by widespread use of Artificial Intelligence and Robots. According to McKinsey Global Institute Report of November 2017, 35 per cent of the current jobs will be automated with serious negative and positive impacts on global employment situation. About 400-800 million jobs could be lost through automation by the year 2030. Our graduates must

therefore strive to stay ahead of the curve by acquiring knowledge and skills needed to succeed in the future work environment. Policy makers must also make the necessary adjustments for the labour market to produce workers with the right skills and support.

The critical skills required for future work include Creativity, Emotional Intelligence (EQ), Analytical Thinking, Active learning with good mindset, judgment and decision making, Interpersonal communication skills, leadership skills, Diversity and cultural intelligence and adaptability to change.

The emerging contours of the future work environment bring the reality of vast global opportunities for people

with relevant education and skills. It is envisaged that the period up to 2023 is going to experience an upsurge in global demand for the following jobs: Data Analysts and Scientists, Customer Service workers, Software and Application developers, Innovation Managers, Artificial and Machine learning technologists, Sales and Marketing Professionals, Big Data Specialists, Process automation experts, Robotics Engineers, Block Chain specialists, e-commerce and Social Media Specialists.

The demand for the following jobs is however expected to remain stable: Petroleum and Natural Gas Plant operators, Financial and Investment Advisors, Database and Network professionals, Information Security Analysts, Robotics Engineers, Energy and Petroleum Engineers, Electro technology Engineers, Climate Change specialists, Chemical Engineers, University and Higher Education teachers.

In Kenya the following sectors or industries will have high

potential for jobs in future by the year 2022: Health and health care, Oil and Gas, Energy utilities, Financial and investor services, Mining, Creative Industry and entertainment, Infrastructure, Agro-processing and manufacturing, Information and Communications Technology, Transport and logistics.

Universities, the Industry and the government must therefore rethink on the educational and workforce training models and align them to the development needs to avoid wastage and frustration of manpower in future. The VF team wishes to encourage policy makers, training institutions, students, learners and job seekers to observe the unfolding trends in the job market with keen interests and create the right environment for future jobs.

*“The time for Kenya to start earnest preparation for competent and skilled workforce is now!”*

**JOHN A.O. ORINDI**, mCIPR  
**DIRECTOR, CORPORATE AFFAIRS / VF EDITOR**



*Prof. Isaac M. Mbeche,  
Ag. Vice-Chancellor*

In pursuit of its desire to attain world class excellence, the University of Nairobi remains committed and focused in its core mission of providing quality university education and training that embodies the aspirations of the Kenyan people and the global community through the creation, preservation, integration, transmission and utilization of knowledge. Towards accomplishing this mission, the University has undertaken deliberate steps and plans key among which is the development and launch of the Strategic Plan 2018 – 2023. The Strategic Plan is a bold yet ambitious statement that identifies key pillars and themes upon which operations of the University will be predicated in its desire to attain world class status. Other than providing guidelines for internal operations, stakeholder engagement and international collaborations, the Strategic Plan is designed to anchor the mandate and activities of the University of Nairobi

with the prevailing constitutional order and other national development blueprints including the Vision 2030 and the government's Big Four Agenda that prioritizes affordable housing, food security, universal health care and enhanced manufacturing capacity. Therefore, guided by the Strategic Plan, the University will continue to orientate its core businesses of teaching and learning, research, innovation and enterprise towards the attainment of these noble goals.

The University of Nairobi remains committed to continue producing high quality holistic graduates for local and international job markets, businesses and industry. We continue to forge partnerships and linkages both locally and internationally through joint research initiatives, student and staff exchanges and other forms of collaborations. Our academic staff continue to provide excellent leadership in innovation and attracting international research grants. The University of Nairobi is the only public institution which has attained the 'excellent' rank since the roll out of performance contracting by the government. As Vice Chancellor, I wish to maintain this performance and continue cascading this to the lower administrative units. Furthermore, the University continues to provide a platform from where renowned and accomplished leaders in academia, industry, business and governance have come to articulate their insights and experiences for the benefit of our students, staff and country as a whole.

Although the University of Nairobi remains committed to its vision of

becoming a world class university committed to scholarly excellence, we must acknowledge the various challenges that we face. The perennial problem of diminishing exchequer funding is a real challenge to quality learning, teaching and research. Government funding is at the lowest point in the last ten years. Secondly, the higher education sector is becoming highly competitive and dynamic both locally and internationally – and this is reflected in the dwindling student enrolment and the attendant reduction of revenue. Both of these factors demand that the University community and management as well as our partners and stakeholders ought to explore alternative sources of financing university activities.

I thank our students and staff for their dedication and commitment without which the University would not be where it is right now. I also appreciate the continued support that we keep receiving from the government of Kenya, our local and international partners as well as all well-wishers. I would like to assure all stakeholders that the University of Nairobi will continue to play its role in ensuring quality and equity in higher education, research and innovation as a contribution to national development as we seek solutions to the various challenges the world faces in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**ISAAC M. MBECHE, PhD, FKIM,**

**AG. VICE CHANCELLOR  
AND PROFESSOR OF  
MANAGEMENT SCIENCE**



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI



### OUR MANDATE

The mandate of the OCS Office is two-fold; linking graduates to the job market and enhancing the value of graduates through skills and competencies development. This is achieved through continuous recruitment of Career Partners, Career Advisors and Student Career Ambassadors who offer support in linking graduates to the job market and assist students to acquire the relevant skills and competencies for the job market.

### UoN SKILLS CENTRE

The UoN Skills Centre located at the UoN Towers ,11th floor, trains students on skills needed in the job market such as the 21st century skills that help students to be critical thinkers, problem solvers, team players and communicators. To enroll for these courses, visit the Office of Career Services website, for:

- **Entrepreneurship Skills training**
- **Soft skills training**
- **Life skills training**
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- **Leadership skills training**
- **21st century skills training**

Skills Development Programs such as:

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- **Industrial Visits**
- **Career Guidance and Counseling**
- **Career Fairs and Exhibitions**
- **Career Testing and Assessment**
- **High Schools Career Talks**
- **Student Exchange Programs**
- **Entrepreneurship and Innovation and**
- **Alumni engagement, networking and outreach**

### WHAT WE DO

**OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES**  
"Linking Graduates with the Industry"  
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# Prof. Isaac Mbeche takes over as Acting Vice-Chancellor

**O**n Friday, July 5, 2019, Prof. Peter Mbithi officially handed over office to the acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Isaac Mbeche.

In his remarks, Prof. Mbithi urged all students and staff to accord Prof. Mbeche the necessary support. He noted that Prof. Mbeche is not new to the university and that he was confident Prof. Mbeche will deliver.

On his part, Prof. Mbeche assured everyone that he will do his best to ensure that this great University continues to grow. Prof. Mbeche noted that leadership is a position of trust and honour. He thanked the Chancellor and the Council for the trust they have bestowed on him to steer the university forward during the transition period. He underlined that

this is a huge responsibility with a lot of expectations.

This transition has shown, once again, that the University of Nairobi has over time developed a strong corporate culture. Managing a smooth transition of leadership is a sign of corporate maturity that should be emulated within and outside the University. Both Prof. Mbithi and Prof. Mbeche have shown that serving in public office is a privilege that should be held with honour and exited with dignity.

The smooth transition of leadership is a demonstration of resilience. It is a confirmation that the University of Nairobi has developed a strong culture of good governance and sound management at all levels. The University has institutionalized best

practices in governance and management which, combined, have facilitated a transition marked by continuity in delivery of academic, administrative and other services.

The institutionalized culture of good governance and best practices is cascaded from high levels of the University at the Chancellor, the Council, the University Executive Board, and all the way down to the schools/institutes, faculties and departments.

The Varsity Focus takes this opportunity to congratulate all members of the University of Nairobi academic, and non-teaching staff, and students for playing their role in building a strong corporate culture on which we all now stand! [VF](#)



Prof. Peter Mbithi posing for a photo with his management team after handing over.

# A chat with the Acting Vice Chancellor

mentoring younger scholars. We also want to retain retired professors as emeritus professors. This will help the university to support postgraduate students and continue attracting research grants. We are encouraging our students to pursue postgraduate studies and join the institution as academic staff.

**Q: What impact have you had so far within the short period you have been at the helm and what should be expected soon?**

VC: Staff morale has been low. Due to cash flow problems, the University has been unable to pay academic staff who have been teaching module II programmes. Since I took over the office, we have managed to pay the academic staff. In addition, suppliers to the University Health Services had not been paid for several months. They were reluctant to supply medical supplies to the University. We have since paid them half of what was owed and they have resumed their services.

We are also clearing the backlog in staff promotions. We are interviewing them to promote successful ones. Indeed, this has increased staff morale. The management is also keen on improving student welfare. We recently had positive engagement with the student leaders and are focusing on improving their welfare.



