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MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY USHERS IN A NEW CHAPTER WITH THE SWEARING-IN OF THE NEW COUNCIL

Maasai Mara University marked a significant milestone with the official appointment, gazettelement, and swearing-in of its new Council Members, reaffirming the institution's unwavering commitment to good governance, accountability, and excellence in higher education. Prof. Geoffrey M. Ole Maloiy took the oath of office as the new Chairperson of the University Council, succeeding Dr. Kennedy Ole Kerei, whose leadership and service to the university came to an end in May 2026. Also appointed and sworn into office were Dr. Susan Chebet, Ms. Elizabeth Ayoo, CPA Dickson Malanga Shikanga, Ms. Agnes Busienei and Ms. Millicent Leila Lenguris



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The assumption of office by the new Council marks the start of a new chapter of visionary and collaborative leadership. The Council is expected to provide strategic oversight and policy direction to strengthen institutional governance, enhance service delivery, promote strategic partnerships, and advance the University's mission in teaching, research, innovation, and community engagement. Under the leadership of Prof. Ole Maloiy, the university is expected to soar high in terms of academic activities. This is against the background of his strong academic accolades both locally and internationally.

As the University's supreme governing organ, the Council will play a critical role in steering Maasai Mara University towards achieving its strategic objectives and reinforcing its position as a leading centre of academic excellence, innovation, and societal transformation.

Maasai Mara University management, Senate, Staff and students extends their heartfelt congratulations to the newly sworn-in Council Members and wishes them every success as they undertake the noble responsibility of guiding the institution toward a future of sustainable growth and excellence. Together, we look forward to advancing the University's vision to transform lives through quality education, research, innovation, and impactful community service.



Prof. Geoffrey M. Ole Maloiy (left) being sworn in as the chairperson of the Council. Witnessing are the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho (2nd left), Chief Legal Officer, Ms. Mercyline Njoroge (2nd right) and the Senior Legal Officer, Mr. Alfred Nyabochwa (right)



Prof. Geoffrey M. Ole Maloiy (left) being sworn in as the chairperson of the Council, accompanied by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho



Council member, Dr. Susan Chebet being sworn in



Council member, Ms. Elizabeth Ayoo being sworn in



Council Member, Millicent Lenguris taking the oath of office



Council Member, CPA Shikanga Malanga being sworn in



Council Member, Agnes Busienei taking the oath of office

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A GREENER AND CLEANER NAROK TOWN: MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY AND NAROK COUNTY UNITE FOR LANDMARK URBAN TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

In a powerful demonstration of shared vision and environmental stewardship, Maasai Mara University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho and a team of stakeholders, held a high-profile strategic meeting with Narok Governor, Hon. Patrick Ole Ntutu, to solidify a monumental partnership: **The Narok Town Greening Initiative.**

This multi-agency project, proudly spearheaded by Maasai Mara University is an ambitious urban sustainability blueprint designed to radically transform Narok town into a cleaner, greener, and more vibrant municipality. By greening public spaces, restoring urban eco-systems, and expanding the town's tree cover, the initiative actively mitigates the ecological pressures of rapid urbanization. Crucially, this visionary project was birthed by the university as a foundational stepping stone to prepare Narok Town for its future elevation to City Status.

The meeting marked a historic milestone as Governor Patrick Ole Ntutu officially launched the programme, pledging his absolute, unreserved political backing and committing to support the initiative to guarantee its runaway success.



The Governor of Narok County, Hon. Patrick Ole Ntutu (5th from Left) in a group photo with the Greening Narok County team



Governor Patrick Ole Ntutu shares a light moment with Prof. Aloo after a fruitful consultative meeting

Lauding Maasai Mara University for its forward-thinking leadership, the Governor enthusiastically challenged the Vice-Chancellor to double down on these stellar efforts and aggressively bring more corporate and community stakeholders on board. He asked the team led by the Vice-Chancellor to expand their activities to other towns in Narok County. To forge an unbreakable operational link between the university and the county administration, the Governor strategically assigned two key county leaders to the initiative; Mr. Willy Loigero (Chief Officer, Environment) and Ms. Daisy Kui (County Environmental Officer). He also indicated that when he is not available, the team can work with the Deputy Governor, Mr. Koech Tamalinye.

Joining the Governor during the meeting was Narok County Commissioner, Mr. Reuben Lotiata, who echoed the call for absolute synergy. Mr. Lotiata warmly thanked the Governor for his profound endorsement, noting that combining political goodwill with actual county resources will inject the vital momentum needed to turn this green dream into reality. On his part, Bishop Augustine Rugut of the Jesus Power Gospel added that the initiative will change the town environment from dry and dusty to a greener environment. Representing the religious leaders, the Bishop thanked the Governor for embracing the initiative.

The Narok Town Greening Initiative stands as a masterclass in multi-agency collaboration, seamlessly weaving together the expertise and mandates of top-tier institutional stakeholders such as County Government of Narok, Office of the County Commissioner, Narok Town Municipality, Kenya National Highways Authority (**KeNHA**), Ewaso Ng'iro South Development Authority (**ENSDA**), Narok County Public Health Office, National Environment Management Authority (**NEMA**), Religious leaders, Kenya Forest Service (**KFS**), Youth groups, NGOs and Women groups, among others.

Through this united front, Maasai Mara University and the County Government of Narok are not just planting trees—they are planting the seeds for a sustainable, world-class city of tomorrow.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho (3rd right) and The CEO Kenya National Innovation Agency, Dr. Tonny Omwansa (centre) with a cross section of university management at the innovation week

The Vice-Chancellor of Maasai Mara University, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho, chaired the Planning CoMaasai Mara University, guided by its vision of “a university focused on innovation and empowerment for societal transformation,” held its inaugural Innovation Week from May 4th to 8th , 2026.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho, officially opened the first-ever Innovation Week. In her address, the Vice-Chancellor highlighted the university's innovation journey, which began in November 2023 when the institution joined the Kenya National Innovation Agency's support framework. Since then, the university has developed an entrepreneurial commercialization master plan anchored on five strategic focus areas: innovative leadership, strengthening industry linkages, financial support for innovations and start-ups, establishing an innovation hub, and promoting entrepreneurial education.

