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FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD CLIMATE ACTION**

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INTRODUCTION

Maasai Mara University was chartered on 12th February, 2013. The University's competitive advantage lies in its strategic location as a gateway to Maasai Mara National Reserve, which is a worldwide renown natural heritage. It is also close to the Mau Forest, one of the most important water towers in the East African region, as well as its location a major livestock and wheat production area in the country. These intertwined with the rich Maasai culture makes the University the ideal place for studies in science, natural resources, tourism, wildlife, livestock, agriculture, cultural heritage and the social sciences that we have identified as our flagship courses.

VISION

To be a world class university committed to academic excellence for development

MISSION

To provide quality university education through innovative teaching, research and consultancy services for development

UNIVERSITY NICHE

Tourism, Environmental Resource Management and Conservation

MOTTO

Eng'eno e Puaan
(Knowledge for prosperity)

CORE VALUES

Excellence
Team Work
Professionalism
Equity and Social Justice
Creativity and Innovativeness
Transparency and Accountability

SCHOOLS

School of Education
School of Business and Economics
School of Tourism and Hospitality
School of Pure, Applied and Health Sciences
School of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and Creative Industries
School of Natural Resource, Environmental Studies and Agriculture

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NATIONAL ANTHEM

O God of all creation
Bless this our land and nation
Justice be our shield and defender
May we dwell in unity
Peace and liberty
Plenty be found within our borders.

Let one and all arise
With hearts both strong and true
Service be our earnest endeavour
And our homeland of Kenya
Heritage of splendour
Firm may we stand to defend.

Let all with one accord
In common bond united
Build this our nation together
And the glory of Kenya
The fruit of our labour
Fill every heart with thanksgiving.

WIMBO WA TAIFA

Ee Mungu nguvu yetu
Ilete baraka kwetu
Haki iwe ngao na mlinzi
Natukae na undugu
Amani na uhuru
Raha tupate na ustawi.

Amkeni ndugu zetu
Tufanye sote bidii
Nasi tujitoe kwa nguvu
Nchi yetu ya Kenya
Tunayoipenda
Tuwe tayari kuilinda.

Natujenge taifa letu
Ee, ndio wajibu wetu
Kenya istahili heshima
Tuungane mikono
Pamoja kazini
Kila siku tuwe na shukrani.

EAST AFRICA ANTHEM

Chorus

Jumuiya Yetu sote tuilinde
Tuwajibike tuimarike
Umoja wetu ni nguzo yetu
Idumu Jumuiya yetu.

Verse 1.

Ee Mungu twaomba ulinde
Jumuiya Afrika Mashariki
Tuwezeshe kuishi kwa amani
Tutimize na malengo yetu.

Verse 2.

Uzalendo pia mshikamano
Viwe msingi wa Umoja wetu
Natulinde Uhuru na Amani
Mila zetu na desturi zetu.

Verse 3.

Viwandani na hata mashambani
Tufanye kazi sote kwa makini
Tujitoe kwa hali na mali
Tuijenge Jumuiya bora

MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY ANTHEM

Thank you, O Lord, The Almighty God
Thank you for Maasai Mara Our University
The Star Between the Mau Forest,
And the Mara the home of the seventh Wonder of the World
So, Thank you O Lord for Maasai Mara University
We glo-rify your Ho-ly Name
The Epitome of academic Excellence
Research and innovative Teaching
Embracing Creativity, Embracing Transparency
Professional, Accountabi-lity
The Epitome of academic Excellence
Research and Innovative Teaching
Promoting Equity and Social Justice
So God bless Maasai Mara University.

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THE CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION



**Hon. Ezekiel Machogu
Ombaki**

**Cabinet Secretary,
Ministry of Education**

It is with joy that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the graduating class of 2023 as well as join the parents and guardians of Maasai Mara University in celebrating their academic success. This is indeed a great day to each and everyone of you for this milestone that marks the culmination of years of hard-work, resilience and dedication. You have invested a significant part of your lives in pursuit of knowledge and excellence. Therefore, your graduation today is no mean achievement and you deserve commendation. You have all demonstrated a strong will, focus and discipline throughout your time at the university. You have proved that you have what it takes to make it in whatever career paths you take as you leave the university.

To the graduands, as you reflect on your life and campus experience at Maasai Mara University over the years, I am convinced that you will remember all your efforts, determination and perseverance that have brought you this far. You have overcome many obstacles and made many sacrifices to achieve this today. With each passing year, you will realize that memories of your experience at Maasai Mara University will grow to mean more to you. As you reflect on the friendships, joys and frustrations of the time you have spent at the university, you will for sure acknowledge that University is a part of your life. These should serve as a motivation and give you the impetus to help you make a positive impact in your communities, country and the world at large.

As you embark on the next phase of your life, I urge all those graduating today to use the knowledge, skills and talents that you have gained to impact the world positively. The experiences you have had, the networks you have established and the virtues you have built in you, will be of great value as you forge your way ahead. Remember this is only the beginning, the sky is not the limit for you! I therefore urge you to go out there and inspire greatness in

all that lies ahead of you. You have got a bright future ahead!

I am delighted to note the tremendous continued growth of Maasai Mara University in terms of student enrolment and infrastructure. This is also a true reflection of the number of graduands that are graduating today with various degrees, diplomas and certificates, evidence of the quality and diversity of academic programmes that Maasai Mara University offers. I therefore encourage the university to continuously develop and review academic programmes that are in tandem with the market demands, both locally and globally, and competitive ones which are aimed at solving the myriad challenges that face our society.

The strategic location of Maasai Mara University gives it a competitive advantage to enhance its visibility locally, regionally and globally. Let us embrace and establish areas within the niche and sub-niches of the university and create an impact to our society. The university should take a lead in exploring opportunities, empowering local and global communities, identifying gaps and establishing ways of environmental and ecosystem conservation and preservation, as well as coming up with sustainable environmental practices. I am aware that

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Maasai Mara University is taking a big lead in environmental conservation and climate action activities as evidenced by the many conservation activities the university has been engaged in.

The role of the university in actualizing the Kenya Kwanza Agenda and Vision 2030 calls for interdisciplinary approaches to research and innovation. I challenge all academic members of staff and researchers to take an active role driving the research agenda in this country, whose findings will also inform on policy formulation. We need evidences generated by researchers in our universities working closely with other economic players such as the private sector and non-governmental organizations.

My Ministry encourages all universities to utilize the available resources and opportunities, and make the research docket relevant and active.

Additionally, the ministry is ready to identify and support innovations by universities which have the potential to drive the economic growth of this country. By so doing, we will take a collective responsibility in finding solutions that will take our country to the next level. By embracing research and nurturing innovation interconnectedness, we can offer solutions to the challenges affecting local communities and position Kenya as a global hub for the most advanced knowledge and innovation, for sustainability.

As a Ministry, I wish to assure all public universities in this country that we are fully committed to addressing the challenges in universities relating to infrastructure, financing, and conditions of service. However, for us to make progress on all these, I want to reiterate that we have a duty to engage in constructive, genuine and honest consultations with one another so that we can implement strategies that will not only resolve the many challenges we face, but lay a strong foundation for sustainably running our universities going into the future.

As I conclude, I wish all the graduands the very best in their future endeavours. Congratulations once more.

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT OF UNIVERSITY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION



**Dr. Beatrice Muganda
Inyangala**

**Principal Secretary, State
Department of Higher
Education and Research,
Ministry of Education**

It gives me great pleasure and honour to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the class of 2023 of Maasai Mara University. Your persistence and determination have seen you successfully complete your academic journey. I am immensely proud of your achievements and glad to say that today, you reap the rewards of your commitment, persistence and passion.

As you move beyond the university to continue along the next phase of your life, remember the true measure of your transformation and accomplishment as graduands is the experience that prepares you to be intelligent, thoughtful and compassionate leaders who are committed to making a positive difference in your community, country and the world at large. I encourage you to embrace the knowledge, skills and talents you have gained from the

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university, to help you make a significant impact on the world, shape your destiny and create a brighter tomorrow.

I am impressed by the strides that the university has made over the years ranging from increased number of students, infrastructure, research and innovation. They are a measure of the high quality and number of academic programmes, the quality of resources at the university, its positive image and good ties with its stakeholders and partners. This is a significant step to the university's high ranking as a research hub and as an institution of higher learning. Notably also, the establishment of the Centre of Excellence in Tree Nursery by Her excellency the First Lady of the Republic of Kenya, Madam Rachel Ruto, is a clear indication that the university is on the right path towards the Greening Agenda and Climate Change Action. That the University, having been mandated to serve and supply to the neighbouring communities and the Great South Rift with tree seedlings, is a true measure of trust and confidence that have been bestowed upon the institution by the highest office in the land. Thus, as a Centre of Excellence in Higher Education, the university

should continue to reflect on the role of scientific research and community outreach as part of its core mandates, for sustainable development and environmental conservation.

In order to solve economic and financial challenges facing universities, I urge all to embrace research and innovations. Let the members of academic staff and researchers embrace research and innovation as sources of extra funding to the university, for self-development as well as create an impact to our environment. I acknowledge the various collaborations and partnerships that the university has made and encourage that you take them a notch higher with both the regional and global communities.

The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology is in the process of making reforms and reconstructing the education sector. The ministry is in the forefront in re-designing, re-engineering and re-aligning academic programmes in order to address the paradigm shifts in the curriculum and education system. As such, we need to mobilize all the skills, talents and ideas from all of you in order to find solutions that will not only help us

transform the education sector and economy at large, but also put the country on a sustainable path, in order to achieve the vision 2030 targets. Thus, quality and innovative teaching, learning and research must be in line with the demand in the job market.

Providing quality higher education is not just a preserve of government but a collective responsibility for both policy makers, management of institutions of higher learning and academic staff. Addressing our challenges will require our concerted efforts to find solutions. The desire of the government is to provide the best environment such as infrastructure, tools and resources required to provide quality education to the learners. Equally, members of staff at all levels and students alike should carry the same zeal of responsibility in working together to find lasting solutions to our challenges.

Finally, I heartily congratulate the graduating class of 2023 and wish you success in your future endeavours.

THE CHANCELLOR, MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY



Dr. Kennedy Ole Kerei
Ag. Chancellor

I wish to congratulate all graduands for this great achievement. This celebration marks the eleventh graduation ceremony of Maasai Mara University. The graduation ceremony is the most significant and meaningful occasion in a University's calendar. I am delighted to be part of this milestone.

The University's vision is to be a world class university committed to academic excellence for development. This vision is explicit on the role of academia on the local, national and global transformational agenda. Your admission to the university signaled a shared vision on matters of learning and education. You have acquired the appropriate values and skills to enable you play your transformative role in the

society on development matters.

To the Graduating Class of 2023, I wish to remind you that Maasai Mara University values you as our loyal partners. We urge you to play your part as role models and inspirers, career mentors, improving student recruitment efforts, fund raising and supporting the university's reputation. Every alumnus has experienced being a student to becoming a unique and different graduate and we therefore challenge you to play your role in the society.

Maasai Mara University is committed to playing its role as a key driver to the local, national and global agenda.

We are proud to note that the number of students has been increasing tremendously and this year, our university received over 3000 1st year students from the KUCCPS under the Kenya Government's new funding model thus making a total of over 10,000 students, including continuing students. This year we are having the first batch of 17 students graduating with BSc in Nursing and 38 Certificate in Health Care Assistant. These Certificate students were funded by the Government of Finland and we appreciate the support. We want to appreciate The Government of Kenya, The Government of Finland and all partners for being part of our success. As a university, this is

an achievement that we thank God for. Also, the University recently signed a memorandum of understanding with Vaal University of Technology where students and academic staff in various fields have benefitted and continue to benefit through exchange visits that entail teaching, research and various collaborations. This has ensured that our university claims its rightful place in the global arena with a great impact to various communities.

With the launch of CBC (Competence Based Learning), our university is preparing to ensure that academic programmes remain relevant where learners use their talents to serve in different fields and contribute not only to the development of communities but the country at large.

I am impressed with the infrastructural developments in the university. Worth noting is the construction of the Mau Complex with high architectural quality that contains modern lecture halls, lecture theaters, academic and administrative staff offices. Indeed, these will bolster the University's initiatives towards attainment of quality and relevant education.

I congratulate the 2023 class on their academic achievements and wish them well as the Maasai Mara University ambassadors, their alma mater.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL



Dr. Susan Chebet, HSC
Ag. Council Chairperson

The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education, Principal Secretary, State Department of Higher Education and Research, Chancellor, Council Members, Vice Chancellor, Esteemed Faculty, Proud Parents, Class of 2023, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is a privilege to stand before you today as we commemorate the height of years of diligence, commitment, and academic growth. This day marks a significant milestone not only for our graduates but for the entire academic community that has supported and nurtured them along their journey.

The Class of 2023, receive my heartfelt congratulations! Your accomplishments thus far are a demonstration of your solid loyalty to excellence. The pursuit of knowledge is a noble endeavor, and each of you has demonstrated exceptional dedication to the principles of scholarship and learning. Today, we not only recognize your academic accomplishments but also the resilience and tenacity you've

exhibited in overcoming challenges.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

As we acknowledge the graduates, let us also express gratitude to the families and friends who have stood by them throughout their educational pursuits. Your support, encouragement, and sacrifices have played an integral role in the success we celebrate today. Your belief in the power of education and your commitment to these graduates have undoubtedly contributed to their achievements.

To the academic and non-academic staff, I extend my appreciation for your tireless efforts in shaping the minds of these graduates. Your passion for teaching, mentorship, and research has left an indelible mark on the academic landscape of our institution. Today's graduates carry with them not only the knowledge you've imparted but also the values and principles you've instilled.

Ladies and gentlemen.

Today, we gather not only to celebrate academic achievements but to embark on a journey of reflection and inspiration centered around a theme that is both timely and imperative: "Research and Innovation in Tourism and Environmental Resource Management for Sustainable Livelihood and Climate Action."

Our world is at a crossroads, and as the graduates entering the realms of professional life, you carry with you the potential to make a profound impact on the delicate balance between

tourism, environmental resources, and the urgent need for sustainable development and climate action.

The theme we embrace today underscores the interconnectedness of our actions and their consequences on the environment. Tourism, a powerful engine of economic growth, has the potential to either uplift or degrade the very landscapes that attract visitors. As stewards of the Earth, it is our responsibility to ensure that our pursuit of economic prosperity does not come at the cost of the planet's health.

To the graduands, I urge you to carry the torch of sustainable development and climate action into your respective fields. Whether you find yourselves in the tourism industry, environmental organizations, policy-making bodies, or any other sector, let your decisions be guided by a commitment to leaving a positive and lasting impact on the planet.

In closing, let me express my utmost pride in the graduating class of 2023. You are the embodiment of the ideals and aspirations of our academic community. As you step into the world beyond these walls, carry the torch of knowledge with integrity, empathy, and a sense of purpose. Congratulations, and may your endeavors be marked by a commitment to sustainable development, environmental stewardship, and a passion for creating a world where future generations can thrive

THE Ag. VICE-CHANCELLOR



Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho,
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Acting Vice Chancellor

Salutations:

The Ag. Chancellor of the University
The Cabinet Secretary of Education
The Principal Secretary for Higher Education
The Ag. Chair of the University Council
Council Members
The Governor of Narok County
University Management and Senate
Fellow VCs from other Universities
University members of Staff
Distinguished Guests
Graduands
Parents and Guardians
Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the University Management Board, University Senate, Staff and Students, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to Maasai Mara University to celebrate with us the 11th graduation ceremony of Maasai Mara University. The University's Niche and our strategic location resonates well with the theme of this year's graduation **"Research & Innovation in Tourism and Environmental Resource**

Management for Sustainable Livelihood and Climate Action".