Prof Isaac Mbeche is the University of Nairobi's Acting Vice Chancellor after taking over from Prof Peter Mbithi on July 5, 2019. The VC spoke to Varsity Focus on a variety of issues upon his appointment. Excerpts:

**VF: Congratulations on your appointment. What is the state of the University in terms of challenges and successes as you assume your new role?**

VC: The challenges that the university is facing are well known to both our internal and external stakeholders. The decreasing funding from the Exchequer over the last four years has been a daunting challenge. Funding is at the lowest point in the last ten years. Ideally, with the student numbers going up, the funding levels should increase. We are engaging the government on this issue. The

current approach of using differentiated unit cost has disadvantaged older universities against the new ones. We need to recognize the work the older universities have been, doing including postgraduate research. Secondly, universities in Kenya have increased significantly. Competition for students' enrolment is very high because the number of students who qualify to join university with grade C+ and above is decreasing. As management, we are seeking ways of attracting and serving students not only in the country but also regionally and globally. The University has attractive programmes but our main hurdle is inadequate hostels. Plans are underway to develop hostels to accommodate both local and international students. There has been concern about world renowned professors retiring. These professors leave the University without

**Q: University of Nairobi stands out as one of the leading universities in Africa. What are some of its outstanding attributes that you would guard jealously?**

VC: The quality of our academic programmes is one attribute that I will guard jealously. We aim at producing holistic graduates and that is why we not only emphasize on teaching and learning but also developing soft skills in our students. The recently launched Strategic Plan lays a lot of emphasis on how to produce the holistic graduates and stipulates what is expected of everyone.

The University of Nairobi is the only public institution which has attained the 'excellent' rank since the roll out of performance contract by the government. I wish to maintain this performance and with the cascading of the performance contract to the lower units, everyone will be required to meet the set targets. Mainstreaming and protecting the performance contract is very important to the management.

Other attributes that are important include recognizing and awarding outstanding staff and students. We will also grow the research kitty by entering into multi-disciplinary research collaborations with local and international institutions. In addition, we are focused on impact in community development. So far, we have signed MOUs with some county governments for county development. Our areas of focus will include infrastructure development and staff training.

“ I want to give my assurance and commitment that I will do my best to ensure that this great University continues to grow.”

- Prof Isaac Mbeche -  
Acting Vice Chancellor, University of Nairobi

**Q: One of your earliest activities following your appointment as Acting VC was a meeting with union officials. What insights did you gather from this encounter?**

VC: The union officials raised several issues including the backlog in terms of payment of academic staff, the medical services, retirement of professors and internal collective bargaining agreements. I am happy to state that these issues are being addressed and that the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Human Resource and Administration, is engaging the unions. We are committed to addressing the challenges starting with those that do not require funds.

**Q: Any message you would like to pass to the university community at large?**

VC: To staff and students, work towards achieving the objectives set out. To all staff, please do your work. To students, please be committed to your studies. Do the best that you can. As management, we will support both staff and students and remain true to our mission and vision. Play your part! I want to give my assurance and commitment that I will do my best to ensure that this great University continues to grow. Leadership is a position of trust. I want to thank the Chancellor and the Council for the trust they have bestowed on me to steer this university during the transition period. It is a huge responsibility with a lot of expectations. VF



*President of the French Republic, H.E. Emmanuel Macron, during the town hall meeting at the University of Nairobi's Taifa Hall.*

## France's President visits University for historic town hall meeting

**T**he President of the French Republic, H.E. Emmanuel Macron, visited the University of Nairobi on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and interacted with the University community in a historic town hall meeting.

Mr Macron expressed optimism that the challenges facing the nation are not unique and can be overcome through global partnerships. "You may think that you have more challenges than we have in France. Challenges are common. By coming together we can write a different story for our countries and our world," said the president.

President Macron expressed hope in the nation of Kenya and especially

the youth. "This is one of the key emerging countries with a lot of hope. This is a youthful country and I can feel the energy even in this room," he said.

The French president highlighted innovation as one of the ways that the economic projects he signed with President Kenyatta will provide solutions in different sectors of the economy, especially in education, agriculture, health and transport sectors. He pledged his commitment to implementation and monitoring of the projects.

Mr Macron encouraged the youth to visit France, citing his government's commitment to ease the burden on cross mobility of talent. He announced the launch of a project dubbed, 'Welcome to France', where students can visit France during their

studies. This project allows Kenyans to be exposed to the French culture, learn the language and have a different perception of France. He also said more French citizens will learn English and Kiswahili.

He said France will host France-Africa Summit in 2020, whose focus will be on smart cities. Smart cities is about mobility, digital and environment. "We will come up with innovative solutions on how to ease traffic in cities and exchange ideas on how to improve the situation in our countries," President Macron said.

The former Education CS Amina Mohamed welcomed the President of France and noted that the young people encounter a lot of challenges. "The young people share similar aspirations across the globe. They are very innovative and sometimes very

impatient. But more importantly, the young people have solutions to their problems. What they need is support in form of identifying opportunities and creating spaces for their innovative ideas to thrive," said Ambassador Amina. The former UoN Vice Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi, observed that Macron's visit was the first by the President of the French Republic to the University of Nairobi. He expressed hope that the visit will open more opportunities for collaboration in key areas of research, science,

technology and innovation. In her vote of thanks, UoN Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi, said:

“By coming together we can write a different story for our countries and our world”

- H.E. Emmanuel Macron -  
President of the French Republic

“Mr President, we feel most honoured to be the University of choice for this town hall event which particularly served to unpack the French-Kenyan partnership in developing skills, knowledge and innovation. Taifa Hall continues its rich heritage as a venerated pedestal where world leaders and other men and women of substance project their message to Kenya and to the world.” VF



UoN Chair of Council, Prof. Julia Ojiambo presents a gift to the President of the French Republic, H.E. Emmanuel Macron. Looking on are Cabinet Secretaries, Amb. Dr. Amina Mohamed and Joe Mucheru, Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi and Prof. Peter Mbithi.

# University Hosts Discussion on Kenya-Ethiopia Relations



Panelists Prof. Karuti Kanyinga, Research Professor of Development Studies, IDS, Dr. Joy Kiiru, Senior Lecturer, School of Business, Mr. Anteneh Alemu, Deputy Commissioner at the Ethiopian Investment Commission, Amb. Boaz Mbaya, former Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Dr. Silvester Kasuku, Director General and CEO, LAPSSSET.

The University of Nairobi hosted a discussion panel in commemoration of the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ethio-Kenyan relations under the theme, “Ethiopia –Kenya: 55 years of Strategic Partnership.”

The panelists reflected on opportunities and challenges in the Horn of Africa as well as investment opportunities that can be explored between Kenya and Ethiopia. The panelists were Prof Karuti Kanyinga (Research Professor of Development Studies, IDS, University of Nairobi); Dr Joy Kiiru (Senior Lecturer, School of Business, UoN); Mr Anteneh Alemu (Deputy Commissioner at the Ethiopian Investment Commission); Ambassador Boaz Mbaya (Former

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs); and Dr Silvester Kasuku ( Director General and CEO, LAPSSSET).

During the session, Professor Kanyinga observed that although Kenya and Ethiopia have enjoyed cordial political relationship, there have been poor economic ties between the two countries due to differences in policies. He was however optimistic that there could be more economic ties following the LAPSSSET Corridor Program, but only if it spreads to other parts of the country.

LAPSSSET is a regional project between Ethiopia, Kenya and South Sudan with an aim of linking them to each other, and to their

neighbors in Eastern Africa.

Prof Kanyinga also called for commitment to policy, improved access to rural areas and review of land polices.

Dr Kiiru said Kenya and Ethiopia jointly command a market base of about 162 million people, and a combined GDP of about \$160 billion, which is enormous base for mutually beneficial trade relations between the two nations in the context of similar aspirations for industrial development.

“Kenya and Ethiopia aspire to sustain and speed their current economic growth while accelerating poverty reduction. There is therefore a call for sustained job creation in both

economies. One of the biggest opportunity for the two countries is to deal with the challenge of growth and poverty reduction present in the form of bilateral trade and deeper economic co-operation between the two countries and within the region," said Dr Kiiru.

Mr Alemu urged Kenya to take advantage of the reforms taking place in Ethiopia. He said Ethiopia is shifting from agriculture to industrial based economy and this has attracted many investors since the country is opening up its economy. He said opportunities exist in telecom, since some of its functions will be privatized. Other opportunities exist in light manufacturing sector, energy and

horticulture, among other areas.

Amb. Boaz Mbaya said instability and insecurity are linked. He noted that the Addis Ababa-Nairobi Road construction began in 1960s but was completed just recently due to insecurity occasioned by the Shifta and Ogaden wars. He also said LAPPSET would have been done 30 years ago but the project was delayed due to insecurity.

"If you address insecurity you are addressing development," said Amb. Mbaya.

Dr. Silvester Kasuku, CEO, LAPPSET said LAPPSET is Vision 2030's largest project which hopes to link Kenya to other countries. He said Kenya and Ethiopia have been working together "silently", unlike

the noise witnessed in political circles.

The LAPPSET CEO said the LAPPSET programme is not just about building infrastructure for its sake but it has integrated other sectors, including tourism. He said port cities don't have space for industries but LAPPSET is solving this problem. The panel discussion was graced by ambassador of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, His Excellency Meles Alem. The ambassador hailed the panel discussion, which was jointly organized by the Embassy and University's Institute for Development Studies,. He described the discussion as a first of its kind. [VF](#)



*Ethiopian cultural dancers entertain guests at the Ethiopia-Kenya 55 Years celebrations held at the University of Nairobi.*

## CS Magoha challenges universities to support Big 4 Agenda



Education Cabinet Secretary, Prof. George Magoha signs a pledge signboard at the UNICEF stand during the Innovation Week.