She emphasized that Maasai Mara University is positioning itself as a hub of sustainable innovation, committed to adopting approaches that honor the environment, uplift communities, and contribute to national and global development. “Innovation Week is more than a celebration; it is a platform for students to showcase their ingenuity, for faculty to present ground-breaking research, and for partners to witness innovation's transformative power,” she said.

The Chief Guest was the CEO of the Kenya National Innovation Agency, Dr. Tonny Omwansa, . Dr. Omwansa challenged the university to harness its niche in Tourism, Environmental Resource Management, and Conservation to drive meaningful innovation. He emphasized that this specialization offers a unique opportunity for the institution to develop impactful solutions to local and global challenges. Dr. Omwansa urged the university to move beyond intention and focus on building deep capabilities in its niche. He concluded with a resonant call to action, captured in the phrase: “Because we are Maasai Mara University.”He added that the university must work towards developing innovations around its unique niche. This will make the institution stand tall among its peers.

The event which brought together a diverse group of stakeholders was sponsored by Odoo, KenHIA, Eco SAVE Africa, and KCB. Odoo led a three-day training session on its open-source suite of business applications, which helps organizations manage operations such as CRM, e-Commerce, accounting, inventory, sales, and project management on a single platform. During the training, students and faculty members participated in hands-on sessions covering website creation, product management, sales and order processing, and profit-and-loss analysis using the Odoo platform.

Participants included national leaders in innovation, regional and international partners in science and sustainability, environmental stewardship champions, academic collaborators, local government and digital transformation leaders, and global partners in education and development. The event also engaged industry partners, university staff, and students.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho in a joyful mood , opening the inaugural MMARA-U Innovation Week.



The CEO, Kenya National Innovation Agency, Dr. Tonny Omwansa, the chief guest.



Group photo of cross-section of the participants with the Vice-chancellor and the CEO KENIA

The Innovation Week 2026 featured innovation competitions in which participants presented and defended their ideas before a panel of judges and the audience. The competitions showcased the creativity, research skills, and problem-solving abilities of young innovators from various universities. The top three innovations were recognized and awarded trophies, along with cash prizes of KSh 15,000, KSh 10,000, and KSh 5,000 for the winner, first runner-up, and second runner-up, respectively.

Students from Maasai Mara University dominated the competition, taking the top two spots, while an innovation from Kisii University earned third place. The overall winning innovation was TerraPath Intelligence, developed by Elvis Maina, Jared George, Jamlick Lepaa, and Peter Mwei. Second place went to Pour Point Depressants, an innovation by Louise Malova, while third place was awarded to Agrovault, an innovation by Davis Ogega of Kisii University.



Odoo team and MMARA-U representatives with the competition winners.



Some of the winners receiving awards



Innovation meets culture. University staff, international guests and partners shared a memorable moment during Innovation Week 2026, celebrating groundbreaking ideas while embracing the rich Maasai cultural heritage that defines Maasai Mara University.

VICE-CHANCELLOR ATTENDS THE AFRICA FORWARD SUMMIT

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho, participated in the Africa Forward Summit in Nairobi. The Vice-Chancellor met with Prof. Slim Khalbous, the CEO/Recteur of the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), on 12th May 2026. Their discussions focused on advancing the French language and programs at Maasai Mara University, student mobility, collaboration with the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), academic partnerships, and opportunities for student exchange, among other areas of mutual interest.

The Vice Chancellor joined MMARA-U students, who expanded their learning beyond the classroom through active participation in the prestigious Africa Forward Summit 2026, organized by the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), of which the university is a member.

The summit brought together diverse stakeholders from across Africa and beyond to discuss innovation, youth empowerment, artificial intelligence, sustainable development, entrepreneurship, and the strengthening of Africa–France partnerships.

Through this international platform, Maasai Mara University students gained valuable global exposure, professional networking opportunities, and practical experience that complement their academic journey and prepare them for leadership in an increasingly interconnected world.

The Africa Forward Summit marked a historic milestone as the first edition held outside a Francophone country in Africa.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho (right), exchanging gifts with Prof. Slim Khalbous, the CEO/Recteur of the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), at the Africa Forward Summit in Nairobi, after a meeting.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho (centre), with some of the participants at the Africa Forward Summit.



Maasai Mara University students at the Africa Forward Summit 2026

MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY AND THE INDIGENOUS LIVELIHOODS ENHANCEMENT PARTNERS SIGN AN MOU

On May 20, 2026, Maasai Mara University and Indigenous Livelihoods Enhancement Partners (ILEPA) formalized a strategic partnership by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), marking an important step toward collaborative engagement.

The agreement sets the stage for joint efforts across Indigenous Knowledge Systems, cultural heritage preservation, research, community outreach, environmental stewardship, and the promotion of sustainable livelihoods.

This partnership reflected a shared commitment to connecting academic expertise with indigenous wisdom, fostering knowledge sharing, innovation, and community-driven development while safeguarding heritage and supporting sustainable progress for future generations.



Proud together: The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho (right) and the Chief Executive Officer of Indigenous Livelihoods Enhancement Partners (ILEPA), Mr. Kimaren Ole Riamit, with copies of the signed MOU



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho, chairing the MOU signing meeting



Group photo of MMARA-U and ILEPA team members during the MOU signing



A.g DVC RIO Prof. Francis Mburu (2nd right), Safaricom representative Mr. Simon Gathu (2nd left), Director Public Relations, Marketing and Linkages Dr. Edward Kateiya (left), and Ag. Deputy Registrar RIO Mr. Galfen Omuse (right) during the event.

Safaricom PLC partnered with Maasai Mara University to plant trees as part of an initiative promoting environmental conservation and climate action. The initiative brought together university staff and students, Safaricom representatives, and pupils from nearby primary schools.