I wish to take the earliest opportunity to express my warm and heartfelt congratulations to the graduands of the 2023 class who have gathered here today on this auspicious occasion. Your resilience, hard-work and commitments have brought you this far and thus making you realize your dreams. I am confident that the University has fully equipped you with the knowledge, skills, and right attitudes, resonating well with the core values of the University which will guide and influence our society through your positive thinking. As you graduate today, we look forward to you joining the Maasai Mara University Alumni Association which will make you stay connected and in touch with your Alma Mater.

I am delighted to inform our guests that we are privileged as a university to serve as a Centre of Excellence in Model Tree Nursery, a project that was launched by Her Excellency the First Lady of the republic of Kenya, Mrs. Rachel Ruto. The facility is meant to serve the whole of the South Rift. The centre has a capacity of 1,000,000 tree seedlings and with this target, I am confident that we will help the President of the Republic of Kenya achieve his mission and directive of planting 15 billion trees by 2032. The centre is further geared towards realizing the First Lady's motto of **'MaMa Doing Good'** to the people of Kenya through such projects. The University's model Tree Nursery aims to serve the following core

mandates: training the local community on growing of trees, adopting environmental clubs in 100 schools in Narok County, supplying tree seedlings to the local community with the aim of greening Narok County, and finally engaging the community in conservation in line with the University's Niche of **'Tourism, Environmental Management and Conservation'**. With a standing committee of the University in the Implementation of the Model Tree Nursery and the Greening Programme in place, I believe that we will achieve our goals and serve as a model university with regard to climate action.

As a gateway to Maasai Mara Game Reserve, the university is at an advanced stage of establishing an Animal Sanctuary within the university vicinity for endangered and vulnerable animal species. This will enhance Eco-Tourism and conservation of wild animals' efforts. Eco-Tourism will further provide another source of income to the university and conservation of wild animals which is a major tourist attraction in Kenya. The sanctuary will also offer opportunities for practicals to students taking wildlife and tourism related courses, as well as research opportunities.

Allow me to say that Maasai Mara University is strategically located and we are on course to exploit our full potential, as we strive to increase our visibility. The university has embraced what we have famously named as our **4Ms** to take advantage of the Mau Forest Complex, Mara River, Mara Game Reserve and the rich Maa Culture. To exploit all these, the

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university has adopted the 5th **M, Maombi kwa Wote** as proposed by the First Lady of Kenya. I am thus happy to note that there is a committee working towards realizing our full potential as enshrined in the 5Ms even as we work hard to take this university to greater heights in academics, research and innovation.

As a university we have continued to make major strides in a number of areas. We have established a school of Tourism and Hospitality Management to align ourselves with the Niche of the university and make it relevant with intensity of the Tourism industry, wildebeest migration, the 8th Wonder of the world, which is a major economic icon in Kenya. The university has further re-engineered its courses by introducing the department of Agriculture which will host new programmes relating to Agricultural Sciences, due to our geographical location among large scale farmers, and as we are aware, Agriculture is the backbone of the Kenya's economy. The university is also in the process of establishing a Horticultural centre that will serve as a research hub as well as a food production and processing zone, for food security, improvement of livelihoods and for economic gains.

I am happy to inform you that we take an active role to ensure that Maasai Mara University remains a centre of excellence and fight for our space in the global arena. For instance, we participated in the just concluded African Climate Summit held in Nairobi in September, 2023 whereby we were able to showcase our capabilities as a university,

displaying the climate action initiatives undertaken by the university. We also participated by attending and presenting papers during the Mara Day celebrations held in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania this year.

Further still, as a major player of Narok county, we are proud to note that the university takes an exemplary role by closely engaging with our immediate community through CSRs. For instance, we participated in the National Tree Planting Day officiated by our Governor, His Excellency Patrick Ole Ntutu, where we donated and delivered 5000 seedlings to Enosupukia, and participated in the actual planting of the trees.

I am delighted to state that we have established many collaborations and partnerships with other institutions for research and exchange programmes. A case in point is with Finnish Government who have sponsored our students taking Health Care Assistants (HCA) with the pioneer group graduating today. May I take this opportunity to thank the Finnish Ambassador for this enormous support. I also appreciate the close ties we enjoy in many ventures with the Chinese and South African Governments, to mention just but a few. The Chinese Academy of Science (CAS) has extended a lot of support to the University and we appreciate them. Just on Tuesday this week, we signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with a team from CAS to implement some of the joint projects.

As a university, we have continued to partner with the local community in many ways which indeed portend a sign of goodwill. For instance, through

our community service and outreach programmes, we are able to promote knowledge and technology transfer, capacity building thereby contributing towards the realization of Sustainable Development. Today, I am confident that we have equipped the graduands with the relevant skills, knowledge and expertise that will make them drivers of the positive transformation that our country dearly needs. They have the tools, the knowledge, the skills, the ethical commitments, and the passion to steer through the changes that lie ahead and make them change-makers, job-creators but not job-seekers.

As I conclude, may I take this opportunity to appreciate the support we have continued to receive from the National Government through the Ministry of Education. I wish to thank the Cabinet Secretary very much for accepting to grace this occasion. To the County Government of Narok, our close relationship cannot go unmentioned, His Excellency the Governor, we know that you are a friend of this University and we cannot take that for granted. As a University, we will work closely with your office for the growth and development of this university and the "Maa" community. Allow me also to appreciate our members of staff, distinguished guests, graduands, parents and guardians for your presence. Special mention also goes to all our stakeholders and the university community at large. Finally, to our graduands, we have prepared you adequately for life outside the university. Remember to carry the banner of Maasai Mara University out there and shine your light so

brightly that people will have no choice but to see you.

Once again, my warm congratulations to the graduands and their families.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, 2024.
Thank you and God bless you.

THE DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR (ACADEMIC & STUDENTS AFFAIRS)



Prof. Bulitia Godrick Mathews, PhD.

**Deputy Vice-Chancellor
(Academic and Student Affairs)**

The Academic Division embodies realization of the core mandate of Maasai Mara University through spearheading actualization of the University Niche: “Tourism, Environmental Resource Management and Conservation”.

Churning out graduands and celebrating their success in a glorious annual event is a blueprint milestone for a university, and thus mirroring realization of the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in achieving quality University Education. It is during such desirable season of the year that the Academic Division and Maasai Mara University in entirety blows its trumpet on milestones in teaching and learning, creativity, research, innovation and consultancy services, increased student enrolment and retention, community outreach and stakeholder engagement. These milestones are as expounded in subsequent sub-titles and paragraphs.

Excellent Achievement of Performance Contract (PC) Targets

Foremost is the Academic Division's excellence in enabling the University achieve its core mandate by enormously contributing to the impressive improvements regarding achievement of 2022/2023 Financial Year Performance Contract (PC) targets. The Division realized lots of ‘**Excellent**’ and few ‘**Very Good**’ ratings in various targets consequently culminating to overall University composite score of **2.8155** rated as ‘**Very Good**’, as evident in the Performance Evaluation Report for the Year: 2022/2023. This is a splendid and historic achievement that has never been realized since Maasai Mara University was chartered as a fully-fledged university in 2013. The Performance Evaluation was conducted by a competent team from the State Department for Public Service, Ministry of Public Service, Performance and Delivery Management.

Fulfillment of CUE Quality Standards

Likewise, the Division continually aligns itself with university education quality standards and requirements set by the Commission for University Education. Remarkably, in October 2023 CUE led by its Chief Executive Officer Prof. Mike Kuria lauded the Division for incredible efforts in ensuring that the University constantly develop and review sustainable academic programmes; as well as having obligatory teaching,

learning and research resources intertwined with relevant infrastructure. This was after CUE pitched tent at the University for three days conducting thorough audit and assessing suitability of our newly developed academic programmes and associated facilities.

We have also complied with CUE prerequisite of conducting institutional self-assessment audit after every five years and a Self-Assessment Report (SAR) has been discussed and approved by the University Senate. This precedes a CUE steered inspection that is done physically at the University aiming of to assess University's compliance to education quality standards as stipulated in the CUE Standards and Guidelines and other education policy documents.

Global Climate Change Ambassador

Faculty members and non-teaching staff led by the School of Natural Resources, Environmental Studies and Agriculture (SNRESA) have led the Division in championing climate change mitigation measures through both virtual and physical engagements. Particularly, we participated in the Africa Climate Summit (ACS) that took place at the Kenya International Conference Centre (KICC) in Nairobi from 4th to 6th September 2023. The ACS brought together African leaders to deliberate on the growing

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vulnerability of the continent to the vagaries of climate change and the need to have a unified approach on climate change mitigation measures. Similarly, we boast of a state-of-the-art Maasai Mara University Center of Excellence in Tree Nursery Management that was launched by the Kenya's First Lady Her Excellency Mrs. Rachel Ruto, EGH on Monday, 7th August, 2023. The center is a hub for housing trees and fruit seeds and seedlings for promoting afforestation, reafforestation and agroforestry in the South-Rift Region targeting schools. University senators too joined Kenyans to plant tree seedlings at Enosupukia Forest during the National Tree Planting Day thus contributing to closing the range in realising the target of planting of 15 billion trees nationwide.

Open and Distance e-Learning (ODEL)

The University council hearkened to the Division's prayer of approving the establishment of the Directorate of Open and Distance e-Learning (ODEL). Accordingly, the University commenced implementation of activities of the directorate by training academic staff on content development for online modules. The training was meant to enhance their skills in content development and customization for the Moodle Learning Management System (LMS). The training equipped lecturers with the tools, knowledge, and educational landscape to deliver high quality online and blended courses.

Establishment of Maasai Mara University TVET Institute

The Division prides in the creation of the Maasai Mara University TVET Institute as a newly established directorate meant to house Certificate and Diploma academic programmes offered by the University. A series of accreditation processes were undertaken by the University in line with government's requirement that certificate and diploma programmes should be offered, only by institutions registered under the Technical and Vocational Education Training Authority (TVETA) to enable the students qualify for government funding. TVET accredited programmes will also ensure that the University benefits from the students placed into TVET programmes by Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Services (KUCCPS).

Research Ethics Enhanced

We have trained research ethic committee members, teaching and non-teaching staff and postgraduate students on embracing research ethics. The cost-free training conducted on Tuesday, 26th September to Thursday, 28th September, 2023 was facilitated by specialists from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and nationally by The National Council for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI). The successful training made the University ready to establish its Institutional Research Ethics Review Committee.

Call for collaborations and partnerships

The Division warmly welcomes national and international partnerships in research, innovations, teaching and learning, consultancy services as well as academic exchange programs.

In a Nutshell

Today is a great day as Maasai Mara University churns out the 11th cohort of its graduands. As a University, we are proud to graduate 1744 at Postgraduate, Undergraduate, Diploma and Certificate levels. We congratulate the graduands on their achievements which are commendable because it has taken hard work, discipline and steady focus on their academic goals to get them where they are now. We congratulate them for this milestone in their lives.

I also acknowledge and congratulate all the other actors who have actively participated in their academic journey; their parents, faculty, staff and other stakeholders who have enabled them acquire the qualifications that they will be awarded today.

In pursuit of its Vision, the University invested in modern infrastructure and employed competent and highly qualified faculty. The University's Core Values of Excellence, Team Work, Professionalism, Equity and Social Justice, Creativity and Innovativeness, Transparency and Accountability have also been the core drivers of our teaching and learning. I am, therefore, fully convinced that these students have not only been academically trained but that they have also been guided and prepared to live by the tenets of the University Mission which is

“To provide quality university education through innovative teaching, research and consultancy services for development”

As an institution of higher learning, we recognize the need for the University to adopt innovative policy practices, approaches and governance systems that will ensure that our

students are equipped with skills, knowledge and values that provide them an opportunity to thrive in the 21st Century. We, therefore, pledge our continued commitment to strengthening our academic offerings, research and extension services in response to emerging societal needs.

We will continue striving to embrace international best practices towards the attainment of quality teaching, research and innovation, community support and partnerships. Once again, we congratulate the Class of 2023!

THE Ag. DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR (ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE & STRATEGY)



**Prof. James Simiren
Nampushi, PhD, MKIM**
Ag. DVC (Administration,
Finance & Strategy)

The Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration, Finance and Strategy) co-ordinates administrative and financial support to our members and stakeholders. The Section is responsible for providing a variety of services to faculty and students, namely: administrative support, financial management, human resource resources, payroll management, student records among others. The team is dedicated to supporting the needs of its students and staff members with a view to

providing quality service delivery.

It is a privilege and honour that I join you all in celebrating the 11th Graduation ceremony for the Class of 2023 Maasai Mara University. The graduation ceremony is the most significant and meaningful occasion in the University's calendar especially for our graduands.

Congratulations to all the graduands, you have done very well and deserve to celebrate today. Graduations mark the beginning of another phase in the journey of life. I strongly believe, with the training and knowledge acquired, you can become good ambassadors of your alma mater and be role models wherever you go.

I want to pass my special gratitude to your families, sponsors, lecturers and mentors, for the sacrifice they made to get you to where you are today. Indeed, they deserve a big thank you. As you celebrate today, be grateful for all the leaning shoulders you have had in the course of your studies. Go out

into the world a much better person, equipped with new knowledge and skills, and willing to share and contribute to the betterment of your communities and humanity as a whole.

Ladies and gentlemen, as my parting shot to the graduands: I congratulate you all and wish you the very best in your life endeavors. Remember, a lot is expected of you. I have every confidence that each and every one of you will excel in the paths you choose to take. Be good Ambassadors of Maasai Mara University and make us proud by being strong, innovative, ethical and offer great contributions to the society. You should also have a sense of accomplishment and pride in all you have accomplished thus far. Whatever decisions you make in life, may I remind you of the important role that you can play as a Maasai Mara University graduate and alumnus.

I thank you and wish you the very best of luck in all your future undertakings and positive career prospects.

SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND
CREATIVE INDUSTRIES



Prof. Kodak Benard, AMPRSK
Dean, School of Arts, Humanities, Social
Sciences and Creative Industries



Dr. John Ndungu Kungu
Chairperson, Social Studies



Dr. Jane Ombati
Chairperson, Languages Linguistics
& Culture (LLC)



Dr. Denis. Ikachoi
Ag. Chairperson, Media, Film
& Communication (MFC)

I take this opportunity to congratulate the graduating class of 2023. Graduation marks the culmination of your academic journey at Maasai Mara University. You have come a long way and I wish you the best in your next phase of life.

The School of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and Creative Industries has three departments namely:

1. Languages, Literature and Culture
2. Media, Film and Communication
3. Social Studies departments.

The school continues to position itself in its role of providing valuable training, learning and research opportunities in the Arts, Creative Industries, Humanities and Social Sciences. We train and equip

our students with competencies and skills for the 21st century by offering market-driven programmes that connect with and build upon its rich qualified academic faculty for service delivery to our esteemed students and other stakeholders.

Our faculty are steadfast in the integration of Theory, Research and Practice.

With the support of the University Management, the school facilitates student-

organized projects and media arts activities that allow students to create film,

television, sound, video and digital media content as well as community education and outreach projects. Students here undertake Field Courses in which they are embedded with Industry to learn hands-on skills relevant for prospective employment.



This year faculty members drawn from the Department of Media, Film and Communication attended a Trainer-of-Trainer's workshop organized by the Journalists for Human Rights Organization.

The training workshop was opened by the DVC Academics and Students Affairs Prof. Godrick Mathews Bulitua and graced by the Dean SAHSSCI Prof. B. Kodak.