Education Cabinet Secretary, Prof. George Magoha, has challenged the institutions of higher learning to support President Uhuru Kenyatta's Big 4 Agenda. Speaking during the launch of the 5<sup>th</sup> Nairobi Innovation Week 2019, Prof Magoha challenged Universities to publish more, conduct more research and come up with innovations that will be key in helping the President achieve his flagship agenda of affordable housing, manufacturing, universal healthcare and food security. He challenged professors in various fields related to Big 4 Agenda to work closely with students to help them innovate. "University of Nairobi can provide leadership in universal health coverage. The University is a nice place to help the President

accomplish these programmes as they are involved in agriculture, engineering and training of health professionals," he said.

Prof. Magoha challenged lecturers to be more engaged in research and innovations as opposed to teaching in several universities. He also challenged universities to concentrate their efforts in key programmes.

The event was officially launched by ICT Cabinet Secretary, Joe Mucheru, who said the government is keen on supporting innovations and business startups. "There are a lot of things happening. A lot has been done and more is being done. As the government, we shall support you," he said.

Prof. Margaret Kobia, Cabinet Secretary, Public Service, Gender and Youth Affairs, observed that University should generate

knowledge and provide solutions to social problems. "The Universities should provide new approaches to research, new innovations and new processes in learning and teaching students," she said. Prof. Kobia challenged women to take up the innovations challenge.

University of Nairobi Vice Chancellor revealed that six most promising start ups will be rewarded during Nairobi Innovation Week 2019. He reiterated the University of Nairobi efforts to support Uhuru Kenyatta's efforts to empower one million youths by teaming up with UNICEF to help the youth to be productive. The University has also teamed up with Ford Foundation under Elimika Youth Initiative programme, which aims at helping the youth prosper in all the 47 counties.

The Nairobi Innovation Week programme was launched in 2015 and has been running ever since bringing together innovators, business startups, investors, speakers, governments, the private sector and international partners like UNICEF, Barclays Bank, Israel Embassy, Finland Embassy, among others.

At the end of each innovation week event, best innovations have been honored and they have won various awards. In the Nairobi Innovation Week 2018, the best innovation won a cash award of Kshs. 1 million. A lot of innovations showcased during the 5-day event were geared towards the Big 4 Agenda: healthcare, housing, manufacturing and food security. **VF**

## Startups winners unveiled during Nairobi Innovation Week

**M**ifugo Bora Agribusiness startup won the People's Choice Award of Kshs. 500,000 during the 5<sup>th</sup> Nairobi Innovation Week while Iko Makaa, a startup by a University of Nairobi student, won the UoN Chair of Council Award worth Kshs. 100,000.

The People's Choice Award was sponsored by the Chancellor of the University of Nairobi, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi.

The 6 most promising startups that won the Nairobi Innovation Challenge got a chance to pitch before celebrity judges during the Nairobi Innovation Week and won various awards.

In the Growth Stage startups, Silmak Agencies took up position 1 and won a cash prize of KShs. 700,000 from the Kenya National Innovation Agency (KENIA), mentorship by Chandaria Capital, 100% scholarship to the Sinapis' Entrepreneur Academy's 4 month programme, and purchase and hosting of domain name (.co.ke) for a period of one year from the Kenya

Network Innovation Centre (KeNIC). Position2 winner Kencoco won 75% scholarship to the Sinapis' Entrepreneur Academy's 4 month programme, 1million Startups East Africa membership slot, slot to the next 1million Startups East Africa cohort of investment readiness programme, and purchase and hosting of domain name (.co.ke) for a period of one year from the Kenya Network Innovation Centre (KeNIC). Bentos Energy was in position 3. It won 50% Scholarship to the Sinapis' Entrepreneur Academy's 4 month programme, 1million Startups East Africa membership slot, and purchase and hosting of domain name (.co.ke) for a period of one year from the Kenya Network Innovation Centre (KeNIC).

In the Early Stage startups, Arinifu emerged the winner and got cash prize of KShs. 300,000 from the Kenya National Innovation Agency (KENIA), 100% Scholarship to the Sinapis' Entrepreneur Academy's 4 month programme, and purchase and hosting of domain name (.co.ke) for a period of one year from the

Kenya Network Innovation Centre (KeNIC)

Position2 winner, Green Pavers, won, 75% Scholarship to the Sinapis' Entrepreneur Academy's 4 month programme, 1million Startups East Africa membership slot, slot to the next 1million Startups East Africa cohort of investment readiness programme, and purchase and hosting of domain name (.co.ke) for a period of one year from the Kenya Network Innovation Centre (KeNIC). Bio Afric was fourth and won 50% scholarship to the Sinapis' Entrepreneur Academy's 4 month programme, 1million Startups East Africa membership slot, and purchase and hosting of domain name (.co.ke) for a period of one year from the Kenya Network Innovation Centre (KeNIC).

Additional awards were Chandaria Capital sponsored mentorship for the top 6 Startups and Agribusiness LLP sponsored 1 Year subscription to the Digital Business Planner for all participants of the Ideation to Commercialisation Workshop. [VF](#)



*Catherine M. Wanjoya, Silmak Agencies receives an award for mentorship by Chandaria Capital for emerging the overall winner of the Nairobi innovation Challenge during the award ceremony on June 14, 2019 at the Chandaria Auditorium.*

# RADA App launched during Nairobi Innovation Week 2019

**R**ADA App, a mobile health application developed by UoN students, was officially launched during the Nairobi Innovation Week 2019 on June 14, 2019.

In a colourful ceremony held at Taifa Hall, the students who developed the application explained the features of the app, how to access information about sexual and reproductive health, professional counselling, peer counselling and how to seek help when in an emergency situation.

In her keynote speech, UNESCO Regional Director, Ms Anne Theresa, hailed the University of Nairobi and the students who took part in the initiative. She noted that the idea was born during the Nairobi Innovation Week 2018.

UNESCO and the University, through the Centre for HIV Prevention and Research (CHIVPR), undertook research on issues affecting the youth and how the issues could be tackled.

It emerged that students spend more time on digital platforms and devices more than their books. Therefore, it was established that through a mobile application, students can be reached to tackle the issues of mental health, alcohol and drug abuse, sexual and reproductive health.

Ms Theresa urged the University to bring change through this innovation not only at the UoN but to all the other institutions of higher learning in Africa.

Former UoN Vice Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi appreciated the support that UNESCO offered and all the other partners, including Ministry of Health, NACADA, NASCOP, I choose Life, Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRHR Alliance).

Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Julius Ogeng'o, said that from a health perspective, the issues that Rada App addresses are a reality among the youth.

When delivering his welcoming

remarks, Prof. Walter Jaoko, Project Leader, said University students are usually in a transition from adult supervision to freedom. They are faced with the challenge of what's permissible, what's not and to what extent.

A representative of the group of students who developed the app, Musa Ibrahim, urged students to download the app, noting that it will also be used to pass information on campus events and announcements.

Ms Anne Mwangi, UNSA Chair and ambassador of the RADA App, said: "When I was asked to be the ambassador of this app, I quickly agreed because it is an innovation by the comrades for the comrades. I believe that this is a tool that will change the lives of youth in the whole of Africa."

The App is accessible through Google Play Store. It can only be used by University of Nairobi students for now. The next phase of the project is to upscale and all the other institutions can access and customize the app according to their location and professional counsellors. VF



Prof. Julius Ogeng'o, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs cuts the cake at the launch. With him is the RADA App team.

# Elimika Youth Summit at Nairobi Innovation Week

The University of Nairobi's UNESCO/UNITWIN Chair held a vibrant youth summit dubbed "Elimika Wajibika Vijana Amkeni." The summit held on June 13, 2019 was a side event of the Nairobi Innovation Week. The summit was a special mentorship session for youth drawn from various counties including Makueni, Kwale, Homabay, Nairobi, Garissa, Embu and Mombasa, among others.

Speaking during the event, the chief guest, Prof. Githu Muigai, called upon the youth to continuously educate themselves in order to stay relevant in the modern world.

"Top 5 biggest companies in the world like Facebook, Instagram, Airbnb and Spotify were created by young people which is proof enough that knowledge is key," said Prof. Muigai. The former Attorney General of Kenya urged young people to be aggressive and innovative. "You have to take yourself seriously because there is never an invitation to the table rather you storm to the table with an innovation and skills that cannot be taken for granted."

Mr. Raymond Ochieng, Secretary, Ministry of Public Service, Youth and Gender Affairs urged youth to take advantage of opportunities provided

by the government. "The government has set up numerous funds and resources for the youth yet just few are taking advantage of them."

Prof Judith Bahemuka, the Chair, UNESCO/UNITWIN, expressed her pride over the achievements of the programme which started five years ago. "We will not stop until our youth are empowered to stand up on their own, we will build capacity for them, we shall mentor them to start and prosper in their business ventures and we shall also make sure that our youth are actively involved in decision making processes." VF



The Elimika band entertains guests at the Elimika Wajibika Vijana Amkeni event at the Nairobi Innovation Week.