The university delegation was led by Prof. Francis Mburu, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research, Innovation and Outreach, representing Vice-Chancellor Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho, while Safaricom was represented by Mr. Simon Gathu. As part of the initiative, Safaricom donated 5,000 tree seedlings to support efforts to increase forest cover and enhance environmental sustainability. Additional seedlings were distributed to nearby schools and communities.

Prof. Mburu called on stakeholders to actively support tree-planting efforts to combat climate change, while Mr. Gathu emphasized the importance of partnerships for achieving long-term environmental sustainability. The exercise reflects the commitment of the two institutions to environmental conservation and aligns with Kenya's broader agenda for forest restoration and climate resilience.



Leading from the front. Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research, Innovation and Outreach, Prof. Francis Mburu planting a tree seedling during the initiative



A section of the joint tree planting exercise between Safaricom and MMARU-A in a group photo

Representatives from the Kenya Revenue Authority conducted a training session on taxation for university students. The session was informative and helped students understand the importance of taxes and how taxation works in Kenya.

During the training, the representatives explained the requirements for tax registration and demonstrated the different platforms through which registration can be completed, including iTax, the USSD code 2225#, and the KRA eCitizen Portal. The different types of taxes and the percentages deducted from income were also highlighted. In addition, the penalties and fines for late filing of tax returns were explained, emphasizing the importance of filing returns on time.

The representatives further discussed available tax incentives for taxpayers and introduced the KRA chatbot, which helps users access tax-related information and services more easily. Lastly, they demonstrated the process of filing tax returns step by step, making it easier for students to follow. Overall, the training was educational, interactive, and beneficial, equipping students with essential knowledge of taxation and tax compliance in Kenya.



Students attending taxation training



Ongoing session during the taxation training

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The Dean of Students, Mohammed Aden, giving his speech at the 7th East Africa Student Leaders Conference held at The Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology in Arusha, Tanzania

The Dean of Students, Mohammed Aden, led the Students' Leadership team from Maasai Mara University to the 7th East Africa Student Leaders Conference at The Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology in Arusha, Tanzania. The student leaders representing the University were Victor Mitema (Chairperson), Pauline Njeri (Vice Chairperson), and Mohamed Ali (Secretary General).

The conference brought together student leaders from universities across East Africa to deliberate on leadership, innovation, governance, and regional collaboration in higher education. Through this engagement, Maasai Mara University strengthened its regional presence, enhanced its institutional visibility, and built meaningful networks with other institutions of higher learning across the region.

The forum also provided an enriching platform for student leaders to develop practical leadership skills, exchange ideas and experiences, and learn best practices in student governance and representation. The insights and knowledge gained are expected to significantly strengthen student leadership, promote unity and inclusivity among students, and enhance service delivery within the University community.



The Dean of Students, Mohammed Aden (centre) with MUSA president Victor Mitema (right) and the Secretary General Mohamed Ali (left)



MmaraU was ably represented by its leaders at the 7th East Africa Student Leaders Conference held at The Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology in Arusha, Tanzania

VICE-CHANCELLOR ATTENDED THE WORLD URBAN FORUM 13

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Vice-Chancellor of Maasai Mara University, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho attended the World Urban Forum 13 (WUF13) in Baku, Azerbaijan, from May 14 to 18, 2026. The Vice-Chancellor's participation in this global gathering provided a strategic opportunity for Maasai Mara University to strengthen international partnerships, advance research collaborations, showcase its sustainability and climate initiatives, and contribute to global discussions on resilient and sustainable communities. The Vice-Chancellor during a panel discussion presented on the role of universities in promoting sustainable cities. She shared the programmes offered at Maasai Mara University that are in line with the theme of WUF 13.

The engagement further aligned with the University's academic programs and research across Urban and Regional Planning, Geography, Environmental Studies, Climate Change, Natural Resource Management, Tourism, Hospitality, Health, Culture, and related disciplines. Through this participation, the University continues to position itself as a key contributor to sustainable development, environmental stewardship, and innovative research at the regional and global levels.



The Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho (2nd right) attending a session at the World Urban Forum 13 (WUF13) in Baku, Azerbaijan



The Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho (3rd left) with a cross-section of the participants during the 13th World Urban Forum in Baku, Azerbaijan



As a globalised artifact, Maasai Shukas continue to be a symbol of Kenyan culture worldwide. The Vice-Chancellor as a champion of this culture, carried along the shuka to the summit and is donating one to Mr. Fuat Karinmli

FROM INSPIRATION TO IMPACT: MMARA-U'S WESTERN KENYA TARGETED MARKETING AND CSR

Maasai Mara University continues to strengthen its footprint across Kenya through an impactful, targeted marketing and outreach program that seamlessly integrates academic marketing, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), and environmental conservation.

The initiative brought the University together with students, teachers, and local communities, including Kakamega High School, Butere Girls, Butere Boys, and more than ten other schools, for meaningful interactions focused on higher education opportunities, career mentorship, innovation, and sustainable environmental stewardship. Through vibrant engagements, learners were inspired to dream bigger, pursue excellence, and embrace education as a catalyst for change.

In line with the University's commitment to a greener, more sustainable future and CSR, over 300 tree seedlings were donated and planted in participating schools, symbolizing hope, growth, resilience, and the shared responsibility to protect our environment for future generations. Additionally, boxes of sanitary pads were donated to girls' schools. This noble program reflects the University's enduring vision of nurturing not only academic excellence but also socially responsible and environmentally conscious citizens.

Together, we are planting knowledge, nurturing dreams, and greening Kenya's future, one school at a time!



University representatives: Nickson Magak (Left), Catherine Kamwaro (centre) and George Kemboi (right) engaging Butere Girls students



The team and the facilitator handing over tree seedlings and university-branded items, with the Deputy Principal and students of Kakamega High School.