The Department of Languages, Literature and Culture is proud present 2 of her first cohort of Ph.D students who will graduate with Doctor of Philosophy in Kiswahili degrees at the 11th Graduation Ceremony of Maasai Mara University. This will hopefully open the floodgates for many more postgraduate students in the years to come. Already, a number of postgraduate students in the department are at various stages of proposals and theses writing. The Department of Social Studies is home to Social

Work, Sociology, Community Development, Political Science and Public Administration, Criminology and Penology, Philosophy and Governance, History and Religious Studies. These programs lead to both undergraduate and Graduate Masters Degrees. Delivering these programs is a team of qualified and competent teaching faculty and administrative staff that work in synergy. We focus on student-centered learning and salient applications in the real world. Our graduates are formed to be equipped with appropriate theories, methodologies, and frameworks. This facilitates critical analysis and sound research. We produce civic competent graduates who make informed and reasoned decisions for the public good as citizens of a culturally diverse democratic society in an interdependent world.

We welcome all prospective students and hope you will find a program to suit your needs and interests in our

Department. We offer students opportunities to advance knowledge and develop creative solutions to social development gaps in the 21st century.

Many of our other faculty members have attended international workshops, seminars and conferences where they presented peer reviewed papers in the pursuit of knowledge dissemination.

Our faculty are engaged in research collaborations with scholars in other universities both local and international. These include Stellenbosch University (RSA), University of KwaZulu Natal (RSA), Clemson University (USA), University of South Carolina (USA), Oregon State University (USA), Lagos Business School (Nigeria), Millersville University (USA), Clarke University (USA) and University of Alabama (USA). The objects of collaborations are commonly the following:

- a) Development of academic research, workshops,

conferences, or other joint projects.

b) Exchange of scholarly and pedagogical materials.

c) Mobility of faculty, staff, or research personnel.

d) Mobility of undergraduate and graduate students.

e) Development of dual-degree, transfer-degree, or joint-degree programs

Congratulations once again.

Specific Activities in the Department of Media Film and Communication (December 2022 to December 2023)

1. Members of academic staff with students PARTICIPATED in the 5th KALASHA International Film Festival held at Kenyatta International Conference Centre (KICC) between March 29th -31st, 2023.
2. The Chair of Department of Media Film and Communication (Dr. Denis Ikachoi), Prof. Godrick Bulitia (Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic and Student Affairs) with the Dean, School of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and Creative Industries Prof. Benard Kodak, participated and received a medal on behalf of Maasai Mara University that was recognized and nominated as The Most Promising University in a ceremony organized by Jubilant Stewards. The event was held at Weston hotel, Nairobi on 30th June, 2023.
3. Academic staff members were trained by an NGO Journalists for Human Rights (JHR) between October 12th to 13th 2023. The training was to equip academic staff to develop a curriculum aimed at enhancing the training of journalism students in reporting gender and human rights issues professionally and ethically.
4. The Chair of Department, Dr. Denis Ikachoi, was invited (representing Maasai Mara University) to be among the panelists to review the applications, shortlist qualified students and recommend placement in the media houses. The event was held on Tuesday 14th November 2023 to Thursday 16th November 2023 at the Legacy Hotel, in Nakuru.



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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS



Mr. Simel Ole Sankei
Chairperson, Management



Dr. George K. Rukaria
Dean, School of Business & Economics



Mr. Job O. Ogada
Chairperson, Economics

The entire fraternity of the School of Business and Economics (SBE) congratulates the graduating class of 2023. We are all proud of your achievements and take this early opportunity to wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

In pursuit of its mandate, the School of Business and Economics is fully cognizant of the fact it does not exist in a vacuum. Indeed, the school trains for the society out there – in Kenya, the Eastern Africa region, Africa and the whole world. It is for this reason that the School is continually seeking mutually beneficial collaborations and partnerships with organizations and individuals.

The school got into one such partnership with the Kenya Accountants and Secretaries National Examination Board (KASNEB) during the 2022/2023 Academic Year. Among others, the initiative will lead to alignment of KASNEB's CPA syllabus with the school's Bachelor of Commerce degree syllabus. This will ultimately facilitate

exemptions by the two institutions. In addition, the collaboration will lead to value addition for our students in terms of acquisition of professional knowledge and skills as well as opportunities for funding support. The partnership will also lead to collaboration in research and consultancy.

During the year, the school also initiated a partnership with the Kenya Institute of Supplies Examinations Board (KISEB). Through this collaboration, the school will be accredited as a Training and Examination Centre for KISEB courses. This will be another source of value addition for our students. This is because they will get the opportunity to start pursuing the professional KISEB courses, which are mandatory for professionals in Procurement. This will greatly enhance both their employability and career progression.

The School of Business and Economics always makes deliberate effort to ensure its Academic Programmes are relevant and responsive to the market needs. Since these needs are always changing, the

school reviews its academic programmes periodically. In addition, the school seeks to remain compliant with the Commission for University Education (CUE) regulations and standards. For instance, the school continued with the review of the PhD in Business Administration in the preceding year, the process of which is almost through. The school is set to commence reviewing various other programmes in the coming year.

Generation and dissemination of knowledge is one of the core mandates of the university. This is achieved through research and publication of research outputs. The school has continued to support the university towards the achievement of this mandate through research and publications undertaken by faculty members. In particular, the school celebrated the launch of yet another book, "Sunset in the Savannah", by Mr. David Ole Munke during the just-ended 2022/2023 Academic Year. An avid writer, Mr. Ole Munke is a Lecturer in SBE.

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The Dean, School of Business and Economics Dr. GK Rukaria (standing 3rd right), joins other University staff during the launch of the book “Sunset in the Savannah”, by Mr. David Ole Munke (seated).

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION



Dr. Naphtali Rop
Chairperson, Educational
Foundations & Psychology



Prof. Beatrice Manyasi, PhD
Dean, School of Education



Prof. Paul Maithya
Chairperson, Curriculum, Instruction
& Educational Management

The School of Education is one of the largest in Maasai Mara University. It has two departments, *Curriculum Instruction and Education Management* (CIEM), headed by Prof. Paul Maithya, *Education*

Foundation and Psychology (EFP), headed by Dr. Naftali Rop. The School offers market driven Teacher Education Programmes accredited by the Commission for University Education. Faculty members embrace innovative teaching, adopting relevant pedagogical

skills as they use Open Educational Resources, Open Distance and Electronic Learning (ODEL) models plus computer technologies in Education. Our reviewed and accredited programmes by the Commission for University Education adopted blended

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learning, hence; members of faculty use face to face, synchronous and asynchronous methodologies in teaching and learning. This was made possible due to the university having invested in ICT infrastructure and a suitable Learning Management System (LMS).

The school has experienced members of faculty who contribute significantly to the current reforms in education in Kenya and globally. They were instrumental in contributing to the recommendations made by the Presidential Working Party on Education Reforms in Kenya (PWPER). Likewise, they are involved in unpacking proposals of the PWPER in Kenya to progressively review the current Teacher Education programmes to Competency Based Teacher Education (CBTE), to develop: competent, professional, reflective and ethical teachers, relevant for the 21st century. Faculty members are actively involved in attracting grants. Currently, some members are implementing the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) small grant to facilitate: the development of Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Policy, Open and Educational Resources (OER) besides implementation of ODL activities as per the expected project outcomes. Members of CIEM department developed a master of education programme in Online and

Distance Education (ODE) to address the needs of the 21st century and vision 2030 development agenda. Similarly, we are designing a *Proficiency Certificate in Competency-Based Education* to enable earlier graduates and teachers to acquire Knowledge, skills and positive attitude to facilitate implementation of the Basic Education Competency-Based Curriculum.

Internationalization of Education has been embraced in the school through students and members of faculty of Maasai Mara University and James Madison University (JMU), USA. This year, faculty members from the two universities led by a Fulbright scholar, were working on a book project titled; *“At School in the World; Developing Globally Engaged Teachers”* Edited by Carine E. Ullom and Nilufer Guler - Foreword By Miri Yemini and published by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. It is the first resource to combine the theory of globalizing education preparation programs (EPP) with practice, collected from all regions of the world. It makes the case for the necessity of incorporating global citizenship and intercultural competence development into education curricular at all levels - an ideal resource for all leaders of EPP at colleges

and universities, education policy developers, teacher preparation faculty, pre-service teachers (undergraduate and graduate), besides practicing teachers. Faculty members are also involved in research in the areas of: language education, teacher education, curriculum instruction and media, educational administration, psychology, integration of ICT in education, Special needs education, early childhood development among others, hence; they significantly contribute to the current educational research - Education Evidence for Action (EE4A).

The Programmes offered in the school are: Bachelor of Education Science, Bachelor of Education Arts, Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Development, Bachelor of Education (Science) with Special Needs Education, Bachelor of Education (Arts) with Special Needs Education, Bachelor of Education (Science) with Guidance and Counseling, Bachelor of Education (Arts) with Guidance and Counseling and sign language. In addition, the school offers Masters and Doctoral programmes in the areas of: Education Administration, Leadership and Policy Studies, Curriculum, Instruction and Educational Media, Guidance and Counseling, Philosophy of

Education, Special Needs Education, Early Childhood Development Education and Psychology.

Our graduates will be involved in the Competency Based

Curriculum implementation, Educational leadership, guidance and counseling, policy formulation and action research that will inform successful implementation of

education reforms at all levels. Congratulations to all students graduating in the year 2023!

SCHOOL OF PURE, APPLIED & HEALTH SCIENCE



Prof. Nathan Oyaro

Dean, School of Pure, Applied & Health Sciences



Ms. Jacqueline Naulikha
Chairperson,
Health Science



Dr. Edward Njuguna Muturi
Chairperson,
Mathematics & Physical
Sciences



Dr. Dominic Menge
Chairperson,
Biological Sciences



Mr. Justus Ope
Chairperson,
Computing &
Information Sciences

On behalf of the School and myself, I would like to congratulate the graduates of the year 2023 for achieving this great milestone. This year was a fairly good one for our students in the school. Two students from Biological Sciences obtained scholarships from our very worthy partners, Wuhan Botanical Garden, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Secondly, 48 students from Department of Health Sciences were fully sponsored to do a certificate in Health Care Assistant (HCA) by Finish Government through AmaniHiova a Finish Company.

I urge our graduates to be on the look out for scholarships especially from Chinese Academy of Sciences as we expect more next year. Also I encourage you to

register with the various postgraduate courses.

Let the knowledge you have acquired in our university be a stepping stone as you face the world tomorrow.

The school would like to wish you good luck in your future endeavour, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Good luck

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SCHOOL OF TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY



Mr. Moses Muraya
Chairperson, Tourism,
Hospitality & Leisure Studies



Dr. Justus Muchiri
Ag. Dean, School of
Tourism and Hospitality.

School actively seeks to establish robust connections with industry stakeholders and partners. Collaborations with esteemed organizations such as the Tourism Research Institute (TRI), Tourism Regulatory Authority (TRA), Ministry of Tourism, Hospitality Establishments, French Embassy, and existing partnerships with institutions like Clemson University and Kenya Wildlife Service are pivotal. These affiliations empower the school to leverage resources for research, community outreach, industrial attachments, and job placements, enhancing the overall student experience.

Embracing the spirit of community service, our Hospitality students engage in bi-weekly cleanup exercises within the University premises, demonstrating the school's commitment to environmental stewardship and social responsibility, and recently our staff and students participated in the Maasai Cultural week to celebrate, market and embrace the conspicuous Maa Culture which is one of the tourism products in Kenya. Our students engage

The School of Tourism and Hospitality stands as the cornerstone of the university's niche, encompassing **Tourism, Environmental Resource Management, and Conservation.**

Aligned with the university's overarching goals, the School is dedicated to contributing to the University's 'Five Ms' which include: **Maasai Mara Game Reserve, Maasai Mara River, Mau Forest Restoration, Maa Culture, and the 'Maombi kwa wote' initiative** - aimed at sustainable livelihoods and income generation. This commitment is upheld through our core activities: teaching, research and community outreach.

Comprising two distinct yet interrelated departments, (the Tourism Department and Hospitality Department) the School takes pride in offering cutting-edge education and has introduced two postgraduate programs, namely the Masters in Tourism Management (MTM) and Masters in Hospitality Management (MHM). These programs, accredited by the Commission of University Education, are set to admit their inaugural cohort in September 2024.

The School envisions expanding its academic portfolio to include diploma, certificate, and short courses, tailored to meet the evolving demands of the dynamic Tourism and Hospitality industry. In pursuit of our mission, the

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in tree planting on a semester basis as a measure to combat climate change, and green cover.

The School takes pride in fostering lifelong connections with its alumni, facilitating employment opportunities and postgraduate scholarships. Our alumni, dispersed

globally, excel in the fields of Tourism, Travel, and Hospitality, becoming valuable ambassadors of our institution. Looking forward, the School envisions pioneering the development of a comprehensive Tourism and Hospitality Establishment, Animal Sanctuary, and Cultural

Center, celebrating the rich diversity of cultures in Kenya.

In closing, the School extends heartfelt congratulations to all graduands for their outstanding academic achievements. May God bless you abundantly in all your future endeavors.



Tourism student visiting Gede Ruins



Club Tammu at Lake Bogoria



Tourism students at Kit Mikayi

SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENTAL
STUDIES AND AGRICULTURE



Dr. Jedidah Nankaya
Chairperson, Forestry and
Wildlife Management



Prof. Francis Mburu, PhD
Dean, School Natural
Resources, Tourism &
Hospitality Management



Dr. Patrick Kamundia
Chairperson, Animal Health
and Production



Dr. Samson Mabwoga
Chairperson, Environmental
Studies, Geography & Agriculture

The Dean of the School of NRESA is assigned the performance of certain tasks, achievements, activities and how are aligned to the University Vision, Mission and national development as well as the BeTA transformation Agenda.

Climate change alters the ecosystem-human interactions that may lead to loss of biodiversity and hence erosion of the basic support systems for the livelihood of

many people around the world. The deviation from moderate temperatures and precipitation patterns affects the availability of natural resources and systematically increases the risk of conflicts. The main cause of global climate change is the degradation of the environment through destructive human activities. Climate change is viewed by experts as a “Threat Multiplier” that will worsen or exacerbate other sources of conflict such as

competition for natural resources and ethnic tensions.

Given the above background, Maasai Mara University is in the forefront to play a pivotal role in the ongoing discussions towards mitigating the impact of climate change and biodiversity loss. Institutions of higher learning are strategically placed to drive the climate change agenda through sensitization, curriculum and re-forestation projects.

Rationale for Greening Narok County

The Kenyan government through the presidential directive has an ambitious plan of planting 15 billion trees by the year 2032 to mitigate the effects of climate change. This directive aims at improving the forest cover in Kenya which is currently about 10%. As part of mitigation measures against the devastating impacts of climate change, the First Lady of the Republic of Kenya Her Excellency Madam Rachel Ruto selected Maasai Mara University to be a center of excellence in tree nursery management under the “Mama Doing Good Initiative” and established a model tree nursery at the University. Narok County is renowned for its breathtaking landscapes and rich biodiversity. However, environmental degradation, deforestation and drought pose significant threats to its natural resources and the livelihoods of its residents in the South Rift Region. To address these challenges Maasai Mara University proposes a comprehensive greening programme aimed at promoting tree growing and environmental education through the establishment of tree nurseries and environmental clubs in 100 primary and secondary schools across Narok County.

Tree seedlings donation to Emurua Dikirr Primary School

Maasai Mara University participated in commemoration of the International Adult Literacy day event that took place at Emurua Dikirr primary school on September 8th, 2023. The event was attended by high profile government officials from different ministries and state departments including the director general of basic education Dr. Elyas Abdi Jillaow and the area Member of Parliament Hon. Johana Ngeno.