## Dr. Kituyi makes pitch for new patriotism



in another part of the world,” said the former Trade minister.

Dr. Kituyi challenged Africa to trade with itself. “Those that don't trade with their neighbours will end up trading them. It's high time African intellectuals start talking about post-production losses and manufacturing within the continent,” he said.

The UNCTAD chief urged the youth to keep reinventing themselves to fit in the dynamic environment. “Even before you finish that degree, the market needs will have changed and they keep changing. Take every chance you have to learn a skill and stay relevant to the market,” he said.

Dr. Kituyi also urged leaders to create new opportunities for Kenyans. “We need to invest in capacity building, to unite with our neighbouring countries, to face the reality of unemployment and disillusionment among the youth, and invent sustainable solutions.”

When delivering his welcoming remarks, the UoN Vice Chancellor said that Kenyans are industrious, kind, highly social, generous and compassionate.

“Even though we look like one family, we are very diverse due to the more than 42 ethnic groups that we have. When people love and know much about their country, they would certainly prefer living there and helping it. This helps in keeping a balance between the world's resources and populations,” said the VC in a message read on his behalf by Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Julius Ogeng'o. VF

**U**nited Nations Conference on Trade and Development Secretary General, Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi (pictured), gave a lecture on new patriotism at the University of Nairobi.

During the lecture, “Beyond Nationalism: The Rise of New Patriotism”, Dr. Kituyi said new patriotism is one where Kenyans endeavour to exponentially grow their knowledge, value and skills to continuously impact the society nationally and internationally.

“Do not be obsessed by quick wins. Low hanging fruits should never be an obsession for a country that's thinking

long-term,” said Dr. Kituyi. He applauded Kenyans for having the best human resource pool and encouraged them to use it to their advantage, especially in the global market.

He challenged young Africans to redefine the concept of patriotism, noting that there is an inter-generational conversation that the Africa intellectuals need to have on this concept.

“Technology and the dynamics of global economy have rendered national boundaries irrelevant. Apple's iPhone is a global product because its parts come from different parts of the world, and it's assembled

## Affordable housing project underway, CS Macharia affirms

The government's project of providing 500,000 houses in the next four years is on course. The confirmation was made by Mr. James Macharia, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure and Housing (*pictured*), during a Public Dialogue held at University of Nairobi.

During the occasion held on May 24, 2019, CS Macharia praised the steps made so far in realizing the government's 'Big Four Agenda' on affordable housing, manufacturing, food security and universal healthcare.

"This forum gives us an opportunity to share experiences on urban development. The Big Four Agenda

will help Kenya become a middle income economy. Urbanization has been rapid but not matched with adequate infrastructure development. We have two million housing deficit," he said.

The government has been making progress in providing affordable housing to Kenyans. Recently, President Uhuru Kenyatta attended the ground breaking ceremony for the construction of the first batch of affordable houses in Ngara. In partnership with county governments, the government plans to build at least 500,000 houses around the country in the next four years.

The CS opined that 20% of the houses will be reserved for the urban poor

and those from the slums. The country has 498 slums.

In order to bridge the housing gap, the government has partnered with the private sector and multinational institutions like the World Bank and African Development Bank to secure Ksh. 35 billion shillings to enable millions of Kenyans access cheap mortgages. The government has also partnered with local banks.

"We are on course to deliver on this mandate. The president launched the Ngara housing project and the first units will be given out in September, 2019" said CS Macharia. He outlined how the housing project has been able to create jobs for the youth who supply local materials during the construction period.

Maimuhah Sharif, UN Habitat Executive Director and UN Under-Secretary reiterated her commitment to public participation to ensure successful implementation of UN Habitat programmes. UN Habitat has been involved in several programmes in collaboration with the government, key among them sanitation of Lake Victoria to ensure residents have access to clean drinking water. "This is the first public forum bringing together government, private sector and the civil society to discuss urban development," she said.

The public dialogue on citizens' role in innovating for better quality of life for urban communities was organized as a build up to the 1<sup>st</sup> UN HABITAT Assembly held in Nairobi on May, 27-31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. [VF](#)



## UoN co-hosts global forum on public health nursing



First Lady, H.E Margaret Kenyatta, interacts with the team at the University of Nairobi stand. She is accompanied by Health Cabinet Secretary, Sicily Kariuki and Education Cabinet Secretary, Prof. George Magoha.

The University of Nairobi and the Ministry of Health co-hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Global Network for Public Health Nursing, which brought together over 400 delegates from 75 countries at the Safari Park Hotel on May 16, 2019.

This was the first conference hosted in Africa since the Network was formed. The Network believes that high standards of education, research, leadership and practice for public health practitioners are essential for equity and equality in public health nursing practice. This sharing of knowledge across the world has been the driving force of the four previous International Public Health Nursing conferences that have taken place every 2-3 years.

While delivering Keynote speech, First Lady Her Excellency Margaret

Kenyatta echoed the importance of the theme, 'Public Health Nurses Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 3- Good Health and Well-being'. She emphasized on the timeliness and relevance.

"The theme is most relevant to us and resonates with my efforts to ensuring maternal and infant optimal health and well-being in the midst of the challenges we navigate through in a dynamic global health care system," said the First Lady.

She challenged the participants to solve the challenges being faced globally in the health sector. "We cannot afford to wait for the populations to be admitted and spend their economic development time in the hospital. We have to manage our populations and improve their quality of life within the community where they live. We have also to avert our

populations from suffering from preventable diseases. We need to resolve this by the end of the conference; for this is the foundation of the theme of this conference 'SDG 3 –Good health and well-being,'" she said

Education Cabinet Secretary Prof. George Magoha observed: "Perhaps the nurse is the one with the answer to Universal Health Coverage. We need to glorify our nurses." Prof. Magoha committed to working with the Ministry of Health in ensuring that nurses study and work in Kenya, are empowered and their numbers increased.

Health Cabinet Secretary, Sicily Kariuki appreciated the roles nurses play in public health and emphasized the importance of public health in global health. [VF](#)

# 41<sup>st</sup> UNCTAD Regional Course held at UoN



Participants follow proceedings in the UNCTAD Regional course training held at the University of Nairobi.

The University of Nairobi's School of Economics hosted the 41st UNCTAD Regional Course. The two-week course attracted top government officials, trade and industry experts and decision makers from over 30 African countries. The training course was officially opened by UNCTAD Secretary General Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi on March 25, 2019.

Speaking during the launch of the programme, Dr. Kituyi observed that most government officials in Geneva have been beneficiaries of the P166 Training Programme. The programme has been successfully executed in Colombia, Mauritius, and Cairo and will soon be launched in Mexico.

Dr. Kituyi urged government officials to embrace e-commerce. "Africa must allow free trade with the neighbours. Electronic commerce is growing four times more than the analogue trade. You need to encourage your

governments to embrace e-commerce," he said.

On USA-China trade relations, Dr. Kituyi said China has been producing many millionaires and billionaires than USA over the last 20 years and that China is now an inventor and creator of world goods.

"USA – China relations will dictate how global trade is carried out. Trade is important. Build on local capacity. If you can't create one million jobs per year for the African youth, don't talk about the demographic dividends," he said.

The former Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi, noted that the University of Nairobi has much collaboration with regional and international organizations like WTO and UNCTAD. He said the outcome of the course will help the participants as they work on implementing the lessons learnt in their host countries.

"Many University of Nairobi staff

who had previously taken the course have found themselves in Geneva," he said. With the help of UNCTAD, the University of Nairobi has set up WTO Virtual Institute which has benefited from over 500 book donations. The institute is a leading centre in teaching and research on the economic and trade issues across the region.

Genevieve Feraud, Head of the Knowledge Development Branch-DTL UNCTAD, noted that capacity building is key as it helps countries in debt management and reducing inequalities in the world. "Develop your skills. Let the knowledge help you and your country," she said.

The 41st UNCTAD Regional Course was key in capacity building. UNCTAD supports developing countries to benefit from global trade: trade, investment, finance, technology, and innovation, which are vehicles for development. [VF](#)

# Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology to start admissions

The University of Nairobi, Kenyan Government through Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) and Korean Advanced Institute of Sciences and technology (KAIST) are partnering to establish a consortium of KAIST in Kenya.

“Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST Kenya) is about to admit its first cohort of students,” announced the CEO of Konza, Eng. John Tanui, during a public lecture by the 16<sup>th</sup> President of KAIST, Dr. Sung-Chul Shin at Taifa Hall on Wednesday, Feb 13, 2019.

KAIST Kenya, a consortium of the Korean Institute of Science and Technology in Konza City is a graduate school based on Science and Technology courses. It will have 3 faculties whose core programme would include: Mechanical, Electrical and ICT Engineering; Chemical, Civil and Agriculture; Engineering/Biotechnology, and Basic Science Education such as Maths and Physics. While delivering his public lecture, Dr. Shin, KAIST President, gave an overview of the rapid development of Korea as a country and KAIST contribution to the development. He spoke on KAIST's past achievements, present and future plans, citing that through continued partnership, Kenya Vision 2030 will be achievable and Kenya will be globally competitive.