Grassroots impact and community service through corporate social responsibility. Catherine Kamwaro from PRM&L handing over boxes of sanitary towels to Ms. Joylet Wamubeyi of Butere Boys on behalf of Schools that attended the science congress



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATES IN THE STRI4SOCIETY CONFERENCE 2026

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Maasai Mara University proudly participated in the STRI4SOCIETY Conference 2026 at the prestigious Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) in Nairobi from Monday, May 18, to Friday, May 22, 2026. The university delegation, comprising research and innovation students alongside Innovation Coordinators Ms. Abby Christine, Ms. Janet Kaelo, and Ms. Lydia Kiptum, proudly flew the MMARAU flag high. Faculty representation included Dr. Charity Konana, Dr. Kerubo Agoki, Dr. Henry Mwiki Muroki, and Professor Wanzala, who actively participated in conference discussions and scholarly engagements throughout the week.

The conference opened on a high note with opening remarks from Prof. Shaukat Abdulrazak, Principal Secretary in the State Department for Science, Research and Innovation. In his address, he emphasized that research and innovation are key drivers of Africa's economic transformation, industrial growth, and global competitiveness.

Also gracing the opening session were H.E. Ambassador Caitríona Ingoldsby, Ireland's Ambassador to Kenya, and the European Union Representative to Kenya, both of whom highlighted innovation's central role in advancing sustainable development and industrial transformation throughout Africa.

Throughout the week, the MMARAU delegation showcased a range of research papers and innovations, highlighting the university's growing contributions to scientific advancement and problem-solving across the continent.

The university's participation in STRI4SOCIETY WEEK 2026 reflects our unwavering commitment to academic excellence, research, innovation, and meaningful contributions to Africa's development agenda. Our students and faculty are not merely participants; they are innovators, scholars, and emerging leaders who are shaping the continent's future.



MMARA-U team at the event

The Maasai Mara University booth was greatly honored by the visit of the Principal Secretary for the State Department for Science, Research and Innovation, Prof. Abdurazak Shaukat. His visit underscored the government's commitment to advancing science, research, innovation, and academic excellence through collaboration with institutions of higher learning.



Showcasing innovation with impact. Principal Secretary for the State Department for Science, Research and Innovation, Prof. Abdurazak Shaukat, listens keenly as Maasai Mara University students present research-based innovations aimed at enhancing climate resilience, environmental conservation and sustainable community development during STRI Week.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho, attended the closing ceremony for STRI-WEEK, 2026 at KICC. This demonstrated the support of the university top leadership towards Science, Technology, Research and Innovation.



The Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho (4th right) joined the MMARA-U team at the STRI-WEEK, 2026, KICC



The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (ASA), Prof. Bulitia Godrick(3rd from right) receiving Orbit Readers and computers donated for learners with visual impairments.

Maasai Mara University held a strategic follow-up meeting with Kilimanjaro Blind Trust Africa (KBTA) to strengthen collaboration across inclusive education, assistive technology, innovation, and skills training.

The meeting, led by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. Bulitia Godrick Mathews, and KBTA Executive Director Ms. Suparna Biswas, focused on the MOU's progress, the establishment of an Inclusive Hub for the South Rift region, employability skills programs, assistive technology training in Mathematics, and positioning the University as a center for Deaf-blind skills training. The discussions also covered joint research, innovation, projects, fundraising, conferences, and short courses.

Prof. Bulitia reaffirmed the University's commitment to innovation, CBET, experiential learning, and industry partnerships to produce market-ready graduates. Ms. Suparna commended the University's progressive vision and highlighted KBTA's unique role in supporting visually impaired youth throughout Africa. KBTA also pledged support by providing Orbit Readers, computers, and assistive technologies for learners with visual impairments.

The DVC was accompanied by the Director of Public Relations, Marketing, and Linkages, Dr. Edward Kateiya; the Chairman of Special Needs Education, Dr. Naftali Rop, who organized the meeting; Dr. Alexander Rono; and Dr. Lillian Milimu. Other KBTA team members present included William Gichia and Zeina Mahmoud.

The engagement reaffirmed MMARAU and KBTA's shared commitment to inclusion, sustainability, and transformative partnerships for societal impact.



The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (ASA), Prof. Bulitia Godrick(right) at the meeting between MMARA-U and KBTA teams.

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DREAMS IGNITED, FUTURES TRANSFORMED: MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY'S CENTRAL KENYA TARGETED MARKETING AND OUTREACH

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The spirit of ambition, innovation, and transformation continues across Kenya. Maasai Mara University continues to embark on an inspiring, targeted marketing and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program that connects with students, teachers, and communities. Maragi Secondary School in the Central region, Mugoiri Mixed in Kiharu, Muranga County, is in the spotlight.

Through engaging career talks, mentorship sessions, exhibitions, and one-on-one interactions, the University opens doors of possibility for young learners, empowering them to discover their talents, explore diverse career pathways, and pursue their academic aspirations with confidence. The outreach created a platform where dreams met opportunity, inspiring students to envision brighter futures shaped by knowledge, creativity, and innovation.

Beyond academic engagement, the University reaffirmed its commitment to environmental sustainability and community empowerment through impactful CSR activities. Through an MOU with the Kenya Forest Service, the University donated and planted tree seedlings in participating schools, reinforcing collective responsibility for safeguarding the environment and building a greener, healthier future. Sanitary pads were also distributed to the schools, supporting menstrual dignity and ensuring that young women can pursue their education with confidence and uninterrupted focus.

This transformative initiative reflects Maasai Mara University's unwavering dedication to nurturing future leaders, promoting sustainable development, and forging meaningful partnerships with communities. As we continue to reach every corner of the country, we remain committed to inspiring dreams, transforming lives, and shaping a generation equipped to make a positive impact on society.



Memorable mark! Catherine Kamwaro (left) with the Director PRM&L, Dr. Edward Kateiya (centre), offering University-branded items to the Principal, Maragi Mixed. Ms. Consolata Ndungu. Such merchandise has proven effective in marketing the University, and its presence draws huge interest and indelible impacts among the target group



The sessions provided the participants with valuable insights into university education, academic programmes, scholarship opportunities, and emerging career pathways, empowering them to make informed decisions about their future. Through such engagements, the University continues to inspire young minds, nurture ambition, and bridge the gap between secondary education and higher learning.



Connecting Dreams to Opportunities! Nickson Magak (Centre), Directorate of PRM&L, with a cross-section of Mugoiri Mixed Secondary students. The engagement created a platform for meaningful interaction, career guidance, and mentorship.