The university supported the event through the School of Natural Resources, Tourism and Hospitality by donating 1000 tree seedlings spearheading the implementation of the green cover concept within Narok County. The donation was well received and all participants acknowledged that trees should be planted to

increase forest cover and help mitigate climate change. This act will indeed increase the relationship between the University and the neighbouring communities.



Picture A,
Dean of Students Mr. Aden Mohammed (left) and Director of Linkages Mr. Lankeu Reson (2nd left) donating tree seedlings to the school through Dr. Elyas Abdi (center).



Picture B,
Mr. Lankeu Reson and Mr. Aden Mohammed marketing the University. Mr. Haron Saningo

**VISIT BY THE FIRST LADY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA
HER EXCELLENCY MRS. RACHEL RUTO**



Her Excellency Mrs. Rachel Ruto, the First Lady of the Republic of Kenya (centre), with Cindy Jacobs; author, speaker, (right) and the Acting Vice-Chancellor Maasai Mara University Prof. Peninah Aloo Obudho, (left), during the First Lady's visit to the University.



Launch of the South Rift Model Tree Nursery at Maasai Mara University by Her Excellency Mrs. Rachel Ruto, the First Lady of the Republic of Kenya.

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The First Lady of Kenya, Her Excellency Rachel Ruto, (2nd right), warmly welcomed to Maasai Mara University by the Acting Vice Chancellor Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho, (3rd right) and the Chairman of Council Dr. Kennedy Ole Kerei, (4th right) accompanied by other University management. The occasion marked the official launch of the Centre of Excellence in Tree Nursery Management at Maasai Mara University's Botanical Garden, as well as the Water Borehole Project at the University.



Prof Francis Mburu in (white dust coat) explaining the tree species in the Botanical Garden at Maasai Mara University

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The manifestations of global climate change include the rise in global temperatures, unpredictable weather patterns and extreme weather conditions, among others. Climate change alters the ecosystem-human interactions that may lead to loss of biodiversity and hence erosion of the basic support systems for the livelihood of many people around the world. The main cause of global climate change is the degradation of the environment through destructive human activities. Forests have enormous influence on global climate and local weather affecting food production. They are sources of food, medicine, energy, raw materials and oxygen, among others. The greenhouse gases create a blanket that traps the sun's heat thus leading to global warming and climate change. This has resulted into: high temperatures, drought, wild fires, floods, rise in sea level, loss in biodiversity and environmental degradation, among others. To mitigate these effects of climate change, this program on greening Narok County aims to increase tree cover in the county and beyond. The programme will involve tree seedling production, capacity building of women and youth groups, training of climate champions, and development of policies on green cover.

This programme is part of the Mama Doing Good of the First Lady of the Republic of Kenya on Environmental Conservation.

Kenya is facing a myriad of challenges caused by the effects of climate change including extreme weather conditions, serious drought leading to loss of human and animal lives and conflicts due to scarce natural resources, among others.

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Project Objectives

1. Afforestation and Reforestation:

To enhance the natural environment of Narok County, the project aims to plant a total of 3,000,000 tree seedlings in schools and their surrounding communities over a two-year period. These tree species will be selected based on their adaptability to the local ecosystem and their ability to mitigate climate change.

2. Environmental Education:

To raise awareness about environmental issues and instill a sense of responsibility in the younger generation, the project will establish environmental clubs in 100 schools around Narok County. These clubs will provide a platform for students to learn about environmental conservation, climate change, and sustainable practices.

3. Community Engagement

Beyond schools: The project will engage with local communities, women groups and youths to promote tree planting

culture on public and private lands. By involving parents, guardians, and community leaders, Maasai Mara University aims to create a sense of ownership and shared responsibility for the environment.

4. Capacity building of champions

The programme will train youths as environmental champions to ensure the sustainability of the project.

Project Components:

1. Tree Seedling Production:

The project will establish tree nurseries in selected schools to grow a variety of indigenous, exotic and climate-resilient tree species. These nurseries will be equipped with the necessary infrastructure, including shade structures.

2. Tree Planting Campaign:

A series of tree planting events will be organized across the county, involving students, teachers, parents, and community members. These events will serve as opportunities to plant the seedlings and educate participants about the importance of trees.

3. Environmental Club Formation:

Each of the 100 selected schools will establish an Environmental Club comprising students and teachers. These clubs will be provided with

educational materials, resources, and support to conduct environmental conservation activities.

4. Capacity Building

Teachers and club leaders, students and community will receive training on environmental education, project management, and leadership. This capacity-building will enable them to effectively lead and guide the environmental clubs.

5. Monitoring and Evaluation:

The project will implement a robust monitoring and evaluation system to assess the progress of tree growth, the impact of environmental clubs, and the overall success of the initiative. Data collection will include tree survival rates, club activities, and community engagement. (use of technology – green coverage tool)

6. Advocacy and Outreach:

The project will collaborate with local authorities, government agencies, and environmental organizations to advocate for policies and practices that support tree planting and environmental conservation in Narok County. In particular, the project will be seeking legislation to mainstream tree planting and sustenance of trees in

government institutions and in public spaces.

7. Education and Research:

This component plays a crucial role in advancing the project's goals by building knowledge, promoting informed decision-making, and fostering a culture of environmental stewardship within the community. It supports the other project components by providing a strong foundation of scientific understanding and educational resources.

Expected Outcomes:

1. Increased tree cover in Narok County, contributing to climate change mitigation and improved ecosystem health.
2. Enhanced environmental awareness and education among students, teachers, and the wider community.
3. Establishment of environmental clubs where clubs will be established in 100 schools
4. Strengthened partnerships between schools, communities, and environmental organizations.
5. The development of a replicable model for tree planting and environmental education that can be scaled up in other regions.

THE SECOND LADY PASTOR DR. DORCAS RIGATHI,
ADDRESSES THE FIRST YEAR'S ORIENTATION 2023/2024
ACADEMIC YEAR



Second Lady Pastor Dr. Dorcas Rigathi, Narok County First Lady Agnes Ole Ntutu, Chairman of Council Dr. Kennedy Ole Kerei, and Ag. VC Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho

The visit by The Second Lady Pastor Dr. Dorcas Rigathi, of the Republic of Kenya and her speech to the first years was one of its kind. The talk was preceded by an insightful and well-grounded discourse on drug and substance abuse by The Rift Valley Regional Coordinator of NACADA. When the Second Lady arose to speak, her love for the students and desire for them to keep off from misusing drugs was evident. First-year students were encouraged to focus on their studies to be good citizens and leaders in the future. The Second Lady was flanked by the First Lady of Narok County Mrs. Agnes Ntutu who advised the students to concentrate on their studies and avoid risky behaviours. Mrs.

Ntutu reminded the students that the main business at the University is academic work. The first year students reported to the University on Monday, 2nd October 2023. Most of the students were accompanied by their parents/guardians. The reception and registration of the students was done as per the five schools: School of Education, School of Business and Economics, School of Natural Resources, Tourism and Hospitality, School of Pure, Applied and Health Sciences, and School of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and Creative Industries. Second Lady Pastor Dr. Dorcas Rigathi planting a tree. A section of students listening to the speech by Pastor Dr. Dorcas Rigathi. The process of

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transitioning from high school to university is a challenging endeavor characterized by a sense of unease and unfamiliar encounters. Orientation program is of great significance in ensuring a seamless and prosperous transfer by offering essential academic, social, and personal assistance, acquainting students with campus life. The guest speaker advised students on good use of resources and cultivating a feeling of affiliation and fraternity within the university community. Remarkable to note in this year's orientation program was the presence of Council Chairman, Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Narok County Government and the Second Lady of the Republic of Kenya,

Dr. Pastor Dorcas Rigathi, addressed the first-year students on 7th October 2023. The matriculation ceremony began with an academic procession and the VC's address, which focused mainly on the 5Ms of the University namely: the Mau Forest, the Mara River, the Maa Culture, the Maasai Mara Game Reserve, and Maombi Kwa Wote (Prayer for all). After the VC's address, the first years had a photo session with their guests and members of faculty who adorned their Academic regalia. The Chairman of Council Dr. Kerei and other guests from the county led by the county's first lady H.E Madam Agnes Ntutu also addressed the first years and gave words of encouragement



The Second lady of the Republic of Kenya, H.E Pastor (Dr.) Dorcas Rigathi, (left), receives a gift as a symbol of friendship, dedication and commitment to service from the acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho during first year's motivation and boy's mentorship event.

MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. VIMAL SHAH AS ITS 2ND CHANCELLOR

Maasai Mara University, is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Vimal Shah as its new Chancellor by His Excellency the President of the republic of Kenya, Dr. William Samoei Ruto, on Friday 8th September 2023, for a period of five years. The entire university community is grateful to the President of the Republic of Kenya for this milestone appointment.

DR. VIMAL SHAH, A RENOWN INDUSTRIALIST IN EAST AFRICA AND THE CHAIRMAN OF BIDCO AFRICA, BRINGS A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE TO THE UNIVERSITY. HE WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE EAST AFRICAN ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR IN 2012 BY THE ALL-AFRICAN BUSINESS LEADERS' AWARDS. IN 2011, PRESIDENT MWAI KIBAKI HONORED HIS CONTRIBUTION TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WITH A FIRST-CLASS CHIEF OF THE ORDER OF THE BURNING SPEAR, IN ADDITION TO MANY AWARDS.



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Dr. Kennedy Ole Kerei, the Chairman of the University Council, has extended his warmest congratulations to Dr. Vimal Shah, emphasizing the pivotal role his appointment plays in advancing the university's commitment to the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Plan (BETA). Under Dr. Vimal Shah's guidance, Maasai Mara University aims to support the growth of the manufacturing sector's contribution to GDP by 20% by the year 2030. On her part, the Acting Vice Chancellor of Maasai Mara University, Prof. Peninah Aloo Obudho, has expressed her delight at this significant development which comes as a bridge

between Academia and the Industry. She stressed the importance of this appointment as the university embarks on the implementation of the 5M Community Impact Model in Narok County. The 5M Model is based on the strategic location of the university, is a comprehensive community impact initiative that touches upon various crucial aspects of Narok County and the South Rift region, including Mau Forest conservation, the rich Maa Culture, conservation efforts in the Maasai Mara National Game Reserve, sustainable management of the Mara River, and fostering peace and reconciliation through prayer. The appointment

represents a significant step towards enhancing the university's contributions to the economic development and cultural preservation of Narok County and the broader South Rift region. Maasai Mara University looks forward to a fruitful and collaborative partnership with Dr. Vimal Shah as its 2nd Chancellor, and together, we will work towards a future of innovation, education, and economic progress. The Council, the University Management, Senate and the entire Maasai Mara University fraternity congratulates and welcome the Chancellor, Dr. Vimal Shah to the University

APPOINTMENT OF MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Maasai Mara University is delighted to announce the appointment of new Council members, individuals of exceptional expertise and dedication. The Council, renowned for their diverse contributions, will guide the university strategically, ensuring continued excellence in education, innovation, and community development. The university expresses gratitude to outgoing members while calling upon the entire community to warmly welcome and support the new Council, fostering a collaborative spirit for the future success of Maasai Mara University.

The Government appointed a new Council to oversee the running of Maasai Mara

University. The Education Cabinet Secretary exercising the powers conferred by section 36 (1) of the Universities Act, 2012, in a gazette notice appointed Dr. Kennedy Ole Kerei- Council Chair, CPA Dickson Malanga Shikanga, M.S Agnes Busienei, Dr. Susan Chebet, HSC, Dr. Kennedy Ole Kerei- Council Chair, Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho, Amb, Peter Ole Nkuraiya, CBS, and Ms. Elizabeth Ayoo.

The new council members will serve the University for a period of three (3) years with the effect from the date of appointment.

In her welcome message, the Acting Vice-Chancellor Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho

congratulated the entire Council as they take their new responsibilities at Maasai Mara University. The Vice-Chancellor pledged her support looking forward to working closely with the new Council in propelling Maasai Mara to even greater heights. The new team promised to do their best to steer the University to be a global institution.



Members of the University Council. From left: CPA Dickson Malanga Shikanga, MS. Agnes Busienei, Dr. Susan Chebet, HSC, Dr. Kennedy Ole Kerei- Council Chair, Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho, Amb, Peter Ole Nkuraiyia, CBS, and Ms. Elizabeth Ayoo.



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY WELCOMES THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW ACTING VICE CHANCELLOR

Maasai Mara University recently received the newly appointed acting vice chancellor Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho. Prof. Aloo-Obudho was appointed on 12th June 2023. She brings in a wealth of experience in management, leadership and general operations of the University. Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho took over from Prof. Joseph S. Chacha who had served as Acting Vice Chancellor since 19th January 2022

The University Community congratulate Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho on her appointment.



The Acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho receiving instruments of management from the immediate Acting Vice-Chancellor Prof. Joseph S. Chacha. Prof. Aloo-Obudho brings in a wealth of experience in management, leadership and general operations of the University to take the University to greater heights.

THE DEAN OF STUDENTS



**Mr. Mohamed Abdullahi
Adan**
Dean of Students

The Students Affairs Department is the nerve centre for the students' life in university. Its focus is on the holistic development of students so that they become respectable, well modeled and highly skilled individuals who are to propel our society to the next level. Graduation is the climax of our efforts, dedication and faith towards a course that we cherish. I

wish to take this opportunity to congratulate all grandaunts who have done all that is required of them to be conferred/awarded various degrees and diplomas. This will ultimately make them be part of Maasai Mara University Alumni. The journey, starts with orientation of first years as they join the university life.

FIRST YEARS ORIENTATION 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR



Republic of Kenya, Dr. Pastor Dorcas Rigathi, who addressed the 2023/2024 first-year students, which took place on 6th and 7th October 2023. The Second Lady of the Republic of Kenya's visit and speech to the first years was one of its kind. The talk was preceded by an insightful and well-grounded discourse on drug and substance abuse by The Rift Valley Regional Coordinator of NACADA. First-year students were encouraged to focus on their studies in order to be good citizens and leaders in the future.

The department co-ordinates all the activities that affect Students Welfare, such as Guidance and Counselling, Games and Sports, Spiritual Welfare, Catering and Accommodation, Student Mentorship and Clubs and

The First Year students of the 2023/2024 academic year physically reported to the university on Monday, 2nd October 2023. The process of transitioning from high school to university is a challenging endeavor characterized by a sense of unease and unfamiliar encounters. Orientation program is of utmost significance in ensuring a seamless and prosperous

transfer by offering essential academic, social, and personal assistance, acquainting students with campus resources, and cultivating a feeling of affiliation and fraternity within the university community.

Remarkable to note in this year's program were the Council, Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Narok County Government and the Second Lady of the

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Societies to help shape talents and enhance interaction among students. The institution takes pride in

being a source of encouragement to students who have or intend to form professional clubs which help in their advancement and sharing of knowledge.



GAMES AND SPORTS

Our students are very active in games and sports and take part in very many disciplines. Moreover, our female student's soccer team are currently the Regional Champions and ranked 2nd runners up among the university's women teams.