Dr. Shin emphasized on Innovation, Science and Technology and impact on Society as the main objective of KAIST. He said KAIST has



*Dr. Sung-Chul Shin, the President, Korean Advanced Institute of Sciences and Technology (KAIST).*

spearheaded rapid development in Korea, pointing out that the country took the shortest time to be industrialized, urbanized, democratized and moving from third world to developed country.

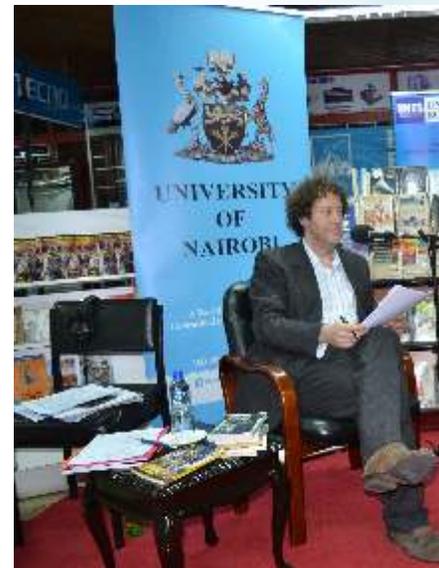
While giving his welcoming remarks, the Vice Chancellor Prof. Peter Mbithi said: “we are proud that the University of Nairobi was selected as the local education partner to work with the Korean KAIST. Based on our local expertise, we will provide local advisory and consulting services via the University planning (Training and Education) for the project. The University will provide services such as educational planning, curriculum design, industry-academic

collaboration, university management planning and other related Training.”

The Kenya KAIST will be a specialized graduate-only degree-awarding institution of strategic national importance (i.e. science and research centered university); train highly skilled researchers in science, engineering and technology; and provide intellectual guidance to all educational partners in the Konza Technopolis.

Dr. Reuben Mutiso, the Chairman, Konza Technopolis Development Authority congratulated all the stakeholders involved in the establishment and urged them to continue with the development. **VF**

# Pictorial



1. University of Nairobi staff show off the medals they were awarded after participating in the Beyond Zero First Lady Half Marathon.
2. Dr. Bishop Kiti Lewa, Chairman, Diplomacy Alumni Chapter, Prof. Julius Ogeng'o, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, H.E. Fahim Twaha, Governor, Lamu County and Mr. ISAAC Awuondo, UONAA Chairman cut the cake in celebration of the launch of the Mombasa Campus Alumni Chapter on April 5, 2019 at Voyager Beach Resort.
3. Kirinyaga Governor, Anne Waiguru and President, University of Nairobi Student Association, Anne Mwangi pose for a photo at the Femicide Vigil held at UoN.



4. Prospective students at the Confucius Institute stand during the Open Day 2019.
5. World- renowned Kenyan writer and academic, Prof. Ngugi wa Thiong'o (right) speaks at a recording of his book, *A Grain of Wheat*, on BBC World Book Club at the University of Nairobi.
6. Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Julius Ogeng'o tries out the RADA App. With him is the RADA App development team.

## Professors gather at first Professoriate Assembly



*Professors follow proceedings at the Professoriate Assembly which brought together all the professors in the University.*

The University of Nairobi hosted the inaugural Professoriate Assembly, which brought together all the professors in the University.

At the assembly, the professors shared views on strategic issues in the University, which included governance, leadership, management and administration; competitiveness and image; resource mobilization; teaching and learning; research, innovation and enterprise; and student life.

The professors were drawn from the six colleges, Graduate School and ODeL Campus. In his presentation, the former Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi appreciated the scholars

who have dedicated themselves to serving the University.

"On behalf of the entire management, I wish to convey our sincere appreciation of the various roles and responsibilities that you undertake and play to ensure that the University remains stable, peaceful and globally competitive," said Prof. Mbithi.

"You do so collectively and individually in serving the functions of governance, leadership, management and administration; sustaining competitiveness and visibility; resource mobilization; teaching and learning; research, innovation and enterprise; and student life. These are the

foundations, enablers and pillars that ensure global stature of the University. May God bless you and enable you to continue serving with renewed commitment."

At the meeting, the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Julius Ogeng'o, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Finance, Planning and Development, Prof. Isaac Mbeche, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Innovation and Enterprise, Prof. Madara Ogot and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Human Resource and Administration, Prof. Stephen Kiama engaged the professors on their views on matters pertaining their dockets. **VF**

## EACC hands back grabbed land to UoN



EACC Chairman, Archbishop (Rtd) Eliud Wabukala to the University management led by the Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi, Chair of Council, Prof. Julia Ojiambo and former Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi.

**T**he Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) handed over a piece of land in Kilimani estimated at Ksh. 2 billion to the University of Nairobi after repossessing it from a private company.

The title deed of L.RNo. 1/514 parcel was presented by EACC Chairman Archbishop (Rtd) Eliud Wabukala to the University management led by the Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi, Chair of Council, Prof. Julia Ojiambo and former Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi.

"Recovery of corruptly acquired assets and returning them to their rightful owners is one of the most effective means of combating corruption," said Archbishop Wabukala. "EACC is committed to expending more efforts and resources in the area of asset recovery. Integrity is a quality of

character that we all need to nurture and this requires that we practise it every day. If we have integrity, it should be prominently portrayed through our actions and words."

Prof. Ojiambo commended EACC for recovering the parcel in an efficient process. "No country or any institution is immune to corruption, and each and every one of us bears a responsibility of ending it. Let us all play a role in bringing an end to corruption. As Nobel Prize laureate Rigoberta Menchú once said, 'Without strong watchdog institutions, impunity becomes the very foundation upon which systems of corruption are built. And if impunity is not demolished, all efforts to bring an end to corruption are in vain,'" she said.

Prof. Mbithi thanked all the teams and the agencies that worked

together with the University, EACC and the Ministry of Lands and others to ensure that the property was recovered and surrendered to its rightful owner.

"We have quite often been warned never to celebrate victory over corruption because it is a monster that fights back and you can never be sure if your win is real until everybody is sure. But today I am happy that we have won!" said Prof. Mbithi.

The Director of Public Prosecution, Mr Noordin Haji, said the team ensured that the process was well run and open. "The message is clear; we will not stop taking people to court. All public land and assets that have been grabbed are in the process of being reclaimed. This is the beginning or reinstatement of what belongs to the mwananchi." **VF**

## Varsity hosts vigil for gender based violence victims



Senior government officials and University management following proceedings during “Her Life Matters” vigil held at the University of Nairobi.

The Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Coordination of National Government, Dr. Fred Matiang'i, has promised to bring to book the perpetrators of gender based violence.

The CS was speaking during a night vigil event dubbed #HerLifeMatters, an event organized to remember individuals who have succumbed to gender based violence. The vigil was hosted by the University of Nairobi on May 30, 2019.

During the night vigil attended by several women leaders, governors, women representatives, members of parliament and various civic

organizations, Dr. Matiang'i pledged to ensure the safety of women.

“We can't be a society that kills its women. We must be a society which keeps its women and children safe. I will work with the civil society on these issues and also faith based organizations, churches, mosques and temples to ensure religious leaders lead in the teaching of good morals and ethics,” he said.

The Cabinet Secretary urged parents to play a key role in mentoring children, especially boys, in handling rejections in relationships. “Boys must learn that getting a 'no' from a girl is totally acceptable. There is no reason to kill a girl because she has rejected

you.” Dr. Matiangi also urged the Judiciary to deal swiftly with gender based violence cases.

The CS called for mentorship and guidance of the youth, noting that it is getting hard to deal with cases of insecurity as the youth have resorted to get rich quick schemes by engaging in gambling and substances abuse.

Ms. Anne Mvurya, UNSA student leader, thanked the women leaders for organizing the event and mentoring students. She promised to work closely with students to address relationships and gender based violence issues. [VF](#)

## KENAS accredits UoN Mycotoxins Lab

The University of Nairobi Mycotoxins Laboratory has been awarded the ISO/IEC 17025:2005 accreditation by the Kenya Accreditation Service (KENAS).

This was after the laboratory passed the necessary evaluation set by the national accreditation body. The certificate was presented to the University on May 21, 2019 and was received by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Julius Ogeng'o who represented the Vice-Chancellor.

In his remarks, Prof. Ogeng'o congratulated the team led by Prof. Sheila Okoth from the College of Biological and Physical Sciences in partnership with Texas A & M University's Prof. Tim Herrman.

"Accreditation is one of the key things a world class university should have," stated Prof. Ogeng'o. "This lab encompasses three things that are key

to a world class university. It provides university/industry linkages, addresses food security which is a key issue in the Big 4 Agenda and provides solutions to the society."

According to Prof. Okoth, the lab has carried out various tests for organizations such as the World Food Programme and Kenya Bureau of Standards. In addition the lab team is working with Meru County in developing a policy on food safety.

"Our role is to ensure that people and animals consume safe food. One major issue in Kenya is the high rate of deaths as a result of aflatoxin poisoning. Through the tests carried out in our lab, we are seeking to prevent aflatoxin poisoning. This accreditation is one that is credible and it comes at a good time when we need to ensure that everything that is consumed is safe."