Enhanced visibility and community service at Mugoiri Mixed Secondary. The University, joined by the KFS team, not only marketed the academic programme but also undertook CSR and the greening concept through tree planting and sanitary towel donations.

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Mr. Bursuna Ejere, Coordinator of the Centre for Cultural Heritage Studies, represented the University at the commemoration of the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, held at Ole Ntimama Stadium in Narok

Maasai Mara University joined the Kenya National Commission for UNESCO (KNATCOM) and the Narok County Department of Tourism, Wildlife and Culture to commemorate the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development at Ole Ntimama Stadium in Narok.

The University was represented by Mr. Bursuna Ejere, Coordinator of the Centre for Cultural Heritage Studies, who highlighted the University's efforts to advance training, research, documentation, preservation, and promotion of cultural heritage and indigenous knowledge, thereby fostering peace, intercultural dialogue, and sustainable development.



The event was attended by Hon. Robert Simotwo, CECM for Tourism, Wildlife, and Culture, Narok County; Mr. Kilian Nyambu, Director of Education and Outreach at the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC); Ms. Emily Njeru, representing the CEO of KNATCOM; Ms. Violet Sikawa, Director of Culture, Narok County; community elders, women, youth, and members of the public.

Participants were sensitized to the importance of nationhood, peace, unity, and development and treated to a range of musical and artistic performances celebrating Kenya's rich cultural heritage.

TOUCHING LIVES, BUILDING HOPE: UNIVERSITY DONATION TO IMANI CHILDREN HOME

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In a heartfelt demonstration of compassion and community service, the University, through the Centre for Community and Outreach Services and the Directorate of Public Relations, Marketing and Linkages, visited Imani Children's Home and donated assorted foodstuffs to support the children's welfare and well-being.

The donation of essential food items reflects the university's unwavering commitment to giving back to society and extending a helping hand to vulnerable members of our community. Beyond the donation, the visit provided an opportunity for meaningful interaction, sharing moments of joy, encouragement, and hope with the children and caregivers.

This outreach activity underscores the belief that collective responsibility and acts of kindness can transform lives and create lasting positive impact. As an institution dedicated not only to academic excellence but also to social responsibility, we remain committed to nurturing strong community partnerships and fostering a culture of care, empathy, and service.



Goodies for the vulnerable and most in need, a demonstration of the university's commitment to societal transformation and lasting impact.



Dr. Edward Kateiya, Directorate of Public Relations, Marketing and Linkages with IMANI children home director at the latter's office during the food donation exercise



Dr. Edward Kateiya, Directorate of Public Relations, Marketing and Linkages (3rd left) and Jane Pempa (left), Centre for Community and Outreach Services handing over the food donations to IMANI children's staff.

MMARAU HOSTS IAESTE KENYA FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Maasai Mara University was honored to host the IAESTE Kenya 5th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on May 29, 2026, convening students, academic leaders, industry partners, and IAESTE members from across the country for a day of reflection, engagement, and strategic planning.

The team, led by the National Secretary of IAESTE Kenya and Prof. Dr. Ann Kirugumi, Director/Head of the International Relations Office at the Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) in Nyeri, paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peninnah Aloo-Obudho.

The Vice-Chancellor, represented by Prof. Bulitia Mathews, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academics and Students' Affairs, officially opened the meeting. The AGM provided an invaluable platform for participants to review the past year's achievements and milestones, celebrate successful international exchange programs, and chart a path to enhance global opportunities for Kenyan students. Through insightful discussions and collaborative sessions, members reaffirmed their commitment to promoting professional development, cultural exchange, innovation, and international cooperation.



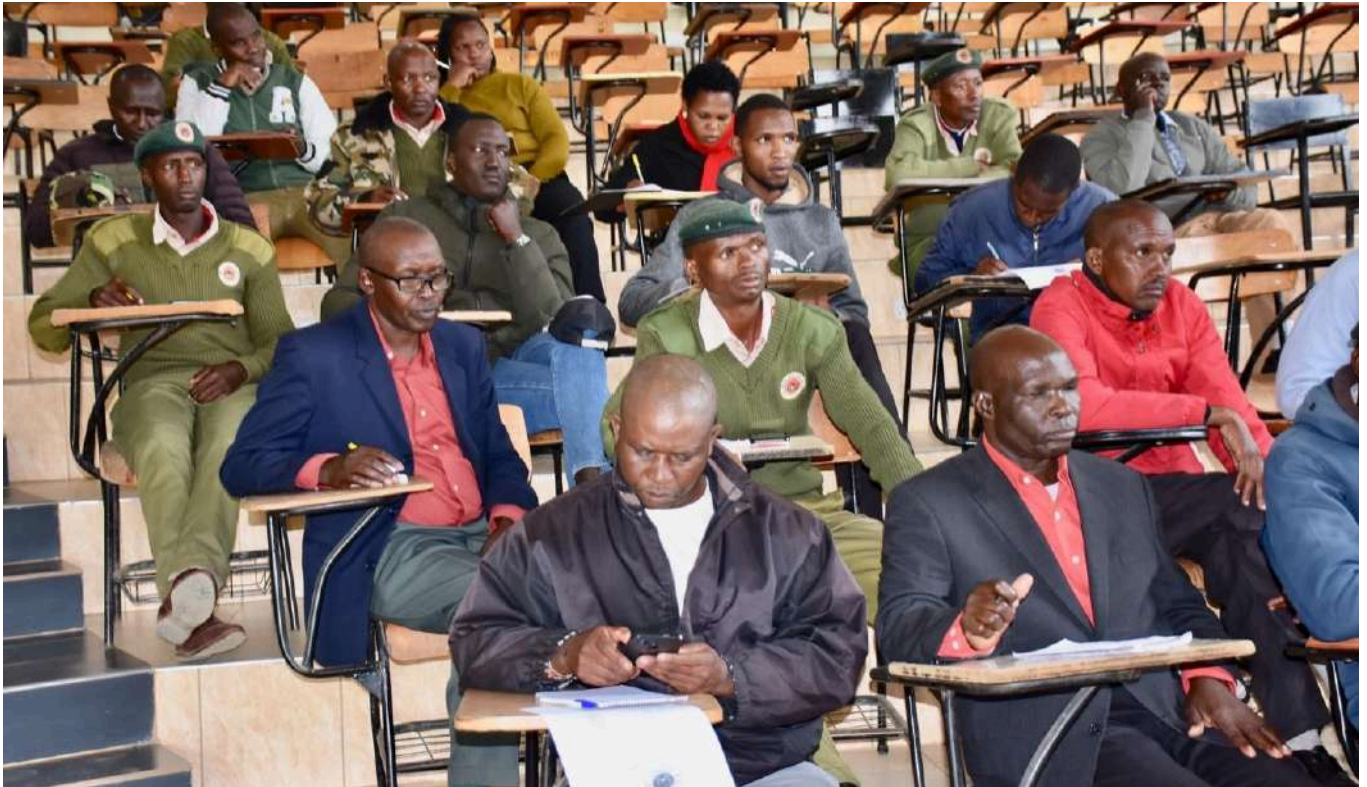
Ongoing session at the main hall during the IAESTE 5th Annual General Meeting