KUPAA

We also participate actively in the Kenya Universities Performing Arts and Film Association (KUPAA). This year we presented our students at the Nationals for both Music and Drama. The events provided a platform for various talents to thrive and our students exhibited and performed exceptionally well as shown below:

MUSIC

S.No.	POSITION	CLASS	DESCRIPTION
1	1	MUS 039B	Folk song
2	1	MUS 039A	Folk dance
3	1	MUS 008	Advanced Arrangement
4	1	MUP 008B	Chant. (Enkisuma Entito)
5	2	MUP 008A	Chant (Enjapal Enjore)
6	2	MUP 008A	Soprano Solo
7	2	MUP 018	Zilizopendwa Kenya (Sweet Jane)
8	3	MUS 027	Tum Hi Jo
9	3	MUS 003	East Africa Anthem
10	3	MUS 007	Advanced Composition (Hamsalaba)
11	4	MUS 021	Zilizopendwa Gospel (Nitawapumzisha)
12	4	MUS 006	Own Choice Secular (The Sailor and Young Nancy)
13	5	MUS 015	Set Piece (Kenya Nchi Yangu)
14	7	MUS 004	Own Choice with Sacred text (Hallelujah Joy To The World)
15	7	MUS 013	Original Composition (Njaa Imepiga Hodi)
16	7	MUS 016	Arrangement of African Tunes and Melodies (Shikumba)
17	7	MUS 028	Karaoke
18	8	MUS 002A	Kenyan Anthem
19	-	MUS 030B	Tenor Solo (Unbreak my Break)
20	-	MUS 030A	Alto Solo (Someone You Loved)
21	-	MUS 033	Soprano Solo II (All of Me)
22	-	MUP 022	(Deni) (Wrong Entry)

DRAMA

- 1st runners up Musical Play; NOT GUILTY
- 1st runners up in Narrative category; ECONOMIST
- 2nd Runners up Film category; SILENT FILM
- 1st runners up Pageantry; male category.
- Best dramatised songs; Musical Play; Not Guilty

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THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN



Dr. Nancy Kimile
University Librarian

The Maasai Mara University Library staff and I offer heart-felt congratulations and best wishes to all graduates. We acknowledge, it takes a lot of sacrifice, dedication and hard work to get to this day and we are bursting with pride for all of you. Regardless of your programmes or area of study, as the Library, you are all our graduates.

It was an honour supporting your academic needs, and as

you become alumni, we want your relationship with the Maasai Mara University Library to continue. I encourage you to explore the possibilities with an alumni benefit, specifically focused on the Library.

Library is an equalizer, a crucible of knowledge and a hallmark of great men and women of the world. It is an endless spring that waters generations and generations. You are such a product. It is our belief that you will inspire many to flourish here too.

We have embraced technology and continue to adopt changes with time. This is exemplified through our hybrid systems of both on-site and off-campus modern technology. These include: MYLOFT, Institutional repository, WI-FI, ASK a Librarian, references and

circulations that help strengthen the university core mandate of teaching, learning, research and community services. Information and Knowledge are also critical in addressing key national agenda such as Vision 2030 and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Your feedback over the years regarding the library services have been of immense importance in helping us shape and tailor our products to suit your academic needs.

Many dream, many dreams perish, some try, but only a few achieve. You are among the few who have achieved! GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY GRADUATION!

Corporate Social (CSR) Responsibility through Books Donation

E DUCATION as a key to success is embedded in books. Maasai Mara University through coordination of the Library department donated an assortment of over 2,000 books to various selected institutions in Western and South region, Kenya. The exercise was flagged off by the University management led by the immediate Acting Vice-Chancellor Prof. Joseph Chacha, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academics and Student Affairs, Prof. Bulitia Mathews, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration and Strategy, Prof. James Nampushi, Registrar, Academic Affairs, Dr. Fredrick Otieno, Acting University Librarian, Dr. Nancy Kimile, Director Public Relation and

Linkages, Mr. Lankeu Reson amongst others

The institutions reached were: Narok Teachers College, Bomet University College, Tom Mboya University, Seme Teachers College, Alupe University, Kaimosi Friends University, Koitalel Samoei University College, Senchura Secondary School and Maasai Mara University Model Primary School.

The Books donation exercise was aimed at enhancing reading culture, promoting CSR, building strong relationships with the counterpart institutions and the community in general. The books came in handy at a time most of the selected institutions were

revamping and building their Libraries.

According to one of the recipients from Seme Teachers College, “this has come in at a perfect moment when we needed the books most. We are overwhelmed by the kind gesture. We actually don’t have a functioning Library and this marks the beginning of the journey to establish one. We don’t know how to appreciate you.”

The books came in handy for the respective recipient institutions who were in the process of building their libraries to improve the standards of learning, research and education across diverse genres.

The books donation exercise not only enhanced the University relationship with the requirements,

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but also promoted corporation and premier a new beginning for these institutions.

Libraries are crucial and ingrained pillar in learning institutions and harbor the foundation of knowledge. Books as temples of reading provoke creative ideas and thoughtful innovations. Scholars feed on books and pursue world changing ideas and solutions.

Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs (DVC-A&SA) Prof. Julius Kipkemboi who received the book donations on behalf of Kaimosi Friends University said, “we are privileged to receive such a large proportion of thought-provoking books which will go a long way in

enriching many human minds, create limitless possibilities and imaginations”.

The acting Vice-Chancellor, Tom Mboya University, Prof. Charles Omondi Ochola said, “As a young brother, we are happy to be recognized by Maasai Mara University. Surely, this is a honour and a show of good brotherliness. We must reciprocate sometime in the future. As reading is to the mind, these books will empower thousands of our students and have a lasting impact in Kenyan growth and global development”.

At Koitalel Samoei University College, Maasai Mara University team was received by elated Academic Registrar, the Librarian

and other staff members. They described the act as a significant step towards bolstering the academic resources of the institution and a clear dedication to education and commitment to fostering knowledge. “The books donated will undoubtedly enrich the existing resources at Koitalel Samoei University College’s library and benefit students across various disciplines,” the acting Registrar said.

Books in the Library will continue to play an indefatigable role in fulfilling needs of the society and reforming the world. Such an exercise as a CSR activity, is a perfect match of the role of a University in a society.



Leading by example. Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. Bulitia Godrick Mathews, (second right), Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Finance and Strategy, Prof. James Nampushi, (second left), Registrar Academics, Dr. Fredrick Otieno, (left), leads other staff members loading cartoons of book donation for deliveries to various destinations.



Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs (DVC-A&SA) Prof. Julius Kipkemboi (second right) and Carolyne Shikuku, the Librarian (right) receiving the book donations on behalf of Kaimosi Friends University from Prof. Benard Kodak, Dean, School of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and Creative Industries, Rahab Koech, (left), George Oyie (third left) and Raphael Kamamia (third left).



The University Administration led by the immediate Acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joseph Chacha, with the flag, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. Bulitia Godrick Mathews, (fifth right), Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Finance and Strategy, Prof. James Nampushi, (second left), the University Librarian Dr Nancy Kimile, (fourth left) and the Director Public Relations and Linkages, Lankeu Reson, (fifth left), Assistant Librarian Rahab Koech, (sixth right) during a flag off ceremony for the books donation to various selected institutions of learning.

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MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY SHINES AT THE AFRICA CLIMATE SUMMIT[ACS] 2023

The Africa Climate Summit with the theme **Driving Green Growth & Climate Finance Solutions for Africa** took place from 2nd to 8th September, 2023 in Nairobi. His Excellency President William Samoei Ruto is the driving force behind the first-ever Africa Climate Summit [ACS23] which has come out strongly to address the continent's growing vulnerability to impacts of climate change and its costs. As climate crises are predicted to become more frequent and intense, the summit stressed that immediate action is needed to lessen these difficulties. At the end of the summit, the Nairobi Declaration was developed and adopted by African leaders present in the

Summit. The declaration included commitments, pledges, and outcomes from the heads of states and other stakeholders.

Maasai Mara University was at the forefront to present her Climate Action activities during this crucial summit. Being the **ONLY** public university accredited by UNEP to present in the summit, the university booth attracted parastatals, investors, potential students and stakeholders from across the globe. The university showcased the following items:

- Briquette fuel manufacture from biomass waste
- Biogas production
- Model Tree Nursery
- African Medicinal Botanical Garden [AMBG]

- Recycling & Management of Wastewater/Effluent

The University stand was a beehive of activities as it attracted both local and International participants. A number of visitors expressed their interest in working with Maasai Mara University. This demonstrates that Maasai Mara University has started a new beginning in its chapter. ***The journey towards re-branding the university has begun in earnest and we invite stakeholders to walk this journey with us.*** As the African proverb states "If you want to go fast, you walk alone but if you want to go far, walk with others". We are inviting others because we want to go far. **Maasai Mara University, we are on the path towards greatness!**

PICTORIAL OF ACTIVITIES AT THE MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY EXHIBITION BOOTH



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Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho, Acting Vice Chancellor, (second right) joins H.E The First Lady of the Republic of Kenya, Mama Rachel Ruto, (third left), Hon. Ezekiel Machogu, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry Education, (left), Prof. Stephen Kiama, Vice- Chancellor, University of Nairobi, (second left) and other dignitaries at the launch of of the Environmental Award for Learners at Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC). the First Lady's Mazingira Awards (FLAMA) will reward those who are playing a significant role in environment preservation and conservation through their creativity.



The Acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho (2nd from right) with dignitaries at the First Lady's Mazingira Awards for students who participated in Mama Doing Good Initiative competition as part of Climate Action

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The Ag. Vice Chancellor – Prof. P. Aloo Obudho having discussions with an official from the Swedish Embassy on wood and related technologies being implemented in Sweden.

AG. VICE CHANCELLOR PARTICIPATES IN TRAINING INDUCTION OF NEWLY APPOINTED VICE CHANCELLORS



Ag. VC Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho (Background) moderating a session

Maasai Mara University Ag. Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho, participated in an Induction Training of Newly Appointed Vice-Chancellors at the Sarova Whitesands in Mombasa from 11th – 14th October, 2023. The Vice-Chancellor participated as the Training/Programme Coordinator in the training which was organized by the Ministry of Education and sponsored by the British Council. The theme of the training was “Developing Visionary and Effective University Leaders” while the goal was to develop strategic, effective, focused, forwardthinking, and result-oriented leaders for the

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dynamic and expanding higher education sector. In her presentation to the Vice-Chancellors, Prof. Aloo-Obudho shared with them a quote by Peter Druker “Leadership is not

rank, privileges, title or money, it is about responsibility”. She concluded by saying that one of the expected outcomes of the training was to make the leaders understand their roles

and responsibilities and make them resilient to forge forward in the face of uncertainty as they start their leadership journey.



The Acting Vice- Chancellor and some participants with the CS for Education.



Photo of the newly appointed Vice- Chancellor's with CS for Education Hon. Ezekiel Machogu (seated in the middle), Acting Vice- Chancellor (seated 2nd from left), PS of State Department of University Education and Research (3rd from right).

ENHANCED COLLABORATION: SINO AFRICA JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE, CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY MOA IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PLANT NURSERY FACILITY

Maasai Mara University have signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Sino Africa Joint Research Centre, Chinese Academy of Sciences on collaboration in the establishment of a plant nursery facility near the herbal medicinal garden at Maasai Mara University, Narok, Kenya.

The MOA was signed by Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho, acting Vice-Chancellor, Maasai Mara University and Prof. Qingfeng Wang, Director Sino-Africa Joint Research Centre and Chinese

Academy of Sciences and Director General, Wuhan Botanical Garden.

The MOA provides a foundation to work collaboratively on research, education, training, sciences, innovation, technology and development. The objectives of the MoA are to; to provide new venue for medicinal and herbal research techniques, set up conservation platform for rare and endangered indigenous plant varieties, venue for research, strengthen institutional

capacities and enhanced partnership.

The parties emphasized on the critical need for solid partnerships as part of the larger effort of anchoring a culture of inclusive and impactful education and research. The MoA will go a long way in realizing the Greening concept, combating climate change and promoting the University niche of environmental resource management, conservation and tourism.

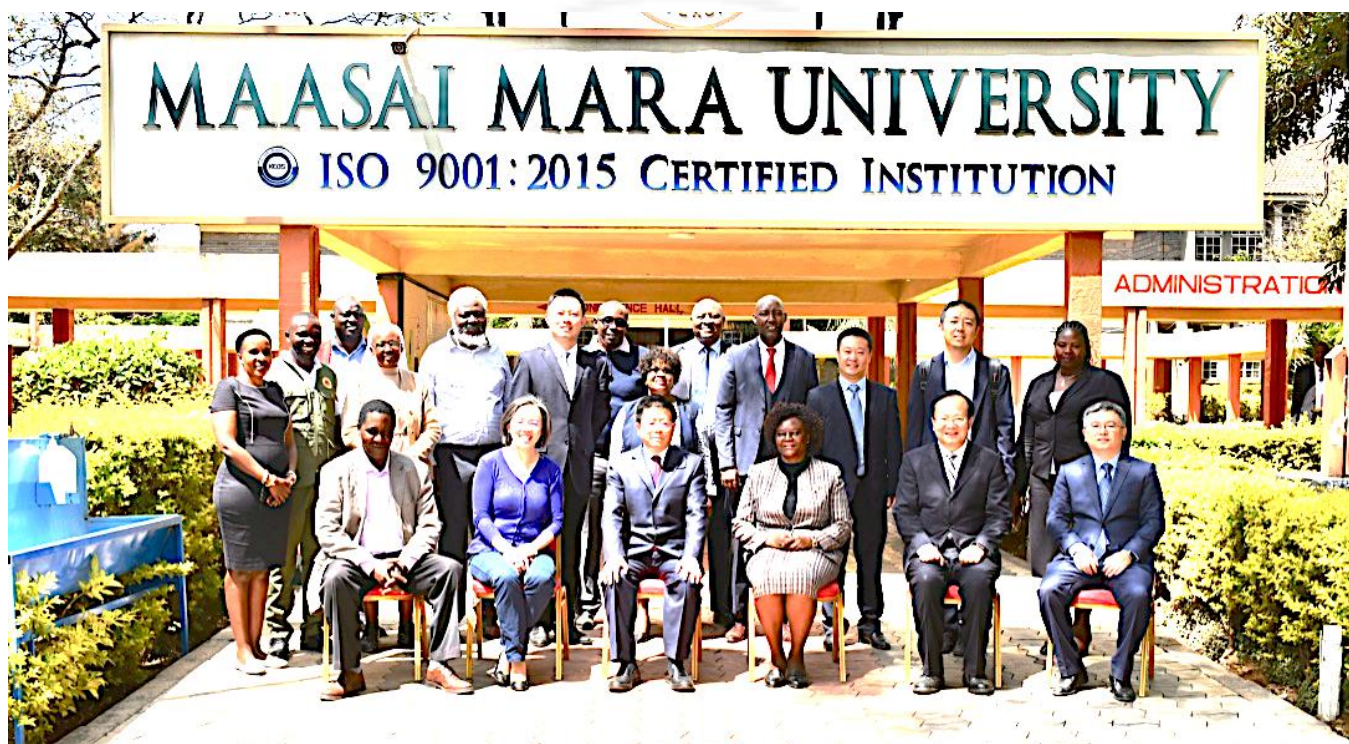


Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho, Acting Vice-Chancellor, Maasai Mara University (left) jointly displaying the signed MoA with Prof. Qingfeng Wang, Director Sino-Africa Joint Research Centre and Chinese Academy of Sciences and Director General, Wuhan Botanical Garden

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MoA Signing Ceremony.



A group photo of representatives from Maasai Mara University, Sino Africa Joint Research Centre, Chinese Academy of Sciences during the MoA signing ceremony.

MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY RESEARCH & INNOVATIONS

In the year 2022 – 2023, Maasai Mara University researchers were involved in a number of research activities that have greatly contributed to increased global visibility of the University. These include attraction of research grants, publication and attendance of conferences.



Prof. Romulus Abila

Prof. Romulus Abila is a Professor of environmental biology in the School of Natural Resources, Environmental Studies and Agriculture. He is currently involved in National Geographic Society (NGS) and The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) funded research project studying the ecology of water pans in the Narok socio- ecological systems. Water pans in Kenya's arid and semi-arid Narok socio-ecological system provide vital sources of

water to humans, wildlife and livestock. Land use changes such as increased conversion of pastoral land into crop farming are a major source of nutrient inputs into these limnetic systems and with increasing temperatures episodes of algal blooming may be experienced. Proliferation of toxin producing algal blooms may heavily compromise quality of these water bodies and their ability to provide life supporting ecosystem services. During the year we received a 6 physical – chemical YSI Sonde parameter from TWAS as part of the research grant equipment support.



