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Hosting of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) GIE Project Delegates.

We are pleased as a University to have hosted a team from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime at our Nairobi Campus on 23rd June 2023. The team discussed the status of implementation of the Global Integrity Project funded by Siemens Integrity Initiative (Kenya, Pakistan & Mexico). The project maximizes the impact of the global UNODC Global Resources on Anti-Corruption Education (GRACE) modules by adapting them to local contexts and empowering lecturers to teach the modules in final-year University courses.



From left; Dr. Nyaranga ANU, Dr. Kaberia PUEA AND Mr. Kennedy Githaiga MKU.

UNODC's Global Integrity Education Project (GIEP) in Kenya brings together business and academia to develop and implement an innovative integrity education programme in companies and Universities. The goal is to the private sector by equipping young graduates with ethic of their careers. The project recognizes that successful anti-corruption efforts must go beyond legal and institutional approaches, by seeking to transform societal attitudes and practices.

Global Integrity Education thus bridges the gap between academia and business and ensures that ethics education impacts practitioners from the formation to the career stage. While the focus is to equip young graduates with ethical mindsets and skills at the start of their careers, the project is also expected to increase the ethical commitment of the participating business managers, whose awareness of the importance and means of strengthening business integrity will grow.

At inception, in February 2020, a high-level member working group was formed, for the first consultative meeting and soft launch of the project. The members were drawn from the private sector members such as Safaricom Ltd, Jubilee Insurance, Capital Markets Authority, KEPSA Foundation, Britam Insurance and the others from the academia, Dedan Kimathi University of Technology(DeKUT), Mount Kenya University(MKU), University of Nairobi(UON), Africa Nazarene University(ANU), Riara University and Kenyatta University(KU).

Since then, the project has recorded tremendous growth and success, contextualizing 4 modules with 3 universities adopting GRACE material in curriculum review, training 76 lecturers as Training of Trainers (ToTs). In addition, over 10,000 students have been taught using the GRACE material and a select 100 ethics ambassadors identified for placement in the private sector.

Dedan Kimathi University of Technology the Project has been a lead implementer in the project since inception. Several lecturers have participated in the project as TOTs and implementers in the project. Some of the leading DeKUT lecturers in the participating in the project are Dr. Musumba, Dean School of Computer Science and Information Technology and Dr, Ratemo, Associate Dean School of Business Management and Economics and Dennis Miano, Director Institute of Criminology, Forensic and Security Studies.

DeKUT lecturers have innovatively implemented the GRACE materials in different ways firstly, the lecturers at the Institute of Criminology, Forensics and Security Studies have incorporated ethics component in their respective taught units and courses such, Economic Crimes Investigations and Occupation Safety and Health.

Secondly, the School of Computer Science and Information Technology led by Dr Musumba has been able to use the GRACE materials to apply and win grants teach Mainstreaming of Responsible Computing in Computer Programming. In this approach, the lecturers are supported to integrate ethics and responsible computing while teaching of Object-Oriented Programming among second-year computing students, with students required to implement ethical principles at the end-of-course project. Thirdly, the School of Computer Science and Information Technology was able to integrate the GRACE material in the development of new curriculum for Masters of Science in Data Analytics. Fourthly,



Dennis Nairobi Campus Director, Jennifer UNODC Program Assistant Simon UNODC Ethics Consultant and Wambui, Rapporteur

the Nairobi campus has initiated the forma Our DeKUT Ethics and Integrity club has been vibrant, where they are taught on ethics and this serves as a stepping stone to join the Ethics Ambassadors Network Program.

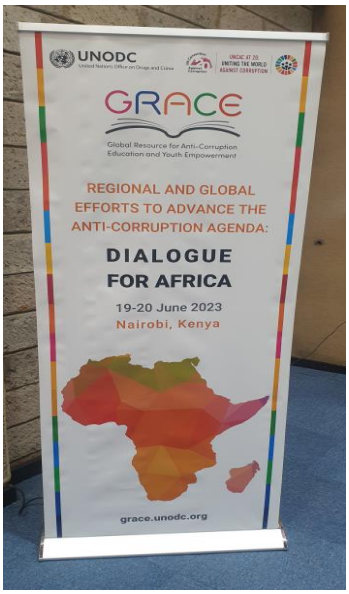
We are proud to represent and shine DeKUT banner in the GIE project that seeks to impact the youth decision making process right from lecture hall to the working environment, globally.