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho (seated centre), and DVC ASA, Prof. Bulitia Godrick (3rd right), with a cross-section of IAESTE leadership and MMARA-U representatives in a group photo.

The Dean of Students, Mr. Mohamed Adan, coordinated the event, which was attended by about ten member universities. The vibrant event showcased the spirit of networking, leadership, and knowledge sharing that defines IAESTE Kenya. Through the initiative, Mmara-U is hosting its first international student and sending its own students to Turkey.

Maasai Mara University remains committed to supporting initiatives that advance internationalization, student mobility, and career development. Hosting the IAESTE Kenya AGM underscores the University's dedication to creating pathways that equip students with global competencies and industry-relevant experiences.



Participants during the Fire Safety Training

Maasai Mara University, through the Security Department, successfully conducted a one-day Fire Safety Training for staff members, reaffirming the University's commitment to a safe, secure, and resilient environment for work and learning.

The training was officially opened by Prof. Francis Mburu, the Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research, Innovation and Outreach, who represented the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho. In her message, the Vice-Chancellor emphasized that safety is a shared responsibility and urged all members of staff to foster a culture of vigilance and personal accountability. She noted that responsible behavior remains the most effective way to prevent emergencies and protect lives and property. The Vice-Chancellor emphasized the need to equip staff with practical knowledge and skills in fire prevention, emergency preparedness, and effective response to ensure the safety of the University community and its facilities.

Throughout the training, participants received both theoretical and practical instruction on fire risk identification, common causes of fires, fire prevention strategies, proper use of firefighting equipment, emergency evacuation procedures, disaster response, and preparedness for security threats, including terrorism-related incidents. Maasai Mara University continues to strengthen a culture of safety, preparedness, and resilience for the benefit of the entire University community.



The Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research, Innovation and Outreach, Prof. Francis Mburu (standing), opening the training.



Group photo of the Fire Safety Training participants

MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZED AT THE 11TH ELITE BRAND AWARDS INTERNATIONAL

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Dr. Denis Ikachoi (2nd left), Chair of the Department of Media, Film and Communication, receiving the trophy and certificate on behalf of the university

Maasai Mara University has been honored as an Elite Institution of Higher Learning and as the Brand of the Year in the Education Category at the 11th Elite Brands Awards International Gala Dinner, organized by Jubilant Stewards of Africa. The prestigious event took place on Friday, June 26, 2026, at the Argyle Grand Hotel in Nairobi. The University also received recognition as a fast-growing higher education institution, distinguished by its commitment to innovation and high-quality learning, reaffirming its dedication to academic excellence, research, and transformative education. The gala brought together more than 100 leading organizations from over 18 African countries to celebrate excellence, innovation, and outstanding leadership in the industry.

The event was officiated by Dr. Edward Mudibo, Special Advisor to the Cabinet Secretary for Cooperatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development, Hon. Wycliffe Oparanya. In his remarks, Dr. Mudibo commended corporations' contributions to Kenya's economic development and urged organizations to prioritize customer satisfaction as a key driver of sustainable growth. He also reaffirmed the Government's commitment to expanding access to affordable credit to support organizational growth and competitiveness. Maasai Mara University was represented by Dr. Denis Ikachoi, Chair of the Department of Media, Film, and Communication, who received the trophy and certificate on behalf of the university.



Dr. Denis Ikachoi, Chair of the Department of Media, Film and Communication with the trophy and certificate

This recognition reflects Maasai Mara University's unwavering commitment to excellence in higher education and innovation, and to producing graduates equipped to make a meaningful impact locally, regionally, and globally.

INTEGRATED SECURITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM STAGE II CERTIFICATION AUDIT

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho, joined the university management, auditors from KEBS, auditees, and key stakeholders who actively participated throughout the audit process for the closing ceremony of the Stage II Certification Audit for the university integrated management system (ISMS) and iso 9001:2015 surveillance audit. The audit was successfully completed, and the university was recommended for certification. Mmara-U is the first university to undergo an EOMS audit and the third for ISMS certification. The exercise marked another significant milestone in the University's commitment to quality management and continuous improvement.

The exercise provided an opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of the University's management systems, celebrate achievements, and identify areas for continual improvement across service delivery, governance, and institutional excellence. Maasai Mara University remains steadfast in upholding international quality standards and fostering a culture of accountability, efficiency, and continuous improvement.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho, during the official closing ceremony of the Stage II Certification Audit.



Mr. Moses Okombo, Assistant Registrar Performance Contact and Management System (in front), coordinated the IMS Stage II Certification Audit process.