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Conferences participation:

Attended the 3-week 2023 International Workshop on the Frontiers in Ecohydrology at the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Chongqing, China. Ecohydrology is becoming a fast rising multidisciplinary approach to tackling emerging climate change induced water based environmental challenges such as urban flood management, wastewater treatment, lake, river and reservoir management and agricultural production by developing and applying scalable and transferable sustainable nature-based approaches. Attended the 13th African Network for Internationalization of Education (ANIE) Conference in Zanzibar 4th -6th October 2023. My presentation explored the need to strengthen postgraduate studies in African universities if our universities are to produce skilled researchers in the continent.

It is noted that Africa still doesn't produce critical masses of master and PhDs especially in the STEM disciplines to spearhead research and innovations to address existing and emerging development challenges in the continent. There is need for paradigm shift in the way postgraduate training is conducted in Africa. Mutually beneficial collaborations initiated and led by global South universities, establishment of Centres of research Excellence (CoEs), enhancing intra and inter African mobility of scholars including virtual based mobility, training of postgraduate supervisors, joint postgraduate programmes and promoting high impact Africa based research journals are some envisaged strategies that can contribute to training of high numbers of globally competitive African scholars.



In the 2023 calendar year, the Directorate of Research and Innovation has advanced several issues in research and innovation including:

- i) Coordination of research teams to develop fundable grant winning proposals – at least 20 grant proposals have been developed. Consequently, nine (9) research grants (Financially and in-kind) have been won in 2023 from previous research proposals as follows;

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- a) Erasmus + Staff and students research mobility by Dr. Dominic Menge (Ksh. 22 M for staff and students' mobility)
- b) Vulture abundance distribution and species diversity along a gradient anthropological effect in Nairobi National Park, Kenya by Mr. Brian Ortego (Ksh. 0.95 M)
- c) Human Wildlife Conflicts in Conservancies within the Mara Ecosystem, Kenya by Ms. Elizabeth Wakoli (Ksh. 1.7 M)
- d) Awareness Creation on the Impacts of Off-Road Driving in Maasai Mara National Reserve and Maasai Mara Conservancies in Kenya by Dr. Jedidah Nankaya (Ksh. 1.03 M)
- ii) The Directorate has coordinated and supported innovations from within the University community. At least 20 innovations have been registered in the year. Plans for commercialization of the mature innovations are also underway.
- iii) Community Trainings
 - e) “Embodied energy” Socializing low technologies and resources in alternative energy production by Dr. Aloys Osano (Ksh. 27M plus Ksh. 18.4M PhD scholarship)
 - f) Enhancing Habitat Rehabilitation through Tree growing, Environmental Education, Community Engagement, and Advocacy in Narok County, Kenya by Mr. Evance Ouya (Ksh. 1.7 M)
 - g) Humane Slaughter by Dr. David Obiero
 - h) International Convention for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) by Dr. Ing. Jared Ombiro
 - i) JUAMI African Materials Characterization network by Mr. Bakari Chaka (Ksh. 1 M)



(a) Ole keene Community group (b) and Naibosho community group trainings on liquid detergent manufacturing, briquette fuel production and biogas production



- iv) Institutional Research Ethics Management Office
Institutional Research Ethics Training conducted by UNESCO
- v) Big Data Analytics
Training of focal champions by RisqPro Limited on Big Data and management
- vi) Capacity Building in Solar Energies



T1 & T2 Solar installation and maintenance training

- vii) Africa Climate Summit week- The directorate showcased her products on climate action activities including briquette fuels and biogas energy as well as community outreach programme on the same.



- viii) Trade Fair, Expo and Innovation Week, 2024

A trade fair, expo and innovation week are being organized together with Farm and Bank Ltd; scheduled for March, 2024

- ix) International Conferences

- 1) The 2nd Biannual International Social Work and Multidisciplinary Conference, 2024

- 2) The 3rd Great Development Rift (GDR) Colloquium, 2024

2nd Biannual International Social Work and Multidisciplinary Conference
29th - 31st May 2024

THEME: Advancing Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice in a Multidisciplinary Globalized World

Sub-themes

- A) Environmental Justice and the Climate Crisis
- B) Economic Justice
- C) Global Interconnectedness and Collaboration
- D) Environmental Activism, Policy & Advocacy
- E) Education, Awareness and Capacity Building Innovation and Technology
- F) Leveraging Interdisciplinary Lenses

Conference Dates

- i) Call for Abstracts Release - August 31st, 2023.
- ii) Abstracts submission deadline - by February 28th, 2024
- iii) Notice of abstracts acceptance - on a rolling basis with a deadline of March 15th, 2024
- iv) Early Bird Conference Registration - March 21st, 2024
- v) Final registration - by March 15th, 2024
- vi) Conference program and Book of Abstracts - by April 30th, 2024

Registration Charges

Early Bird Conference Registration:

- i. Local Students - Ksh.3500
- ii. Local non-students Participants - Ksh.3500
- iii. Participants from other African Countries - 48USD
- iv. International Participants - 1350USD

Late Conference Registration:

- i. Local Students - Ksh.2000
- ii. Local Non-student Participants - Ksh.5,500
- iii. Participants from other African Countries - 530USD
- iv. International Participants - 1490USD

Contact Email: biannualconference@mmu.ac.ke
WhatsApp/Tel: +254708350186

Submit **Proposal** For more information: [Click here](#)

GDR Colloquium 2024

The 3rd Great African Rift Colloquium
(Nairobi, Kenya, 2024)
13th to the 17th of May 2024

I. Main scientific themes

1. Cultural heritage, human and wildlife evolution as a contributor to biodiversity conservation in the Rift
2. Modeling and AI trends towards conservation of the Rift
3. Energy and resources paradigm in the Rift
4. Emerging challenges in human and other animal health in the Rift

II-Workshop training areas.

In addition to the thematic sessions, oral presentations and posters that form the core of the colloquium, other sessions will be organized for the exchange of ideas and scientific collaboration:

- Pedagogical/teaching sessions on specific methods and technologies.
- Networking in an interdisciplinary approach.
- Developing research proposals and managing grants.

III- Field visits.

The last three days of the program will be devoted to scientific presentations. The following two days will be devoted to two site visits, giving participants the opportunity to discover different places that could be the subject of interdisciplinary research: remarkable rift geography and human and animal occupation of a territory.

IV- Application

Please complete the application form below (or download it from the GDR Rift website) and send it to: drift.colloquium@mmu.ac.ke

Funding

Flights and accommodation are to be financed by each participant. However, in line with our policy of encouraging scientific collaboration, we will provide funding for a number of participants. Priority will be given to students and young researchers from the Rift countries.

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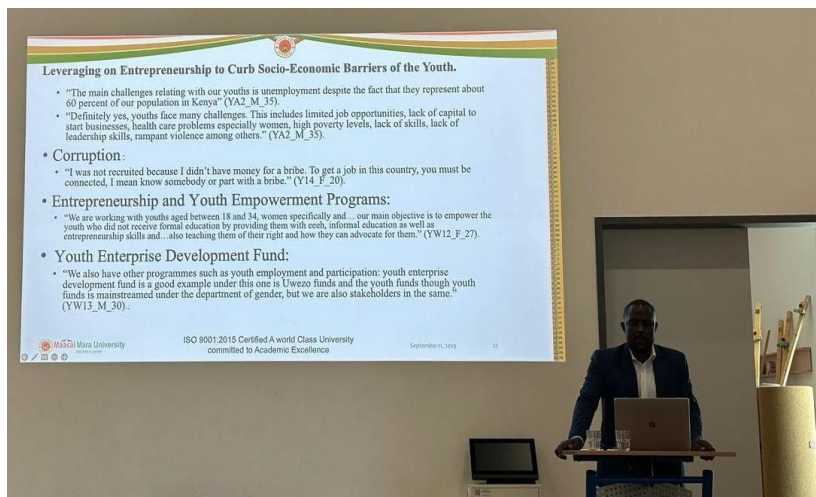
NANOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH CENTRE (NRC)

The Nanotechnology Research Centre (NRC) at Maasai Mara University, supports Academic and Research Programs in Nanotechnology. The centre is operating at the forefront of nanotechnology with a strong focus on application of nanomaterials in environmental remediation, technical drug delivery, environmental monitoring and bio-safety. The centre has a unique operating model combining expertise from different branches of science to work on a common theme of Nanotechnology. The centre has a strong relationship with the leading nanotechnology experts both from the national and international level. The Center collaborates with other leading institutions including the Institute of Chemical and Biotechnology (ICBT) at the Vaal University of Technology, Center for Traditional Medicine and drug Research (CTMDR), based at KEMRI, Nairobi, the Department of Public Health, Pharmacology and Toxicology (PHPT) at University of Nairobi and the Center for Research in Therapeutic Sciences (CREATES) at Strathmore University. The center has began engagements with University of Limpopo with an aim of establishing a working relationship. The successful evolution of nanotechnology has centered on a unique cohesiveness to provide a nourishing atmosphere for students, researchers and the society. The major focus

of the centre is research towards areas of national priorities such as healthcare, environment and food security. The centre relies on the state-of-the-art research equipment in the Chinese Laboratories within the University which are capable of synthesizing nanomaterials and preliminary characterization. Advanced characterization is done at our collaborating institutions. Currently, there are five (5) PhD students, seven (7) Masters students and several Bachelor of Science students attached to the center who are working on various nanotechnology related projects.

Researchers at the center are currently involved in writing several research proposals for funding. One of the proposals is aimed at improving the chemical security in our laboratories while several others are aimed at advancing the nanotechnology multidisciplinary and multi-institutional research. Soon, the center will develop products for commercialization as replicated in our partnering institutions. This will be another positive move from the norm where the center has been having a good number of research outputs in terms of publications in renown peer reviewed journals. You are encouraged to visit the research output section of the center situated at Ole Karei Complex, first floor. We are open to more collaborations in nanotechnology related researches as this is the new frontier to research.

A JET-SETTING RESEARCHER: TURNING DATA POINTS INTO BOARDING PASSES.



Dr. Kennedy Karani Onyiko, PhD attended a workshop dubbed “*Academic and Professional Development to Advance Research on Positive Youth Development*”, which took place from September 11 to 13, 2023, at the University of Applied Sciences in Potsdam, Germany. The workshop brought together mentors and mentees from the project “*Mentoring for TWCF Grantees to Sustain Academic and Professional*

Development” funded by the Templeton World Charity Foundation. The grant funding this project is co-led by Professor Jennifer E. Lansford (Duke University, United States) and Professor Rainer K. Silbereisen (Friedrich Schiller University of Jena, Germany).

Templeton World Charity Foundation (TWCF) Mentorship Program

Dr. Onyiko is part of the six mentees selected for this program who are all recipients of TWCF Global Innovations for Character Development grants. The mentorship program is meant to capitalize on the existing grants and provide ongoing professional development to sustain grantees’ scholarship beyond the period covered by the initial TWCF grant.

Mentors and mentees are engaged over the course of 30 months to work on five key areas:

- 1) Support in publishing findings from the mentee’s TWCF grant in peer-reviewed international journal articles;
- 2) Help with disseminating findings from the mentee’s TWCF grant to relevant stakeholders in practice and policy circles in the mentee’s relevant geographic region;
- 3) Assistance in networking with scholars around the globe who have

related research interests; 4) Encouraging the mentee’s grant writing capabilities;

- 4) Strategizing about long-term career goals and steps needed to attain the goals. These activities will naturally differ in intensity over the period of 30 months.

Dr. Onyiko is mentored by **Kopano Ratele**, a Professor in the Department of Psychology in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Stellenbosch University, South Africa. Kopano Ratele is a decolonial psychologist and men and masculinities studies scholar. He is known for his work on Africa-centring psychology, masculinity, fatherhood, culture, sexuality, and violence. His books include *There Was This Goat: Investigating the Truth Commission Testimony of Notrose Nobomvu Konile* (with Antjie Krog and Nosisi Mpolweni), *Liberating Masculinities*, and *Engaging Youth in Activism, Research and Pedagogical Praxis: Transnational and Intersectional Perspectives on Gender, Sex, and Race* (co-edited with Jeff Hearn, Tammy Shefer, and Floretta Boonzaier).

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Dr. Onyiko, K.K and Prof. Kopano Ratele pose for a photo on-board a bus touring the historical town of Potsdam. Onlooking from behind is Betsabé Vásquez.



Mentors and mentees pose for a group Photo.



Dr. Onyiko, K.K presenting a paper entitled: A Youth is a Sufferer: Navigating Youth Development Challenges and Charting Pathways to Solutions in Kenya.

TWCF GICD Funded Project at Maasai Mara University.

Title: Character and Thriving Among Kenyan Youth: A novel measure of character for use with street children and youth enrolled in schools.

This is a collaborative research project involving 5 researchers from 4 International Universities:

- i. **Project Director:** Dr. Kennedy Karani Onyiko (Department of Social Studies, Maasai Mara University)
- ii. **Project Co - Director:** Prof. G. John Geldhof (Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Oregon State University, USA)
- iii. **Prof. Edmond P. Bowers** (Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management, Clemson University, USA)
- iv. **Prof. Lawrence Robert Allen** (Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management, Clemson University, USA)
- v. **Prof. Samuel Dale McQuillin** (Department of Psychology, University of South Carolina, USA)

9TH MMARA-U INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The role of science and technology in sustainable development is unequivocal. It is against this backdrop that Maasai Mara University hosted its 9th International Conference themed: Science and Technology for Sustainable Development.

The Chief Guest Speaker Prof. Raphael Munavu,

Chair- Presidential Task force on Education Reforms in Kenya candidly contextualized the science and technology and sustainable development nexus. His sentiments were vividly emphasized by the Maasai Mara University Chairman of the Council Dr. Kennedy Ole Kerei, Acting Vice-Chancellor. Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho and

the Deputy Vice-Chancellor , Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. Bulitia Godrick Mathews.

Guests, speaks and presenters were drawn from diverse backgrounds, regions and disciplines, all with a common goal; discern the role of Science and Technology for Sustainable Development.



The Guest Speaker, Prof. Raphael Munavu, Chair- Presidential Task force on Education Reforms in Kenya signing into the conference. The Acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho, left, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. Bulitia Godrick Mathews, second right, Director Public Relations and Linkages, Lankeu Reson third left, Marjan Abdala , Research and Innovation, second left and Catherine Kamwaru, Office of Career Services looks on.



A cross-section of participants keenly following the proceedings during the 9th MMARA-U International Conference.

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DR. VIVIANA CLAVERÍA'S VISIT BOOST PHYSICS DEPARTMENT.

Maasai Mara University, Department of Mathematics and Physical Sciences in the School of Pure, Applied and Health sciences hosted Dr. Viviana Clavería, an Assistant Professor at the Complex System Group of the Physics Institute of Pontifical Catholic University in Valparaíso, Chile. The invitation was through the courtesy of Optics Club under the guidance of academic advisor, Dr. Ing. Jared Ombiro. Optica (formerly OSA – Optics Society of America) sponsored the event.