Prof. Bernard Aduda, the Principal, College of Biological and Physical

Sciences, emphasized the challenges of aflatoxin, such as food losses. "This lab is indeed a centre of excellence that will solve pertinent societal issues," he added.

The KENAS CEO, Mr. Martin Chesire, congratulated the University on receiving the certification. "KENAS is charged with the accreditation of testing and calibration laboratories. We have issued over 200 accreditations in the country. Our role is to drive-up standards to meet international standards. We are the 'checkers' of 'checkers' as we are the second body in the region doing that," he explained.

The Mycotoxins Lab is the second UoN lab to receive the highly coveted accreditation from KENAS. The first lab to pass the test was the University of Nairobi Lighting Laboratory (UoN-LL), whose certification was presented to the University in 2018. [VF](#)



Kenya Accreditation Service (KENAS) CEO, Mr. Martin Chesire, (right) presents the accreditation certificate to Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Julius Ogeng'o. Looking on is the team from the University of Nairobi Mycotoxins Laboratory.

## Prof. Kameri-Mbote Defends her Doctor of Laws thesis

**P**rof. Annie Patricia Kameri-Mbote (pictured) publicly presented her Doctor of Laws (LLD) thesis at the University of Nairobi and entered history books as the first woman to achieve the feat in East and Central Africa and the sixth person at the University.

Her thesis was entitled, "Contending Juridicial Norms in a Plural Legal System: The Limits of Formal Law." The scholar underlined and highlighted areas where formal law has failed or has been powerless.

"It was in my study at Warwick where my disquiet with the way I had learnt law was fanned. From the outset, the Master of Laws in Law and Development challenged my boxed view of law. I constantly heard my teachers say that law does not operate in a vacuum but within its social, political and economic context. If law was contextual, then one could not merely look at the text that encapsulated a law. To merely state that 'the law provides ...' would fail to unmask the story behind the law leaving it as dry bones on a skeleton with no life," She noted during the presentation on July 17, 2019 at Taifa Hall.

She further added: "After Warwick, my dalliance with law took me to the University of Zimbabwe to study Women's Law. This was to prepare me to teach a new course – Women in the Legal Process - at the University of Nairobi. This course further stoked the embers of disquiet with the law. I was intrigued by feminist's critiques of law as male and analyses of the instrumental role of law in ordering societies. The gendered constructions of masculinity/powerful and

femininity/powerlessness drew my attention. Broader discussions on male and female roles in the productive and reproductive processes of society yielded further questions."

Her thesis explored the normative contest through areas of law to which she devoted considerable time: land relations; gender relations, environmental protection and law, science and technology.

Prof. Kameri-Mbote called for a shift from legality and legitimacy to integrity where norms that satisfy the legality and legitimacy tests are also tested against integrity (wholeness) that promotes the good of all the members of the society. She said in an age where the boundaries between good/bad and right/wrong have become blurry, this may sound like an impossible mission but the quest must start somewhere."

The Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. Isaac Mbeche said the University is privileged to be associated with scholars of Prof. Kameri-Mbote's cadre.

A woman of many firsts, she was appointed Associate Professor in July 2005 and Full Professor in December 2011.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Julius Ogeng'o explained to the audience that the Higher doctorate is not supervised but it's a peer review of scholars who have attained PhD for five years and have published over 150 articles in scholarly journals.

Among the audience were members of the Judiciary led by Chief Justice, David Maraga, Chief Justice Emeritus, Willy Mutunga, Deputy Chief Justice Philomena Mwili, judges of the high court, and Attorney General Paul Kihara Kariuki among others. [VF](#)



## Law titans duel over constitutional interpretation



Prof. Githu Muigai and Dr. Willy Mutunga pose for a group photo with Faculty and students at the School of Law after the Constitution Interpretation debate.

It was a battle of titans at the University of Nairobi School of Law as the best brains in the legal profession, former Chief Justice Dr Willy Mutunga and former Attorney General Prof Githu Muigai engaged in the 'Big Debate' on constitutional interpretation.

Dr Mutunga opined that the Constitution has a theory of interpretation which guides the Apex Court, the Supreme Court of Kenya. This view was challenged by Prof Muigai, who argued that the Constitution has no known theory of interpretation.

Prof. Muigai quoted several sections of the Constitution, such as Article 259, which guides the Judiciary to advance the rule of law and contribute to good governance.

"One third of the constitution is poetry. The constitution is partly a legal document and partly a political document", he said. According to him, the constitution is best

interpreted based on textual interpretation. This is taking the word literally as they are written on the pages of the constitution. Secondly, it can be interpreted based on structure and lastly based on ethical arguments about outcomes.

He gave several previous court cases, which in his view were a good interpretation of the Constitution. Majority of cases cited were those brought before the High Court to stop the 2017 elections. However grave the concerns were, most cases were thrown out.

"Outcome of the cases should be logical, coherent and objective. Laws need inner morality and this helps in fidelity to the law. Otherwise, our Judiciary and judges are bound to be loose cannons and mere activists. We need a theory of interpretation that is pragmatic," he said.

The former Attorney General pointed out some of the failures during his tenure, such as being unable to pass

the Gender Bill. "I had three bills on gender issues and as the State Law Office, we failed to pass them," noted Prof Muigai. He pointed out that the theory of interpretation of the constitution should be 'minimalist and not maximalist'.

The Constitution of Kenya 2010 has been hailed as transformative and Prof Muigai concurred. Among the transformations in the constitution is Devolution and Bill of Rights. Devolution, he pointed out, has been successful and has helped spur growth and development in many parts of the country.

The - hour debate at the Parklands Campus on June, 19, 2018 was moderated by Citizen TV Journalist Mr. Linus Kaikai, who is a postgraduate law student at the University of Nairobi. The event was attended by staff and students from the University of Nairobi, School of Law and two staff members from Harvard University. [VF](#)

# CAE staff and students feted for excellence

The University of Nairobi staff and students from the College of Architecture and Engineering (CAE) were hosted to a luncheon for the exemplary performance in the year 2017/2018, having being crowned the best performing College and School of Engineering (SoE), and the best performing school.

Speaking during the luncheon to celebrate staff performance during the contracting period 2017/2018, the Vice Chancellor, who was represented by Prof. Stephen Kiama, Ag. Deputy Vice Chancellor, Human Resource and Administration (HRA), urged the members to continue embracing team work to maintain good performance. CAE was number 1 among the six colleges of the University while SOE topped the 40 schools.

Prof. Stephen Kiama, narrated how on several occasions he worked hand in

hand with staff members and students from the College of Architecture and Engineering. When working on the designs towards the construction of Wangari Maathai Campus, he engaged staff and students from college.

Recently, he engaged a student from

and the projects they were involved in. Key among them is the conception and development of the Nyayo Car 2 cars. A third car, a pickup, was developed too but had lots of mechanical issues. The projects eventually collapsed due to lack of good publicity from the media.

“Come up with more innovations to put the University on the world map.”  
- Prof. Peter Ngau -  
Principal, College of Architecture and Engineering

the College to work on an abstract sculpture of Nobel Laureate, Prof. Wangari Maathai. He has also published papers in collaboration with staff members from the college.

Former Vice Chancellor Prof. Francis Gichaga narrated the early days as the School of Engineering came into being

Prof. Peter Ngau, Principal, College of Architecture and Engineering, urged staff and students to come up with more innovations to put the University on the world map. The college recently launched the first Kenyan satellite into space and is training more manpower in space technology despite financial challenges.

He took the opportunity to introduce the new College Registrar, Dr. Grace Kiringa and the new Dean of Engineering, Prof. Gitau Ayub Njoroge, who takes over from Prof. Jackson Mbutia. [VF](#)



## UoN to establish Institute for Blue Economy and Ocean Studies

The University of Nairobi Institute for Blue Economy and Ocean Studies (UoN-IBEOS) will be established following the University's commitment at the Sustainable Blue Economy Conference (SBEC).

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Julius Ogeng'o made the announcements at the handing over of the modular boards by that were used at the SEB Conference to the University by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

"The establishment of the institute is a commitment that the University of Nairobi made at the Science and Research Symposium at the Sustainable Blue Economy Conference (SBEC) that was held in

November 2018," said Prof. Ogeng'o.

To kick start the journey towards blue economy studies, research and innovation, the University of Nairobi requested UNDP/MFA to donate the modular boards to the University as a seed capital towards launching the academic and intellectual centre of studies and research in blue economy.

Presiding over the ceremony, the Principal Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Amb. Macharia Kamau, welcomed the initiative.

"I am excited to hear that the University of Nairobi is going to establish the Institute for Blue Economy and Ocean Studies. We are going to make this a reality

because the ministry will work with the University and in the next five years, we are going to have an institute of global standards in UoN," said the PS.

The University of Nairobi will constitute a task force on blue economy to review and develop curriculum, seek partnerships, funding and resources to execute the commitments. The University will work hand in hand with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and UNDP to make these commitments a reality in fulfillment of Kenya's Vision 2030, Africa Agenda 2063 and Sustainable Development Goals by unlocking the full potential of the blue economy. [VF](#)



Principal Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Kenya, Amb. Macharia Kamau(3rd right) hands over the Blue Economy modular boards to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Julius Ogeng'o (2nd left) and Prof. Stephen Kiama, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Human Resource and Administration.