A cross-section of university management, led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho (centre), during the Stage II Certification Audit. They were joined by auditors from KEBS, auditees and key stakeholders

MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY SHOWCASES AI INNOVATIONS AT THE 63RD MADARAKA DAY CELEBRATIONS

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Maasai Mara University (MMARAU), through the Division of Research, Innovation and Outreach, proudly participated in the 63rd Madaraka Day Celebrations Thematic Week, held in Wajir County from May 28–31, 2026, under the national theme “Education, Skills and the Future.” Led by Prof. Francis Mburu, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Innovation and Outreach), the university showcased two innovative Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered solutions developed at the MMARAU Innovation Incubation Center: MOBITENS™, an AI-driven telemedicine and rehabilitation platform, and AFRIMAINTEIN AI, a predictive infrastructure management system that supports climate resilience and sustainable infrastructure.

The innovations demonstrate MMARAU's commitment to translating research into practical solutions that address national priorities across healthcare, digital transformation, climate adaptation, and community development. MOBITENS™ expands access to rehabilitation and healthcare services through remote monitoring, teleconsultations, and AI-guided therapy. AFRIMAINTEIN AI uses predictive analytics to detect potential infrastructure failures before they occur, helping communities and institutions reduce costs and improve resilience. The innovations attracted considerable interest from government agencies, county governments, development partners, academic institutions, and private-sector stakeholders, who recognized their potential to advance Universal Health Coverage, digital inclusion, and climate resilience.



Dr. Henry Mwiki Muroki (right) and Leshan Kool represented the university at the 63rd Madaraka Day Celebrations, Wajir



Acting DVC, RIO Prof. Francis Mburu (left), with Dr. Henry Mwiki Muroki (right) and Leshan Kool (centre) at the University booth.

The event provided MMARAU with a valuable platform to showcase its research and innovation capabilities, strengthen strategic partnerships, and explore opportunities for pilot implementation and scaling. The successful participation reinforces the university's position as a leader in homegrown innovation and highlights the impact of its incubation ecosystem in nurturing solutions that improve lives and contribute to Kenya's sustainable development agenda.



Mmara-U and Alabama team members: from left, Dr. Benjamin Karume, Kai Mumpfield, Dr. Edward Kateiya, Dr. Zeddy Lemein, Dr. Ashley Cochran and Dr. Denise Davis-Maye

Maasai Mara University hosted a delegation from Alabama State University for strategic discussions to strengthen collaboration across academic excellence, research, innovation, and internationalization. The partnership marks a significant milestone in advancing knowledge exchange in social work through scholarships, joint academic programs, collaborative research initiatives, staff and student mobility, capacity building, and cross-cultural learning opportunities. The collaboration will also focus on emerging issues, pedagogy, and contemporary trends in social work education and practice.

Through this partnership, Maasai Mara University and Alabama State University reaffirm their shared commitment to developing globally competitive graduates, advancing research, and addressing societal challenges through innovation and the exchange of expertise. The Alabama State University delegation, led by Dr. Denise Davis-Maye, included Dr. Ashley Cochran and Kai Mumpfield. The Maasai Mara University team comprised Dr. Edward Kateiya, Director of Public Relations, Marketing and Linkages; Dr. Zeddy Lemein, Chair of the Department of Social Sciences; and Dr. Benjamin Karume.

We look forward to the transformative opportunities this collaboration will create for students, faculty, and the broader community.



Ongoing meeting session exploring diverse areas of collaboration for mutual benefit to both Mmara-U and ASU.



The teams had the privilege to enjoy the university environment and inspect infrastructure, including the hostels, guest house, and botanical garden

MMARA-U RANKS 11TH IN PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF STATE CORPORATIONS

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Among Kenya's public universities, Maasai Mara University achieved an impressive composite score of 2.4661 in the Performance Evaluation of State Corporations by Functional Category for the Financial Year 2024/2025. According to the Performance Evaluation Report for Ministries, State Corporations, and Tertiary Institutions, this placed the University 11th out of 41 public universities. In the overall performance evaluation of state corporations, Maasai Mara University ranked 27th out of 269 entities, underscoring our dedication to excellence, accountability, and quality service delivery.

This remarkable milestone is attributed to the visionary leadership of our Chancellor, Dr. Vimal Shah; the University Council, chaired by Dr. Kennedy ole Kerei; the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho; the Deputy Vice-Chancellors; Management; Senate Staff; and Students. Through teamwork, dedication, and a shared commitment to our institutional goals, we continue to position Maasai Mara University as one of the country's leading institutions of higher learning.



Proud moment for Maasai Mara University, A win for teamwork & excellence.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED BETWEEN OLETUKAT COMMUNITY AND MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

Maasai Mara University and the Oletukat Community formalized a strategic partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to advance sustainable development, environmental conservation, education, and community empowerment. The MoU was signed by Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho, Vice-Chancellor of Maasai Mara University. Key areas of collaboration under the agreement include joint fundraising and resource mobilization, project development and implementation, capacity-building initiatives, the establishment of a Climate Change Restoration Institute and Resource Centre on Maasai Mara University land, and collaboration on areas of mutual interest, such as natural resource management, tourism, and livestock development. The partnership will also focus on raising awareness of the value of education within the community.



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho (right) with Ildamat Ward MCA Elijah Maison Kutingala exchanging a copy of the signed MOU as a sign of shared aspirations and responsibility to ensure the realisation of its objectives



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho (2nd right) and Ildamat Ward MCA Elijah Maison Kutingala (2nd left) joined by Mmara-U senior legal officer Mr. Alfred Nyabochwa (left) and Chief Timothy Kutingala (right)

The signing ceremony was witnessed by the University's Legal Officer, Mr. Alfred Nyabochwa; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Finance and Strategy), Prof. James Nampushi; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and Student Affairs), Prof. Bulitia Godrick Mathews; and the Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Innovation and Outreach), Prof. Francis Mburu. Representing the Oletukat Community were Ildamat Ward MCA Elijah Maison Kutingala, Nominated MCA Susan Catherine Kutingala, Chief Timothy Kutingala, and Mr. Hassan Maripet, the Chief Administrative Officer in the Land Department of the Narok County Government. The partnership marks a significant milestone in strengthening collaboration between the University and local communities to address environmental, educational, and socioeconomic challenges and to promote sustainable development in the region.