The week-long visit of Dr. Clavería was marked by a series of engaging events that brought together students, faculty, and the broader academic community. They included an introductory Meeting with Maasai Mara University Optics

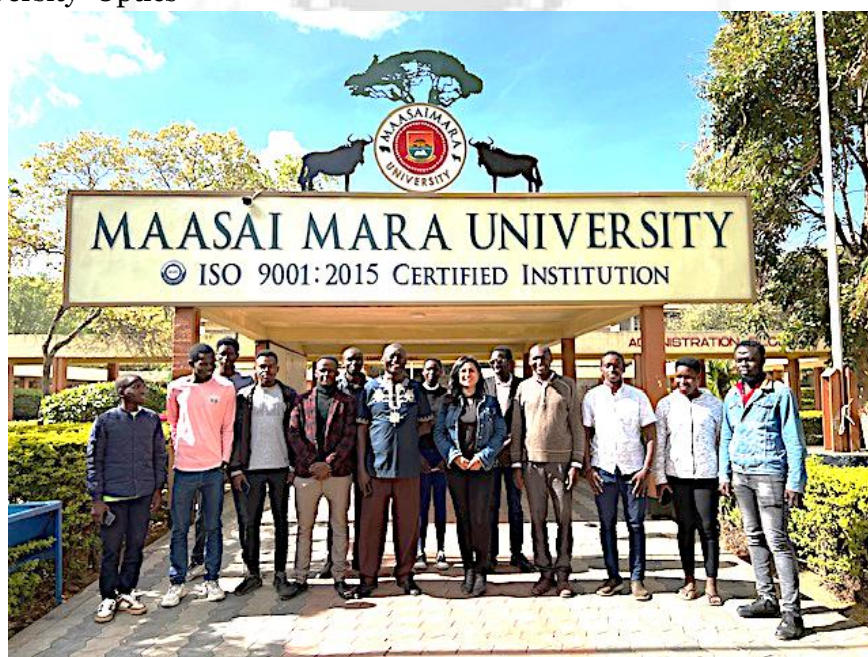
Club Members, Visit to Emmanuel Education Centre Primary School, Seminar on Tutorials on Biophysics, Women in Science Forum, Webinar on Sick Cell Anaemia and Biophysics and Official Launch of Maasai Mara University Optics Club.

The participants shared insights, experiences, and aspirations, for an intellectually stimulating engagement. Dr. Clavería's inspired young minds by visiting Emmanuel Education Centre Primary School together with members of the Maasai Mara University Optics Club. She interacted with young students, sharing her passion for science and the possibilities it holds in their future careers.

The week culminated in the official launch of the Maasai

Mara University Optics Club. Dr. Clavería's presence and guidance will undoubtedly be a catalyst for the club's success. Dr. Claveria also talked about opportunities offered through Optica like Amplify scholarship for Black African students pursuing Optics studies and Women in science scholarships.

Dr. Claveria's visit was a great opportunity that would open doors for students to apply for a scholarship to study for a Master of Science in Physics degree under the research group of the visiting professor at the Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaíso in Chile, research collaboration in Bio-Physics and promotion of women in science.



Dr. Viviana Clavería, (5th right) and Dr. Ing. Jared Ombiro, (4th right), joins some staff and members of University Optics Club for a group photo.

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Dr. Viviana Clavería and members of University Optics Club with a section of pupils of Emmanuel Education Centre Primary School during their mentorship visit.



Dr. Clavería hosted a seminar and offered tutorials on biophysics to students. Her expertise illuminated the intricacies of the field, leaving attendees with a deeper understanding and appreciation for the subject.



"Women in Science Forum" provided a platform for women in the sciences to discuss their experiences, challenges, and aspirations.

MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY PICTORIALS



University compound filled to capacity during the reporting exercise of the 2023 first year's cohort. The digitization of the process enhanced smoothness and efficiency.



Prof. Nathan Oyaro, (Standing), Dean, School of Pure, Applied and Health Sciences addressing participants during a training on Enhancing Transparency, Accountability, and Participation during the budget implementation and oversight to improve service delivery. The training was supported by the Institute of Public Finance (IPF) in collaboration with the University



Participants following proceedings during a Training on Institutional Scientific Ethics organized by Ethics Review Committee for academic staff and post-graduate students. NATCOM-UNESCO facilitated the training



Prof. Francis Mburu, (right), Dean, School of Natural Resources, Tourism and Hospitality Management and Marjan Abdala, Research and Innovation in the University stand at the Africa Climate Summit 2023, Nairobi where innovations in tandem with the University niche area were showcased.



Maasai Mara University hosted the 94th edition of the Rift Valley Regional Music Festival, which is organized by the Rift Valley chapter of the Kenya Music Festival (KMF). This lively event highlighted an abundance of talent with a focus on nurturing creativity for the advancement of both innovation and national development.



Prof. James Ole Nempushi, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, (F&S), joins a dance group in a jig during the Kenya Universities Performing Arts Association (KUPPA), Dance and Elocution Festival, held in the University.



Dedicated staff from the Estates Department and Botanical Garden participating in "Greening Maasai Mara University" initiative.



Enhance staff capacity and improving service delivery and efficiency. Mr. Sam Partoip, Registrar (A&S), (standing) during a service delivery charter training aimed at sensitizing and building on an efficient customer orientation culture.

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Fruits of Collaboration and Partnership. Participants of an Enhancing Transparency, Accountability, and Participation during the budget implementation and oversight to improve service delivery training converges for a group photo. The training was facilitated through collaboration with the Institute of Public Finance (IPF).



Some members of Maasai Mara University handball team that participated in the Kenya University Sports Federation, Handball and Netball Games, 2023 themed Fostering Excellence and Sportsmanship. We hosted 17 Universities for the games.



The University management led by the immediate Ag. VC Prof. Joseph Chacha (2nd left), Prof. James Simiren Nampushi, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, (AF&S), (4th left), Prof. Bulitia Godrick Mathews, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs (A&SA), (4th right), Lankeu Reson, Director Public Relations and Linkages, (3rd right), Mr. Samuel Partoip, Registrar, Administration and Strategy (2nd right), Mercylene Njoroge, Chief Legal Officer, (left) and Jonathan Sunkuiya, Deputy Registrar, Admission, leaning. The team paid a courtesy call to H.E. Patrick Ntutu (third left), The Governor, Narok County. During the meeting it was agreed that the two institutions will form partnership in Research and Innovation, Training and Capacity building, Corporate Social Responsibility, Agri-business among other areas of common interest.

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Dr. Fredrick Otieno, Registrar Academics, (second left) and Jackie Muntet (seated), School of Arts, Humanities, Social Science and Creative Industries and other members of staff in a well-coordinated collective effort to ensure smooth, fast and efficient first years reporting exercise.



A cross-section of Maasai Mara University Students Association (MMUSA) leaders; Jerry Rawlings Ayieko, Chairperson, (second right), Fred Murimi, (right) Secretary General, and others during 2023 1st years orientation

ROLE OF THE UNIVERSITY IN MAASAI CULTURE HERITAGE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT

CULTURE is recognised as the foundation of the Nation and as the cumulative civilisation of the Kenyan Nation. Article 2 in the Kenya Constitution aims at ensuring the fullest possible expression on culture and heritage in all their facet such as equal access for all cultures to scientific and technological knowledge, including digital forms.

Maasai Culture is among the most popular of in the world. The Maa Cultural Festival held in August 2023, sought to fulfil the aspiration of the National Policy on Culture and Heritage as informed by Article 11 of the Constitution of Kenya. The policy recognizes the diversity of the language of the people of Kenya and aims to protect, preserve and promote the indigenous languages of Kenya and encourages every person to use, join and maintain cultural and linguistic associations. The festival provided a public space for cultural expressions, enjoyment and spaces for creating, producing and distributing cultural goods and services. The theme of the festival was ***‘Maasinta Ai Olkerreti Lang’***.

The festival aligns well with the Maasai Mara University five “M” pillars; Mara River, Mau forest, Maasai Mara National Game

Reserve, Maasai culture and “Maombi”. The Maa Cultural Festival is hence focused on our key area of service. The University partnered with the Council of Governors, Narok Kajiado Economic Bloc for the success of the event.

The University is inclined to harness and champion Maa culture through research, community projects, culture related climate change mitigation and environmental conservation, partnership and collaboration, documentation and preservation of the rich cultural heritage and publications about the Maa culture and technology, globalization and culture for development.

A series of events were on display; Maasai music and dance, Maasai sports- javelin throwing, rungu throwing and targeting, wrestling, whistling, jumping high, racing, Maasai poetry and Kids corner- riddles, tongue twisters, Enkiguran/play, storytelling. Others were; Indigenous Maasai Cuisines, Maasai Cow songs - women milking songs and child caring songs, Maasai and cattle, Maasai material culture, huts and technology, herbal medicine, the Maasai market place and sponsors and partners exhibitions.

The national importance and magnitude of the festival was seen through high delegation of guests; H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, the president of the Republic of Kenya, H.E Rigathi Gachagua, the Deputy President, Prime Cabinet Secretary, Hon Musalia Mudavadi, Hon Penina Malonza, Cabinet Secretary for Tourism, Wildlife and Heritage, Cabinet Secretary Soipan Tuyu, H.E Governors Patrick Ole Ntutu, Joseph Ole Lenku and Lati Lelelit of Narok, Kajiado and Samburu respectively and their deputies. Kimaren Ole Ramit, Chairperson Maa Cultural Task Force Committee, Jackson Ole Mpario, Chairperson NAKAEB Bloc Council, Narok County Assembly Speaker and CA forum, Hon. Davis Dikirr, Members of the National and County Assemblies among others. The University was represented by a team led by the acting Vice-Chancellor Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho, Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor Administration, Finance and Strategy, Prof. James Nampushi, Lankeu Reson, Director Public Relations and Linkages, among others.

The attendees were mesmerized by the tiny, pixelated dancers and traditional artists. As beats drifted from the meagre speakers,

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attendees gyrated and automatically beckoned up. Sekenani gate was filled with people, not just for leisure but to feel the geniality of the symbolic place and also to be part of it. This was a representation of the power of Maa Culture. There were no strangers but people with the desire for serendipitous encounters as well as sincere and agreeable cultural conversations.

The Maasai Cultural festival immensely benefited the University; Enjoyment of the Maa-speaking group's culture, Creation, production and exhibition space, awareness creation on the rich and diverse Mara-speaking group's cultural heritage, Networking and partnership, Social cohesion and cultural exchange, showcasing and Marketing of the University Programmes.

Culture and development are two words which have not always gone together, or been worked upon within the same context. In recent years however, we come across new elements, instruments and ideas which place increasing emphasis on this pair of concepts. The two emery. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Amartya Sen, introduced the Human Development concept which promoted education and

health as key factors in human development. The idea of cultural dimension inclusion in the development framework policies and actions has gained prominence. The University has since mainstreamed culture as one of its thematic areas.

The role of culture in development cannot be gainsaid. This has perfect correlation to the role of Maasai Mara University in the Maa Culture while at the same time bolstering our Vision, Mission and objectives of being a world class institution.

This nexus connotes economic growth and holistic development as a process to boost people's capacities and broaden their options. Culture and development encompass an integral relationship that includes many approaches and transversalities of many disciplines; anthropology, sociology, history, political science. These are anchored in the University learning, research and community services roles.

The University has the inherent capacity and role to promote and protect the Maa culture - heritage, languages and customs. the Maasai culture has demonstrated its economic potential and can be "ecomised" for the good of the society.

Maasai Mara University sits on a gold mine that is Maa culture. There is thus a need to construct a Cultural hub complete with a Museum and an Amphitheatre, a cultural research centre for the cultural heritage protection and restoration. In addition, the University is uniquely located to host Conferences and workshops on culture, investing Cultural and Intercultural Dialogue, cultural and linguistic diversity, Human rights and cultural liberty, Rights-approaches to cultural issues and development, proper coordination of actions and actors and Gender and Culture and Capacity building and training. The University too should promote writers on culture and language,

The Maa cultural festival is indeed a massive industry for engagement. It is a hymn linking the present to the past, a shared ritual that transcends generations. Maasai Mara University has a pivotal role to play, a special responsibility that gives the local people hope and solves their emerging problems in subtle soft processes. It is the role of the University to fortify, solidify and embed the rich Maa culture into a modern world for sustainability and development.



A section of Maasai Mara University members of management following the proceedings at the Maa Cultural festival led by the Acting Vice-Chancellor Prof. Peninah Aloo Obudho, (second left), Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Finance and Strategy (AF&S), Prof. James Nampushi, (third right), Lankeu Reson, Director Public Relations and Linkages, (left) and Peter Brugei, VC's Office, (right).

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Maasai traditional jig as a distinct culture that cannot be replicated anywhere else on the planet



Mr. Samson Shakai, (left), Liaison Officer, Janet Kaelo, (centre), Directorate of Research and Innovation and Amos Mwendwa, from Public Relations and Linkages adorned cultural sync attire befitting the festival. They were part of the team that represented the University in the festival.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

THE CHAIRPERSON, MMUSA



Jerry Rawlings Ayieko
The Chairperson, MMUSA

To the graduating class of 2023
Congratulations on this momentous achievement! Today, you stand on the threshold of a new chapter in your lives, one filled with endless possibilities and exciting challenges. You have worked tirelessly, faced setbacks with resilience,

and persevered through countless obstacles to reach this milestone. Your dedication and determination have paid off, and you have earned the right to celebrate your success. As you embark on this new journey, remember that the world is your canvas. You have the power to shape your future, to pursue your dreams, and to make a positive impact on the world around you. Embrace the challenges that lie ahead, for they will only make you stronger and more resilient. Never stop learning, growing, and evolving. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you. You have demonstrated exceptional talent, intelligence, and

character. You have inspired us with your passion, creativity, and commitment to excellence. We know that you will go on to achieve great things. As you leave the comfort of your academic community, remember that you are not alone. You have a network of friends, family, and mentors who are here to support you every step of the way. Reach out to us when you need guidance, encouragement, or simply a listening ear. We believe in you! The future is bright, and we cannot wait to see what you accomplish. Congratulations again on your graduation. With heartfelt congratulations

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THE SECRETARY GENERAL, MMUSA



Fred Murimi.
Secretary General,
MMUSA

“You're educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world.” I am privileged to witness the transformation that has taken place within this extraordinary group of individuals. Today, we don't just recognize your academic accomplishments but celebrate the growth, resilience, and the journey that has shaped you into the outstanding individuals you are now.

You have gained knowledge beyond anything that textbooks could ever impart

in your hearts. The principles of bravery, tenacity, tolerance for differences, and the significance of living sustainably have been ingrained in you. As you journey into new frontiers, keep the light of knowledge, compassion, and togetherness alive. Keep in mind that education is both a key to open doors for you and a tool to unlock chances for others.

Graduation is not just a milestone; it is a stepping stone into the vast and uncharted territories of the future. It is more than just a significant event. Remember that the knowledge and abilities you have acquired here are not just for your own success but also for the development of the community and the wider world as you depart from Maasai Mara' University's safe embrace.

Class of 2023, this is your moment, seize it with the same determination that brought you to this point. As you venture into the unknown, carry the spirit of

Maasai Mara within you—resilient, compassionate, and united. The world awaits your unique contributions, and I am confident enough that each of you will leave an indelible mark not only to themselves but also to the society. You were designed for accomplishment, engineered for success, and endowed with the seeds of greatness; Go out to the world, shine and be an asset to the Society.

Congratulations Class of 2023, you've fought a tough race and God has been grateful to you, now face the world and change it. As Bill Clinton well-articulated that, “In the end, all that endures are the builders, and in the end even the builders are forgotten, and all that endures are the ripples of what they built, and that's good — that's a good thing. You are equal to the task.

Thank you, and may your futures be as bright as the African sun that shines upon us today and every day. God Bless you and God Bless Maasai Mara University.