## 22 ODeL programmes launched

University of Nairobi Open, Distance and e-Learning, ODeL, has launched 22 academic programmes that allow students to access education globally via e-learning.

Speaking during the launch on June 6, 2019 at the Chandaria Auditorium, the former University of Nairobi Vice Chancellor Prof Peter Mbithi said experiential learning is the way to go.

“We must embrace experiential learning. We must include technology in the teaching and learning as we aim at reaching students across the globe,” he said. Prof. Mbithi said the University is ready to achieve greater heights

since it has the right team, networks, talent and human resources at its disposal.

ODeL Campus Director, Christopher Gakuo, said online education supports, guides and facilitates programmes to integrate e-learning in their courses. He said the goal is to transform teaching and learning through development of standardized course content. He challenged the university to embrace technological advancement like artificial intelligence, machine learning, and internet of things in their teaching and learning to improve the quality of education.

“All these will help in the digitization of teaching and learning as the brick

and wall classroom model of teaching may not survive for long,” he said.

Africa Women's Studies Centre (AWSC) is among the units in the University of Nairobi that have embraced the programme and has attracted students from across the African continent. Staff deliver lectures using technology and students do assignments and exams through video conference facilities.

“We have students from Nigeria and Malawi. They are able to do their assignments and defense though a video conference. The University should invest in this system,” said Prof. Wanjiku Kabira, Director, African Centre of Women Studies. [VF](#)



Prof. Peter Mbithi leads the cake cutting ceremony in celebration of the launch of the 22 ODeL academic programmes.

## Centre for land acquisition and resettlement to be established at UoN



*Don Gibson from World Bank speaking during the stakeholders workshop at the Norfolk Hotel, Nairobi.*

The University of Nairobi, in partnership with World Bank Group, the Government of Kenya will establish a centre of excellence in land acquisition and resettlement.

The centre will be based in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, UoN. It will help solve land resettlement and acquisition issues from historical, economic, political, social and legal perspectives.

During a multi-stakeholder workshop at the Norfolk Hotel, World Bank's Dan Gibson revealed that the University of Nairobi initiated the conversation on the establishment of the centre. He challenged the stakeholders to set out the academic track and the practical track. He said: "The academic track should support the hands-on work on the ground. It should be able to offer solutions to the gap faced in the country."

Dr. Reshmy Nair, from India, shared experiences of a similar institute that has been operating in her country since 1994. She advised the stakeholders to contextualize the curriculum in accordance with the land policies and law.

Dr. Harry Kaane, a World Bank consultant, said there is need for training, noting that there is lack of formalized partnerships. "The overall goal for the centre is to get skilled trainers and practitioners on land acquisition and resettlement," he observed.

The Principal, College of Architecture and Engineering, Prof. Peter Ngau, said the proposed centre is very close to the heart of the University of Nairobi. "It is part of the progress envisaged by the University in partnering with various stakeholders in provision of quality, relevant, timely research and teaching programmes

that fit in with current industry and development goals of the country," he said.

He added: "It gives us the pleasure to note that we are on the right side of history by establishing such a centre through a process of consultations with a wide range of stakeholders. I note with a lot of appreciation the efforts made by the representatives of the University of Nairobi, the World Bank and the National Land Commission in mobilising stakeholders for the initial workshop that paved the way for the smooth commencement of the process." The Principal was speaking on behalf of the University of Nairobi Vice Chancellor.

The centre is expected to be operational by the end of this year. **VF**

## Chiromo Campus is overall sports winner

The College of Biological and Physical Sciences (CBPS), popularly known as Chiromo Campus, emerged the best overall team during this year's University of Nairobi Annual Sports Day.

The victory didn't come easy; it was a grueling encounter with stronger opponents from bigger colleges. Chiromo campus is the smallest college and emerging victorious was David versus Goliath war scenario and sweet surprise for College Principal Prof. Bernard Aduda and his team, which comprised of staff and students. Once the overall winner was announced, the team broke into dance, songs and ululations. Speaking during the event held on

March 29, 2019, former University of Nairobi Vice Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi, observed that sports keeps individuals fit, healthy and disciplined. He said various teams will be facilitated and better organized to compete effectively in local, national and international games. The University of Nairobi rugby team, Mean Machine, competes in the national league. The University management further revealed that Kshs10m will be awarded to the Sports Department budget, which stands at Kshs 8m.

Prof. Mbithi noted that sports industry is growing and students should pursue careers in sports. He said the industry has been

able to create jobs for thousands of Kenyans. He urged staff to embrace sports since it creates a good work life balance and helps in dealing with work related stress.

Prof. Isaac Mbeche, the Acting Vice-Chancellor, thanked the sponsors for their generosity. The sponsors included: Nation Media Group, Kwese Sports, Tecno Mobile, Magnet Ventures, Switch TV and University of Nairobi Alumni Association.

The best overall college was the College of Biological and Physical Sciences, the runners up were the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the second runners up was the College of Health Sciences. VF



College of Biological and Physical Science staff and students celebrate victory after being crowned overall winners during the UoN Annual sports day 2019.

# National security issues discussed on campus



*A crowd shot of the participants in the Chandaria Auditorium at the Nation Leadership Forum on Security and safety.*

**H**undreds of Kenyans gathered at the Chandaria Center for Performing Arts at University of Nairobi Towers to discuss security and safety issues on April 8, 2019. The lively television debate was broadcast on Nation Media Group's NTV and featured talks on the 'HudumaNamba', the government's initiative to consolidate all identifications into one number document. Mr Martin Kimani, Director, National Counterterrorism Centre, represented Dr. Fred Matiang'i, Cabinet Minister, Internal Security and Coordination of National Government. He pointed out that by collating all information in one place, the HudumaNamba will

improve service delivery.

Concerns were raised on data security, cyber security and data protection of millions of Kenyans whose data would be collected by the system. Ambassador Kimani assured Kenyans that measures were being put in place to ensure that the data is well secured and protected.

On security of our financial systems, Nicholas Mulila, Safaricom Chief Corporate Security Officer, assured the audience that as a private sector company, they have a 24 hour monitoring center for all Mpesa and financial transactions. "We have 25 million Mpesa users and 25 million points of weaknesses. Criminals and cyber security fraudsters will always

try to use financial systems for money laundering," he said.

Noordin Haji, Director of Public Prosecutions, said his office was working round the clock to deal with terrorism despite the Judiciary being lenient to some of the criminals. "We are dealing with complex issues. We are dealing with cross border terrorists from Iraq, Somalia and some other countries which don't have the rule of law," he said.

The international community was requested to help Kenya fight terrorism. It was pointed out that the fight against terrorism needs inter religious, inter racial and international collaboration. [VF](#)



*The then University of Nairobi Chancellor, H.E. President Daniel T. arap Moi's motorcades exits the Chancellor's Court after presiding over a past graduation ceremony.*

## Former student recalls World Bank internship



mobility system in terms of universal access, efficiency, safety and environmental footprint across all modes of transport. Much of my work is channeled towards research and advocating mobility solutions for the said inadequacies of the system, with a focus on Africa.

Some of the publications that I have contributed include an article, "Moving toward green mobility: three countries, three different paths". The explains how three countries have adopted three different approaches to achieving green mobility. These include review of international agreements, conventions and other instruments to achieve sustainable mobility and the soon-to-be launched Global Roadmap of Action toward sustainable mobility (GRA). [VF](#)

**A**fter graduating from the University of Nairobi (UoN) in December 2017, I was recommended by the School of Economics as a candidate for the World Bank internship that is a part of the partnership between UoN and the World Bank. The internship aims to build capacity for young African graduates to promote sustainable development and poverty reduction in African countries.

After a rigorous selection process, I was selected to go to Washington DC, USA, in September 2018 as a research consultant for the World Bank's Global Transport Practice to work with the Sustainable Mobility for All (SuM4All) initiative through my mentor Prof. Winnie Mitullah, the former Director of Institute for

Development Studies (IDS). Hosted by the World Bank, SuM4All is a global partnership platform of over 50 leading actors in the transport and mobility space with a shared vision to transform the future of mobility across all modes of transport.

My experience so far has been revolutionary. I have been able to look at transport through different lens that made me realize the inadequacies of the global

**Gurpreet Singh is a Graduate Consultant at World Bank HQs in Washington DC, USA**

“I have been able to look at transport through different lens that made me realize the inadequacies of the global mobility system in terms of universal access, efficiency, safety and environmental footprint across all modes of transport.”

## Student wins global shoe design competition

Cyprian Kavita Kiswili, a University of Nairobi student, won the 2019 Bata Young Designers Challenge. Cyprian, a design graduate from the School of The Arts and Design in the College of Architecture and Engineering, was among the finalists who competed at this year's Bata Fashion Weekend at the Prague, Czech Republic.

UoN's Anita Wambui Wairimu, a third year interior

design student, was also a finalist at the highly competitive challenge.