A group photo of Mmara-U and Oletukat representatives

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MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY PARTNERS WITH ODPC FOR COMPREHENSIVE DATA PROTECTION TRAINING

In a proactive step toward ensuring robust regulatory compliance and safeguarding institutional data, Maasai Mara University hosted a week-long Data Protection Training workshop from June 8th to June 11th, 2026. The intensive program, organized in collaboration with the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC), aimed to equip university staff and committee members with the essential skills and legal knowledge required to navigate Kenya's evolving data privacy landscape.

Key Highlights of the Training included Institutional Sensitization, Legal Foundations- core tenets of the Data Protection Act, 2019, unpacking the specific compliance obligations required of the University as both a Data Controller and Data Processor, Practical Operations, Risk and Breach Management and Enforcement and Compliance.

This timely training underscored Maasai Mara University's unwavering commitment to accountability, academic excellence, and the highest standards of administrative integrity. By embedding these practices into daily operations, the university continues to foster a secure digital environment for its entire community.



The lead facilitator taking members of University staff through the training session



Members of university staff attending Comprehensive Data Protection Training

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MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY MARKS A MAJOR RESEARCH MILESTONE!

The Maasai Mara University Institutional Scientific and Ethics Review Committee (MMARAU-ISERC) held its inaugural meeting at the Senate Boardroom. The event was officially opened by Prof. Francis Mburu, DVC Research, Innovation & Outreach. This milestone follows the ISERC's accreditation by NACOSTI, enabling the university to internally review research proposals as mandated by the STI Act 2013. Staff and students can now enjoy streamlined, in-house ethical review.

Special gratitude to the Egerton University ISERC team led by Prof. Kennedy Ondimu for their guidance, and to Prof. Osano (Director RIO) and Dr. Waweru Kamundia (MMARAU-ISERC Chair) for their leadership.



The Maasai Mara University Institutional Scientific and Ethics Review Committee (MMARAU-ISERC) and Egerton University ISERC team



A.g DVC Research, Innovation & Outreach Prof. Francis Mburu officially opened the inaugural Mmara-U Institutional Scientific and Ethics Review Committee (MMARAU-ISERC) meeting



Some of the (MMARAU-ISERC) meeting participants

IMS DOCUMENTS REVIEW AND CORRECTIVE ACTION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Maasai Mara University, Department of performance contracting and management system convened an IMS Documents Review and Corrective Action Implementation Meeting in preparation for the forthcoming Stage II Certification Audit scheduled for 25th–29th June 2026.

The meeting brought together key stakeholders to review, update, and strengthen the University's Integrated Management System (IMS) documentation and corrective action plans arising from previous audits.

Discussions focused on assessing the implementation status of FY 2025/2026 IMS objectives, reviewing departmental risk registers, evaluating audit findings, and ensuring compliance with relevant standards and statutory requirements.

Key areas addressed included:

- Review of departmental IMS objectives and measurable targets.
- Updating risk registers and mitigation measures.
- Review and updating of risk treatment plans and opportunities registers.
- Evaluation of monitoring, measurement, analysis, and performance records.
- Assessment of documented procedures, policies, and operational controls.
- Identification and closure of corrective actions from previous audits.
- Preparation for the upcoming Stage II Certification Audit.



In the two photos above, a section of university staff reviewing, updating, and strengthening the University's Integrated Management System (IMS) documentation and corrective action plans arising from previous audits.

MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY JOINS THE WORLD IN CELEBRATING ENVIRONMENTAL DAY

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Maasai Mara University joined the global community in commemorating World Environment Day, reaffirming its unwavering commitment to environmental conservation, sustainability, and climate action. The celebration, held in Naikara Comprehensive school, brought together different partners such: the national and county governments of Narok, NEMA, World Vision, the Kenya Forest , Women in Water and Natural Resource Conservation, Service among other partners.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho, was represented by the Acting Deputy Vice- Chancellor, Research, Innovation and Outreach (RI&O) Prof Francis Mburu, who was accompanied by a section of staff led by Acting Deputy Registrar RIO Mr. Galfen Omuse. The Vice-Chancellor, the chief guest, DCC Joseph Lewa, Mr. the County Conservator, Mr. Patrick Wasike, Isaac Kimitei, the County Director of Environment for NEMA, Narok County, urged environmental conservation, restoration, preservation and protection and the need to improve the forest cover.

The DVC highlighted the role the university is playing in environmental conservation and management and as the leading institution in production and distribution of tree seedlings in the region, demonstrating that environmental conservation is not merely a responsibility but a shared mission that safeguards the future of generations to come. During the events the university donated 3000 seedlings for distribution and for planting exercises. These initiatives highlighted the institution's dedication to nurturing environmentally responsible citizens and advancing sustainable development within Narok County and beyond.



Leading from the front. Acting Deputy Vice- Chancellor, Research, Innovation and Outreach (RI&O) Prof Francis Mburu, who represented the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho, planting tree seedling during the ceremony at Naikara Comprehensive school

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The event served as a powerful reminder that every action, whether planting a tree, reducing waste, conserving water, or protecting ecosystems, contributes to the collective effort of preserving our planet. Together, we can nurture nature, restore ecosystems, and create a sustainable future for all.



We are marching for the environment!. The young environmentalists in a procession

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Maasai Mara University had the privilege of hosting students from various primary schools affiliated with the Connected Planet Club initiative. The students were taken on an educational tour of the university's Botanical Garden, where they learned about the importance of biodiversity, environmental conservation, and sustainable management of natural resources.

The Connected Planet Club is a program supported by Maa Silver Citizen Scientist, an environmental conservation group that has played a significant role in promoting environmental awareness among young learners. Through this initiative, students from Sekenani Primary School, Ololchura Primary School, and Semadep Primary School were brought together to engage in activities that foster environmental stewardship and sustainability.

The students participating in the club have demonstrated a keen interest in environmental conservation and are actively involved in learning about ways to protect and preserve the environment. The visit to Maasai Mara University provided them with a valuable opportunity to interact with nature, gain practical knowledge, and strengthen their commitment to creating a greener and more sustainable future.

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