Regional and global efforts to advance the anti-corruption agenda dialogue for Africa





Dedan Kimathi University of Technology through the Institute of Criminology Forensic and Security Studies was invited by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to participate in a Regional and Global efforts to advance the anti-corruption agenda in Africa. The event took place in Kenya, Nairobi on 19th, 20th and 21st.

The dialogue was the first of a series of events that aim to enhance the participation of non-State actors in the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and the General Assembly's political declaration against corruption (UNGASS) in the lead up to the 10th session of the Conference of the State Parties to the Convention. During the event, participants discussed how civil society, academia and youth can support the implementation of UNCAC and the UNGASS political declaration and UNCAC at national and regional levels, shared insights and experience on national anti-corruption activities and explore opportunities for collaboration at national and regional levels. DEKUT was represented by Dennis Miano the Director, Institue of Criminology, Forensics and Security Studies as an academia, while Beatrice Nguris and Feisal Abdi represented the ICFoSS students as youths from Kenya.

The dialogue concluded with the adoption of recommendations on how civil society organizations, academia and youth can make a greater contribution to the implementation of UNCAC and the UNGASS political declaration, and how their participation can be supported and scaled up to achieve greater impact. The recommendations adopted by this and the following regional dialogues will be presented to the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention at its tenth session, to be hosted by the United States of America in December 2023.



Feisal Abdi DeKUT, Neil Walsh, UNODC Regional Representative Beatrice Nguris DeKUT, planting trees at the UN COMPLEX Gigiri after the dialogue workshop.

The Youth event on 21st June 2023 was dubbed *"UNCAC belongs to Youth: Africa Youth 2030 Vision"*. The event was organized to provide a platform for the youth to meet UNODC's Youth Led Integrity Board and other African youth actively engaged in Anti-corruption work. The objectives of the event was to identify challenges faced by African youth and their link to corruption and to develop a clear set of aspiration on the identified challenges to be achived by 2030. Both Feisal and Nguris participated in a symbolic tree planting ceremony to mark the adoption of Africa Youth Anti-Corruption Vision 2023.

By attending this event we believe DeKUT made a mark in contributing towards the set of recommendations that will provide a roadmap of thematic priorities and activities to strengthen multi-stakeholder engagement and partnerships among civil society, youth and academia to advance the global anti-corruption efforts.

Climb to Educate Season 7





On 4th June 2023, the Season 7 trip 1 made it to Lenana peak (Mt.Kenya) at an altitude of 4985m above sea level. The climbing commenced with preparations where the climbers were taken through a vigorous training by our outdoor Instructor. Some of the crucial trainings include Wilderness First Aid(WFA) where we were taught how to attend to blisters, twisted legs, arms and headaches due to the low oxygen concentration up the mountain. Mitigation procedures were put in place as we were advised to be taking water often at every stop. Similarly, we were taught how to pitch tents.

Various physical activities were put in place as well as team building activities to enable the participants bond and be mentally prepared. We then went for excursions to Nyana Hill, Mt Kenya (Met Station), Solo Ranch, Ol donyo Sabuk in Machakos and Ragati Forest.

The Climbing started on 1st June as we set for Old Moses (First Camp). We began at Sirmon gate and walked 11km for 3hours.It was amazing to encounter the Rainforest and Bamboo vegetation as well as wildlife the grazed calmly. The second was a rough one due to the 14km Journey to be covered to Shipton Camp (2nd camp). The steep elevation gains and our loaded bags made it tough. However, we accommodated everyone's pace with frequent stops. At this point we came across fascinating features like the heath and moorland vegetation. Fog was not left out as it reduced visibility to some few meters, after hiking from 8am we arrived at Shipton at 3:30pm. At this point, we were taken through various features such as tarn lakes, the 3 peaks of Mt Kenya (Lenana, Nelion and Batian). They were covered by rocks and snow as temperatures fell to -8°C. On the day of assault (Hiking to the Lenana peak) we captured the beautiful view of the peak in the morning. This part was a steep elevation also considering the drop in oxygen levels. We were finally at the summit at 6:30am. The team was extremely proud of the work they had put in for the 5 days. We were thrilled with the beautiful view of the sun rising and the moon setting on the opposite side. Despite the exhaustion, we were enthusiastic to have reached Lenana an altitude of 4985 above sea level.

