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Kahawa Youth Conference

The Kahawa youth conference took place on the 9th and 10th of January 2014 at the DeKUT auditorium. It was a collaborative effort between Coffee Development Fund and Dedan Kimathi University of Technology. Its aim was to find ways to engage the youth in the coffee sector as they are currently not very much engaged in the sector.

Organizations such as the Small Scale Growers Research Center, Youth Enterprise Fund and Coffee Research Foundation were represented. The audience drew its membership from all corners of Kenya. Groups such as Kitui farmers' Society, South Nyanza farmers' Cooperative Society and many more from the Rift Valley, Bungoma, Kisii Tharaka Nithi and the larger Mt Kenya regions



were represented. It was graced by key guests such as Acting Managing Trustee of the Coffee Development Fund Ms. Nancy Chelagat , Isabella Nkonge the Acting Managing Director of Coffee Board of Kenya , the Chairman of the Coffee Development Fund Mr. Lee Waruingi, Mr. Alfred Muriithi the Minister for Agriculture-Nyeri County and the Chief guest Ms. Margret Murage the Senior Deputy Director on Policy Partnership Ministry of Education.

During the forum Vice Chancellor Prof. P.N. Kioni spoke on the University's role in coffee sector development. He

spoke on the programs the university offers to empower the farmers such as certificate in coffee technology and diploma in coffee technology. In keeping with this spirit the participants were treated to a visit to the university's Coffee Laboratory. The Dedan Kimathi University Premium Coffee was also launched during the forum by the chief guest Ms. Margret Murage the Senior Deputy Director on Policy Partnership Ministry of Education.



Technical University of Munich Visit

Technische Universität München (TUM) is one of Europe's top universities. It is committed to excellence in research and teaching, interdisciplinary education and the active promotion of promising young scientists. The university also forges strong links with companies and scientific institutions across the world. TUM was one of the first universities in Germany to be named a University of Excellence.



Researchers from TUM with high potential in innovation, internationalization and growth visited Dedan Kimathi University of Technology on 21st January, 2014. They concentrated on the key industries

automotive, electronics, engineering, and solar technology.

The TUM team analyzed mainly the students' patent portfolios, enabling them to draw inferences about their general development and their internationalization strategy on automotive and engineering projects. The Germans meet with lecturers and students from the Mechatronic, Electrical and Electronic, Mechanical and Civil engineering. The team expounded on how to make electric and solar charged motor vehicles to run on Kenyan roads.



Rapid Results Initiative Launched

The 6th wave of the Dedan Kimathi University of Technology Rapid Results Initiative (RRI) was launched on 28th January, 2014. This was launched to improve institutional performance and shift attention from process orientation to results orientation. The practice of RRI at DeKUT is meant to build a culture of planning, operate within the set timelines, foster team spirit and communication as well as to focus on results. Building a culture of results requires the capacity to articulate and measure results.

Rapid Results Initiative (RRI) is part of the wider Result Based Management (RBM) system which is practiced across most of the high performing organizations. The 6th RRI wave will be reviewed on 12th February, midterm being on 19th March and end term will be on the 7th May 2014.