SECRETARY ACADEMIC AFFAIRS & EDITORIAL, MMUSA



William Derickson
Academics & Editing
General, MMUSA

It is true that winners never quit and quitters never win. The expert in everything was once a beginner who took the courage not to quit. I hereby take this golden opportunity

to congratulate the 2023 graduands for now being experts on your respective fields of specialization. Maasai Mara University has imparted in you the necessary skills, knowledge and wisdom that you are expected to give to the society, our country and world at large. Kindly note that education is only useful when the skills acquired through it are put into practice and your acquired skills are important to our country, specially to attain vision 2030 program. Fellow scholars, you are the architects of your life and the material that you need to build your empire are already in you. Make good use of your acquired skills to save your

life towards achieving your prioritized goals. There has been said that the poor in wealth and riches worry about tomorrow because they don't know what to eat, but however the worst are the poor in mind, for they worry about the present because of wrong decision made in the past. Fellow scholars, take advantage of any viable opportunity that comes your way to better yourself and others for a better Kenya to come. As I conclude, I would like once again to congratulate you and wish you the very best in your life endeavours as you open a new page of your life after this occasion.



Group Photo for the MMUSA Leadership

Name	Leadership Position	Sitting/Standing position
Jerry Rawlings Ayieko	MMUSA Chairperson	2 nd from left
Anne Nduku Kanu	Vice- chairperson	3 rd from left
Fred Murimi Lucy	Secretary general	1 st from left
Rotich Timothy	Secretary finance	2 nd from right
William Derrickson	Secretary academics and editorial	Standing at the back
Anne Wangui Gachiri	Secretary health, catering and special needs	3 rd from right
Abiud Kimutai Choge	Secretary sports and entertainment	1 st from right

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MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY ALUMNI

THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES.



Dr. Patrick Gudda
Section Head, Office
of Career Services
(Centre)

The life of a student is an important and dynamic component of an active tertiary education experience. It provides the students with an opportunity to develop not only academically, but also socially. It is important to note that universities have a responsibility as part of the holistic education of their graduate to prepare students for eventual entry into the work force or and entrepreneurship. This is a more complex activity than simply providing the student with greater levels of information and even more sophisticated general skills. In addition, it is also the responsibility of the university to educate the students about the nature of the work force and the student's potential place in it, and how the course of study pursued by the students may eventually affect the student's place in the work force. Career services do provide the immediate assistance that the student may need to

maximize his or her capacity to begin a career.

To achieve this, the Office of Career Services organizes activities under three pillars, namely: **Career Education, Career Counseling and Career Information.** To this end, we have been able to work with partner institutions on diverse dates to provide career services as listed herein:

On 6th April, 2023, MMU hosted the celebrations of the International Day of sports. This year's global theme was **"Scoring for People and the Planet"**.

This theme *"Scoring for People and the Planet"*, resonates with Maasai Mara University's Vision: *To be a world-class university committed to academic excellence for sustainable development.*

The day was graced by the Deputy Director General, of the Kenya National Commission for UNESCO (KNATCOM) and the DVC (A&SA) Maasai Mara University. During the function we planted 200 tree seedlings donated by ENSDA and our University Botanical Garden. The tree-growing session is aimed at enhancing MMU's green cover concept and the government goal of increasing forest cover in the country. In addition, sports events were held at the MMU sports grounds between students' teams.

The key-note speeches focused on:

- impact and influence of sport on sustainable development and peace.
- empower women and girls, young people, persons with disabilities, and other marginalized groups.
- promote inclusivity.
- anti-doping in sports.

Through sports, UNESCO seeks to advance health sustainability, and educational objectives, because sport offers tremendous potential for advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and for promoting peace and human rights.

The Deputy Director General's speech concluded by stating that, sports provide open opportunities for meaningful and lasting mutually benefiting synergies.

Quote

'Maasai Mara University will be our UNESCO Sports and Peace ambassador in this region and county.' ...DDG

1. To enhance our our mentorship capacity, the Office of Career Services conducted a mentors training between 30th – 31st August, 2023 during which 101 mentors were trained.
2. The Office of Career Services invited KASNEB on the 17th October, 2023. The representative

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pitched for professional career path in Accountancy, Finance and IT to the students. undertaking Business and Economics courses.

3. Similarly, on 19th October, 2023, a career talk by Africa Population Health Research Center (APHRC) and African Medical Research Foundation (AMREF) was held for students undertaking Statistics and STEM.

SCHOOLS MENTORSHIP

As an outreach programme towards mentorship to our school students, Maasai Mara University in collaboration with staff from the **Office of Her Excellency the First Lady of the Republic of Kenya, Mrs. Racheal Ruto**, and the Kubamba crew undertook life-transforming mentorship programmes in selected secondary schools in Narok County under the **“Mama Doing Good Initiative”** between 28th – 31st August, 2023.

Our presentations focused on the following:

Social skills that curtail realization of quality grades such as teen pregnancies, early marriages, LGBTQ and drug substance abuse.

The students were advised on the need for positive behavior change that would see them excel in academics and exploit their talents. The clarion call was “Believe in your abilities/capabilities, then begin to chart your

career path and ultimately become that which you would wish to be in future (the three Bs – **believe, begin, become**)”.

The students were also brought to speed on the university entry and specific programs entry criteria. They were advised on how best they could improve their academic grades for instance, through identifying friends that could support in their studies, shunning antisocial behavior and working closely with their teachers.

A brief was presented on the new university and tertiary education funding model that provides opportunities to all students admitted to the university. Highlights were also made on the support programs that our university offers to the very needy students, bursaries, work study programs and feeding programs in our mess.

ALUMNI

On 2nd June, 2023, the Office of Career Services hosted the alumni and finalized the list of nominees for appointment as chancellor. This

culminated in the eventual appointment of **Mr. Vimal**

Shah as the Chancellor of Maasai Mara University.

The OCS on behalf of the alumni congratulates the great industrialist for honouring by graciously accepting to be the MMU Chancellor. In light of this,

The Office of Career Services shall seek the indulgence of Mr. Chancellor Sir to build partnerships, collaborations and networks as means to

provide opportunities for career linkages to the students to hone their skills for holistic growth and sustainable economic development.

The Office of Career Services in collaboration with the Games Department

organized the Alumni Annual Sport Day on 11th November, 2023 at the University. The first activity was tree planting, followed by football, volley-ball and basketball matches

The alumni have proposed to contribute towards the refurbishment of the basketball court. Moreover, the alumni donated sports kits to the Masimba Girls Football Team.

The last part of event was an interactive session between the alumni and the students. In the keynote address, thematic areas of concern were for the alumni to entrench their network with a view to mobilize resources for the university, offer industry linkage opportunities and provide attachment, internship or even job placement openings to our students.

Once again, we join hands in congratulating our graduands. We also assure the world that our products will continue to provide those skills missing link you yearn for. Our brand is destined to greatness because we have spent our energies and intellectual resource to provide you with only the best!

MESSAGES FROM ALUMNI.



Simo Baba
Graduate Assistant, DESGA.

Firstly, I would like to take this golden opportunity to thank the Almighty God for this far he has brought us. Secondly, allow me to join the Maasai Mara University fraternity in congratulating the graduating class of 2023. Congratulations comrades!

For this far, it has taken your determination and discipline in attending many and long lectures, fighting with the deadlines for the takeaway cats and assignment submissions, the field trips, and the laboratory work which have moulded you towards achieving this degree. Today, the 8th of December 2023 comes with tears of joy as you are now being given powers to read and do what it partakes within your degree.

I am Simo Raphael, a former Maasai Mara University Student, and a Graduate with First Class Honours in BSc. Environmental Studies (Biology and Health) the class of 2020. Equally worthy to note, I was the first MMUSA chairman (Students Union President), a position I held from the year 2018 to 2020.

I am currently an International Masters Student, taking masters degree in Limnology and Wetland Management. This programme is being offered by Four different countries and institutions i.e., Austria (BOKU University), The Netherlands (IHE Delft), France and Kenya (Egerton University). This programme equips learners with the structure and functioning of

aquatic and wetland ecosystems for their sustainable use and management, together with skills on how to interact with stakeholders, managers, and policy makers for the development of best practices.

I therefore take this opportunity to encourage our comrades who are graduating today that everything is possible when you believe and work hard towards what you believe in. The sky should be the minimum. The thirst to conquer should continue burning and you should work towards quenching this thirst. Keep your eyes focused towards achieving more dreams beyond your today's celebration. I strongly believe that Maasai Mara University gave you the best and you are strong and ready to conquer the world. Go out and manifest.

WE ARE GOING THERE. WE SHALL CONQUER.

Once more, Congratulations!



Macroinvertebrates identification
at BOKU University, Vienna,
Austria. November, 2022.



Weather Station Construction in
Digne Les Bains, France.
February, 2023



Wetland assessment for water
Quality, Kericho, Kenya.
June, 2023



Attending PhD symposium at IHE
Delft, Netherlands.
October, 2023



Field Work in Ethiopia,
November. 2023.

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Daniel Nkoitoi Kipilosh
ALUMNUS

Daniel is an alumnus from the School of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and Creative Industries. He is the serving Chairman for Maasai Mara University Alumni Association and the member of Maasai Mara University IREC under NACOSFI-Committee. Daniel has worked for Humanitarian and Welfare organizations for 15 years in both

field and managerial capacities on transformational development in both County and National levels. These organizations include: World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), World Concerns International (WCI), AICCAD, USAID-FHI360, Christian Aid International and Narok District Network Forum (NADINEF) and many other local organizations.

He served as the leader of the Narok County Civil Society Network (NACCSNET) for 10 years and worked with the Pan African living Cultures as a Regional Program Manager.

The New MAA General Secretary for East Africa co-ordinates mobilization activities among all the 25 Maa Speaking Communities in Kenya and Tanzania Maasai.

PRIVATELY SPONSORED STUDENTS' PROGRAMMES (PSSP)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for admission into the following programmes offered at the Maasai Mara University.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Ph.D Programmes

- Ph.D in Educational Administration
- Ph.D in Educational Curriculum Instruction and Media
- Ph.D in Educational Psychology
- Ph.D in Guidance and Counseling
- Ph.D in Early Childhood Development Education
- Ph.D in Educational Curriculum Studies

Masters Degree Programmes

- Master of Education (Guidance & Counseling)
- Master of Education (Educational Administration)
- Master of Education (Early Childhood Development)
- Master of Education (Special Needs Education)
- Master of Education (Educational Psychology)
- Master of Education (Curriculum Instruction & Media)

Undergraduate Degree Programmes

- Bachelor of Education (Arts)
- Bachelor of Education (Science)
- Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Development Education)

- Bachelor of Education (Arts/Science) with Special Needs Education
- Bachelor of Education (Arts/Science) with Guidance and Counseling

Diploma Programmes

- Diploma in Early Childhood Development
- Diploma in Education (Arts/Sciences)

SCHOOL OF PURE, APPLIED & HEALTH SCIENCES

Ph.D Programmes

- Ph.D in Chemistry
- Ph.D in Pure Mathematics
- Ph.D in Physics
- Ph.D in Applied Mathematics
- Ph.D in Applied Statistics

Masters Degree Programmes

- Master of Science in Chemistry
- Master of Science in Pure Mathematics
- Master of Science in Physics
- Master of Science in Applied Statistics
- Master of Science in Applied Mathematics
- Master of Science in Information Science
- Master of Science in Computer Science
- Master of Science in Applied Entomology

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Undergraduate Degree Programmes

- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
- Bachelor of Science in Information Science
- Bachelor of Science in Applied Statistics with Computing
- Bachelor of Science in Botany
- Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
- Bachelor of Science in Zoology
- Bachelor of Science in Physics
- Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Bachelor of Science in Microbiology

Diploma and Certificate Programmes

- Diploma in Information Technology
- Diploma in Computer Science
- Diploma in Nutrition and Dietetics
- Certificate in Information Technology

SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES & CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Ph.D Programmes

- Ph.D in Kiswahili
- Ph.D in Linguistics
- Ph.D in Literature

Masters Degree Programmes

- Master of Arts (Kiswahili)
- Master of Arts (Public Policy and Administration)
- Master of Arts (Linguistics)
- Master of Arts (Literature)
- Master of Arts in Philosophy
- Master of Social Work

Undergraduate Degree Programmes

- Bachelor of Arts in Community Development
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Public Administration
- Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Penology
- Bachelor of Arts in Sociology
- Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies
- Bachelor of Arts in History
- Bachelor of Arts in Social Work
- Bachelor of Arts in Language and Communication
- Bachelor of Arts in Kiswahili and Journalism
- Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Journalism
- Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Public Relations.
- Bachelor of Arts in Literature, Theatre and Film
- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

Diploma Programmes

- Diploma in Social Work & Community development

Certificate Programmes

- Certificate in Social Work

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Ph.D Programmes

- Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration

Masters Degree Programmes

- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Philosophy in Human Resource Management
- Master of Science in Econometrics and Statistics
- Master of Science in Financial Economics
- Master of Science in Economic Policy Analysis and Management
- Master of Science in Agricultural Economics & Resource Management

Undergraduate Degree Programmes

- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Science in Economics
- Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics & Resource Management
- Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness Management
- Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management
- Bachelor of Science in Financial Economics
- Bachelor of Science in Economics and Statistics
- Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship
- Bachelor of Science in Project Planning and Management

Diploma Programmes

- Diploma in Business Management
- Diploma in Human Resource Management

Certificate Programmes

- Certificate in Business Management
- Certificate in Human Resource Management

SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TOURISM & HOSPITALITY

Ph.D Programmes

- Ph. D in Land Resource Management
- Ph.D in Environmental Planning and Management
- Ph.D in Environmental Studies

Masters Degree Programmes

- Master of Science (Environmental Studies)
- Master of Arts (Geography)
- Master of Environmental Planning and Management
- Master of Science in Land Resource Management

Undergraduate Degree Programmes

- Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Management
- Bachelor of Science in Forest Ecosystems Management
- Bachelor of Science in Animal Health & Production
- Bachelor of Arts in Geography
- Bachelor of Environmental studies (Biology and Health)
- Bachelor of Environmental studies (Earth Sciences)
- Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning
- Bachelor of Tourism Management
- Bachelor of Science in Parks, Recreation and Leisure Management
- Bachelor of Hotel and Hospitality Management
- Bachelor of Environmental Management

Diploma Programmes

- Diploma in Wildlife & Tourism Management.
- Diploma in Hotels & Hospitality Management
- Diploma in Animal Health and Production

Certificate Programmes

- Certificate in Wildlife & Tourism Management

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

• PhD programmes:

A Masters degree in the relevant field from a recognized University.

• Masters programmes:

2nd Class Honours (Upper Division) from a recognized university OR 2nd Class Honours (Lower Division), with two years' post qualification relevant work experience.

• Undergraduate programmes:

*Mean Grade of C+ in KCSE
or a C/C- with a relevant Diploma*

• Diploma programmes:

*KCSE Mean Grade of C/C- and above
or a Mean Grade of D+ with a Certificate from a recognized institution.*

• Diploma in Education (Secondary Option):

KCSE Mean Grade of C+ and a C+ in two teaching subjects.

• Diploma in Education (Primary Option):

Mean Grade of C+ or a Mean Grade of C (plain) with a P1 certificate.

• Certificate programmes:

KCSE Mean Grade of D+ and above.

INTAKES

- Full time and Evening modes of study: January, May and September
- School based/Part time modes of study: April, August and December

HOW TO APPLY

Official application forms are available at the Admissions office or can be downloaded from our website **www.mmarau.ac.ke**.

Duly completed application forms should be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of **Kshs. 500/=** for Certificate and Diploma programmes, **Kshs. 1000/=** for Undergraduate programmes and **Kshs. 2000/=** for postgraduate programmes. Payments should be deposited into any of the following University accounts: Co-operative Bank Ltd, Narok Branch (**01129337192600**) or Equity Bank, Narok branch (**0360292999764**).

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