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University Hosts the 2023 Mater Heart Run





Mater Heart Run is an annual event in the Kenyan Calendar towards the support of heart surgery for needy children. The Mater Cardiac Program began 20 years ago when the Mater Hospital realized that very little cardiac work of good quality was being carried out in the country. Patients who were financially endowed had to go overseas for treatment. A large majority, many of them children, had no recourse to quality Medicare and were destined to a sickly life and premature death. The Mater Hospital, therefore, started a cardiac program in 1995 to cater for children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, and the first open-heart surgery was performed in 1996. This was in line with the Sisters of Mercy's values, which emphasize compassion for all and seek to uplift the lives of the underprivileged in the society.





Staff and Students farewell to the Vice Chancellor





Prof. Ndirangu Kioni served as the first Vice Chancellor of Dedan Kimathi University of Technology from December 14th 2012, since his appointment after we were awarded the Charter. Under his tenure, the University has grown in infrastructure, programmes, student population, science, technology, engineering and mathematics programmes (STEM), entrepreneurial and innovative initiatives, and human resources development in the ten years' period.

His leadership and hard work has been exemplary. In under ten years, the University has risen from a new University to a renowned University in the country and in the region.

In this period, the University was awarded an accreditation certificate by the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) for approval of its engineering courses at the University grounds. This was after the board finally accredited its four engineering programmes making it the forth University in Kenya to offer engineering courses recognized by the board.

To remain competitive DeKUT, has so far developed a total of 61 programmes; 54 of which are fully accredited by the Commission of University Education Accreditation. By 2012, DeKUT had 21 accredited programmes on offer. Notably, over 70% of the programmes on offer are in STEM. DeKUT is strategically placed globally and contributes to the AU Agenda 2063 on research and innovation. For this reason, it attracts postgraduate students from the East African Community. The first group of CBC students is expected to join Universities in 2028. DeKUT will have restructured the academic programmes in readiness for the cohort.





Class Representatives Meeting





The Directorate of Students' Welfare (DSW) organized a one-day class representatives' leadership training. The training took place the 14th June, 2023 at the Conservancy. The training goal was to build class representatives capacity as they are essential in ensuring that the concerns of students are heard, and their interests are adequately represented. They serve as a link between the student body and the university administration, making them an essential part of the decision-making process. The training was to equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively represent their classmates and handle any issues that may arise during their tenure. In order to be able to advise their classmates appropriately, it was also intended to make them aware of university policies and procedures. During the opening remarks, the Deputy Director of DSW thanked the class representatives for prioritizing the training. Ninety-five (95) students and fourteen (14) staff members attended. The training was facilitated by the staff.





Mental Health Awareness





The Marketing Student Association of Dedan Kimathi University of Technology through the Marketing Department organized a mental health sensitization to learn more about mental health. The event was held on 30th June, 2023 at the University. We had speakers invited from Mwai Kibaki Referral Hospital, Othaya.

The team had a range of topics that were covered that included: -

i. What is mental health.
ii. Causes of mental illness.
iii. Symptoms of mental health.
iv. Risk factors of mental health
v. How to have good mental health.
vi. Stress management techniques.
vii. Building resilience.
viii. Promoting self-care.

We learnt that mental illness is like any other illness, therefore, we should help those affected and seek medical assistance from a psychologist. We were sensitized to share the information to the society. The speakers sensitized that the society should stop stigmatization of victims with mental illness but instead help them get medical support from professional psychologist.

Mr. and Miss Kimathi Beauty Pageant





Years later, we still honor the custom of Mr. and Miss Kimathi. On Friday, June 30th, 2023, we held the Mr.& Miss Kimathi 2023/2024 pageant. The purpose of the pageant is not only for the participants to showcase their glamorous modes of dressing but also to enhance the promotion of the welfare of students, to ensure the development of academic and social life skills as well as teach a sense of responsibility to the society by molding its students to attain intellectual excellence. This is an annual event on campus; this year was no exception. The pageant theme was embracing diversity, that is, by getting to know and appreciate people of different religions, cultures, ethnic groups, socio-economic groups, or ages. Miss Liza Nduruhu and Mr. Joel Kilonzo were crowned Miss, and Mr. Kimathi, Sharon Kemuma, and Kelvin Mungai were named first runners-up. In contrast, Wendy Mwangi and Moses Amalia were named second runners-up.