Six UoN students from the School of The Arts and Design participated in the 2019 Bata Young Designers Challenge in Kenya. 'Walk the Savanna' is the theme the students worked with on their designs. The challenge was part of Bata's 125 years celebrations. The Varsity Focus team met the students and this is what they shared with us:



### Cyprian Kavita Kiswili,

Graduate, Design

*"My main challenge was that I had never designed footwear before but I took up the challenge and I am glad I did it. As a fresh graduate, having my shoe design being sold in selected Bata stores globally is quite an achievement. I designed an open sneaker that was inspired by the savanna in Konza town. My shoe is known as Blossom, which describes the coming to life of the savanna. The yellow and black unisex sneaker has different textures and interesting graphics inspired by my love for illustrations."*

### Anita Wambui Wairimu,

3rd year Interior Design student

*"The Bata Young Designers Challenge is an opportunity that I could not let slip by. The whole experience was my biggest take-away from the competition. Even though I did not know much about footwear and for that matter design of footwear, I took it up. I am proud to have been part of it. It was a learning experience. The challenge made me appreciate the shoe industry and the processes of getting a shoe on the shelf. When I was a little girl, I owned a pair of sandaks. This inspired the design of my shoe at the competition which incorporated my Swahili culture. The open sneaker, Sandava, seeks to solve the problem of sweaty feet."*





## Roy Waweru Wanjohi,

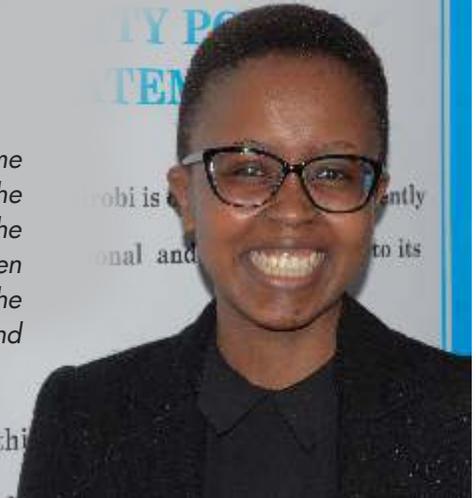
Graduate, Interior Design

*"Before the challenge was announced, I had engaged my lecturers on how best to pursue my interests in footwear. This was a timely move because two months later, the Director, STAD, informed me of the Bata Young Designers Challenge; an opportunity that I had to pursue. This was a new experience for me. For the first time in my life, I was exposed to the line of footwear production. The competition gave me a better understanding of the entire process, from designing, prototyping to production. My shoe was inspired by traditional African haircuts and hairstyles. The hues from the sunset and sunrise are captured in the colours of the shoes. The unisex shoe, Hotspers, is for the urban youth."*

## Brenda Kathure Kinyua,

Graduate, Interior Design

*"Robi is the name of my shoes. I named it after Nairobi. From the theme 'Walk the Savanna,' I went for a design that juxtaposes Nairobi with the buildings. Nairobi is the urban savanna because of the national park in the city. With this in mind, my unisex smart casual sneaker incorporates green and yellow as 'nature' colours and geometric shapes representing the buildings and different textures. The competition was both scary and exciting."*



## Wanjiku Angela Murigi,

Graduate, Fashion and Textile Design

*"I enjoyed working with Bata. It was interesting to see how the shoes we wear are made. Footwear design is interesting. Understanding the different parts of a shoe was an eye opener. Interestingly, I did not know about the competition until one of my lecturers nominated me. My slip-on shoe is known as 1-2-5, in honour of Bata's 125 years. I took certain elements of the Agikuyu culture. It was suede, in a tie and dye in a shade of orange and brown borrowed from the Agikuyu traditional attire. I even borrowed from the traditional earrings adorned by the Agikuyu women. My shoe is created by Wanjiku for Wanjiku inspired by Wanjiku."*



## UNSA outgoing team officially hands over to the sitting UNSA Council

The University of Nairobi Management congratulated the first University of Nairobi Students' Association Council during a farewell luncheon in their honour. During his keynote address at the luncheon held on June 7, 2019 the UoN Vice Chancellor appreciated the outgoing leaders. He remarked: "I am a blessed Vice Chancellor because you blessed me with a new beginning. I have seen you take up your mandate and fully delivered it. It's not once or twice I got comments from different people about how peaceful the University has become. We have held two peaceful elections."

He urged the incoming UNSA team to work with the systems that the outgoing team had developed, "You have been elected to be part of the leadership of the University; challenges will always be there, sometimes monumental, work together and provide leadership" Antony Manyara, Outgoing UNSA Chair noted that they have had a great year with a great team. He appreciated the administration for the support and transition from the old to the new regime. He urged the administration to continue supporting the new UNSA leadership citing student's leadership has a lot of challenges.

Ms Mwangi Mvurya, the UNSA Chair appreciated the work of the old regime, she picked the value of teamwork and challenged her team to follow suit.

While passing the vote of thanks, Ms Rebecca Kemunto, outgoing UNSA Vice Chair challenged the sitting council to be open to learning, to come out of their comfort zones and represent the best University in East and Central Africa.

Prof. Isaac Mbeche, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs and Father Wamugunda, Dean of Students also spoke during the luncheon. [VF](#)



University of Nairobi management pose for a group photo with UNSA officials during a handover luncheon.

## UNSA leaders and UoN Management strike deal on students' welfare

The UNSA leaders and the University Management have agreed to jointly address issues affecting students, such as security, accommodation, transport and academics.

During a leadership training at the KCB Leadership Centre in Karen, former University of Nairobi Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi, congratulated the new leaders for conducting peaceful campaigns and challenged them to discharge their mandate effectively.

He observed that both staff and students are governed by laws, University statutes, University charter,

rules and regulations.

"Embrace peace in your hearts, in your schools and colleges and the University at large. Without peace, there cannot be any meaningful development. Be great by being relevant in your community, in the University, in the country and the world at large. In all things you do, remember the University of Nairobi slogan, "Leading with excellence." he said.

Prof. Isaac Mbeche, the Acting Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs and Ag. DVC, Finance, Planning and Development, urged the student leaders to embrace dialogue when

addressing issues.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Julius Ogeng'o, asked the student leaders to guide students.

"As student leaders you have many opportunities. Capitalize on your strengths, maximize on the opportunities and minimize on threats. The future University managers are among the student leaders," he said.

The student leaders were guided on various university processes like procurement, planning, budgeting and spending rules. [VF](#)



University of Nairobi management pose for a group photo with UNSA officials during the induction of student leaders at the KCB Leadership Center, Karen.

## Students interact with industry during AIESEC Week

University of Nairobi AIESEC students marked the 2019 AIESEC Week by engaging various industry players on solving societal challenges and offering solutions to SDG goals, among other issues.

The sessions were held from April 24, 2019 at the University of Nairobi Towers. Students interacted with industry players on internships, jobs and entrepreneurship. Various businesspeople shared their success stories and failures.

Speakers challenged students to embrace internship positions since some of them are meant to test their attitude. "In today's world you need skills, knowledge and good attitude to be successful in your career," said Simon Mbugua, the Principal Consultant at TM Consultancy.

Mr. Mbugua further shared his entrepreneurial journey and the

secrets needed to scale the heights, including a firm social support from family and friends should your business venture fail to take shape despite good business plans.

"Have a supportive family and circle of friends who will be ready to give you food and a place to sleep should you be locked out of your home should things be terrible for you."

Former Kikuyu Member of Parliament, Mr Lewis Nguyai, explained the challenges facing men and women in business. He reiterated the need for the government to give tax incentives to employers to enable them absorb more interns and graduates upon completion of their studies.

"Business is tough. We started a company that gives medical insurance and for two years, we had no business," he said. He advised students who want to venture into entrepreneurship to prepare

psychologically for a marathon journey faced with many challenges but can be very rewarding.

Students were challenged to come up with innovative solutions to enable them to create a living for themselves instead of waiting for the government support.

The UoN Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr. John Orindi, pointed out the various initiatives carried out by the University to help students incubate their business startups. Such avenues include C4D Lab and Fab Lab. Students were also cautioned on copyrights and protecting their ideas and patents.

Through the creation of the Office of Career Services, the University has created a platform where students can have access to thousands of internships and jobs via industry linkages. [VF](#)



Former Kikuyu Member of Parliament, Mr Lewis Nguyai, poses for a group photo with students during the AIESEC week held at the University of Nairobi.

## Drama students wow theatre lovers

The University of Nairobi School of Law drama troupe thrilled the audience with their multi-award winning play, *Botched*, during the 1st Annual Varsity Theatre Festival.

The thespians, popularly known as Theatre of the Absurd, stirred the crowd to a standing ovation. The festival held in Taifa Hall on

June 28, 2019, featured Winners of the Kenya National Drama and Film Festivals, including the award winning best actor, Silas B. Owiti and actress Sandra Wanjiku, Winnie Akinyi, Elvis Mambo, and Judy Wambua.

The Guest of Honor was former Cabinet minister Martha Karua. Apart from emerging the best

national play of 2019, the play also won awards in the following categories: Best Play in English; Best Production; Best Scripted Play; Most Creative Play; Best Play on Youth Responsible Health Behaviour; Most Original Play; Best Director Award; Best Actor Award; and Best Screen Advert (Runners Up). **VF**



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