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DeKUT Hosts Mater Heart Run 2026



We hosted the Mater Heart Run 2026 in Nyeri, joining thousands of Kenyans in a noble initiative aimed at raising funds to support life-saving heart surgeries for children from underprivileged backgrounds. The event brought together students, staff, community members, partners, and other stakeholders in a powerful demonstration of compassion, unity, and shared commitment to improving the lives of vulnerable children. Through their participation, attendees contributed to a national cause that continues to provide hope and a second chance at life for children living with heart conditions.

The University was honoured by the presence of Archbishop Emeritus Peter Joseph Kairo, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Eng. Peter N. Muchiri, EBS, and other distinguished guests who joined the DeKUT community in solidarity for the run. Their participation underscored the importance of collective action in addressing societal challenges and supporting initiatives that transform lives.

Speaking during the event, participants emphasized the significance of community-driven efforts in promoting health and well-being, particularly for children who require specialized medical care but lack the financial means to access treatment.

The Mater Heart Run has, over the years, become one of Kenya's most impactful charitable initiatives, mobilizing support from individuals, institutions, and organizations across the country to fund corrective heart surgeries for children in need. By hosting the event, DeKUT reaffirmed its dedication to contributing to meaningful causes that create lasting social impact. The successful hosting of the run reflects the University's commitment to community engagement, social responsibility, and service to humanity. Beyond its mandate of teaching, research, and innovation, DeKUT continues to champion initiatives that foster compassion, promote inclusivity, and strengthen partnerships aimed at improving the quality of life within society.

As participants crossed the finish line, they carried with them the satisfaction of knowing that their contribution would help change and save the lives of children in need, reinforcing the spirit of giving and collective responsibility that defines the Mater Heart Run.



Some of the participants during the Matter Heart Run



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Some of the participants posing for a photo

DeKUT Launches Cross-Border Project to Boost the Leather Industry in Kenya and Uganda



A grand opening ceremony was held at DeKUT for the Capacity Building for a Competitive and Sustainable Leather Value Chain in Uganda and Kenya project (CBCSLeVCUK), marking a significant milestone in advancing regional industrial growth and sustainable development within the leather sector. The ceremony brought together key stakeholders from academia, government, and industry, reflecting a shared commitment to strengthening collaboration and promoting innovation across the leather value chain in the region.

The event was graced by the Chief Executive Officer of the National Research Fund (NRF), Prof. Dickson Andala, and Ms. Janet Mesa, representing the CEO of the Kenya Leather Development Council (KLDC). The distinguished guests were warmly received by Prof. Eddy Owaga, Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Academic Affairs and Research at DeKUT. The CBCSLeVCUK project is a transformative initiative aimed at enhancing skills development, promoting value addition, and encouraging environmentally sustainable practices within the leather industry. It also focuses on fostering innovation and building technical capacity to support a more competitive and resilient leather sector in both Kenya and Uganda.

Through cross-border collaboration, the project seeks to strengthen regional integration, boost productivity, create employment opportunities, and enhance the overall competitiveness of the leather industry in the East African region. It further aims to bridge the gap between research, industry needs, and practical application, ensuring that innovations directly contribute to economic growth and sustainability. Stakeholders at the event emphasized the importance of partnerships in driving industrial transformation and highlighted the role of universities in producing research and innovations that respond to real market demands. The collaboration was praised as a model for how academia, government, and industry can work together to address sector-specific challenges.

The successful launch of the CBCSLeVCUK project underscores DeKUT's commitment to research excellence, innovation, and regional development. It also reinforces the University's role as a key player in advancing sustainable industrial solutions that contribute to socio-economic transformation in the region.

DeKUT Explores Strategic Partnership Opportunities with Penn State University



We recently hosted two distinguished scholars from Penn State University, USA, as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen international collaborations and expand opportunities for academic and research partnerships.

The visiting delegation comprised of Prof. Jannelle B. Larson and Prof. Sjoerd W. Duiker, who engaged in discussions with the University leadership on potential areas of cooperation between DeKUT and Penn State University. The meeting focused on fostering academic collaboration, advancing joint research initiatives, and promoting knowledge exchange in areas of mutual interest, with particular emphasis on Regenerative Agriculture. Regenerative Agriculture is increasingly recognized as a sustainable approach to farming that enhances soil health, improves biodiversity, and strengthens resilience to climate change. The discussions explored opportunities for collaborative research, capacity building, student and staff exchanges, and the development of innovative solutions to address contemporary agricultural challenges.

Ultimately, the discussions opened up strategic opportunities that position Africa to play a more influential role in the global semiconductor value chain, reinforcing a shared vision of innovation led growth and technological transformation across the continent. The delegation was received by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs and Research, Prof. Eddy Owaga, who underscored the University's commitment to building strategic international partnerships that enhance research excellence, innovation, and global engagement. Also present during the meeting were Dr. Daniel Njoroge, Director of the Office of Career Services, and Dr. Peter Mwirigi, DeKUT Farm Manager, who contributed to discussions on potential collaborative initiatives and practical implementation opportunities within the agricultural sector.

The visit marks an important step towards establishing a mutually beneficial partnership between DeKUT and Penn State University, paving the way for future collaborations that will contribute to academic advancement, research impact, and sustainable agricultural development.

DeKUT Hosts Prof. Yonas Gizaw for a Public Lecture on Leadership, Innovation, and Success Beyond Academics



DeKUT hosted Prof. Yonas Gizaw for a thought-provoking public lecture titled "Beyond Academic Excellence: What Counts." The event was organized by Origin Labs Africa and hosted by Prof. Ndirangu Kioni.

The lecture brought together students, staff, innovators, and aspiring leaders for an engaging discussion on the evolving demands of the modern world and the qualities required to thrive beyond the classroom. Drawing from his vast experience, Prof. Gizaw challenged participants to look beyond academic achievement and embrace a broader set of competencies that contribute to personal growth, professional success, and societal impact. Throughout the session, Prof. Gizaw explored the multifaceted role of innovators in addressing contemporary challenges and driving meaningful change. He emphasized the importance of cultivating essential skills such as leadership, adaptability, creativity, critical thinking, and effective collaboration. He noted that while academic excellence provides a strong foundation, success in today's dynamic environment increasingly depends on an individual's ability to innovate, communicate, and continuously learn.

The lecture also highlighted the need for institutions of higher learning to nurture well-rounded graduates equipped not only with technical knowledge but also with the practical and interpersonal skills necessary to excel in diverse professional settings. Participants gained valuable insights into how innovation and leadership can be leveraged to create opportunities, solve complex problems, and contribute positively to organizations and communities.

As part of his visit to the University, Prof. Gizaw paid a courtesy call to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration and Finance, Prof. Esther Magiri. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss areas of mutual interest and reaffirm the importance of fostering collaborations that support innovation, research, and talent development.





DeKUT Innovations Draw National Recognition at STRI4Society Week 2026





DeKUT showcased its cutting-edge research and technological innovations during the inaugural Science, Technology, Research and Innovation for Society (STRI4Society) Week 2026, reinforcing its position as a leading institution in driving innovation for national development.

The University's exhibition stand attracted significant interest from stakeholders across the research, technology, and innovation ecosystem, including the Principal Secretary, State Department of Research, Technology and Innovation, Prof. Shaukat Abdulrazak, who paid a guided tour of the exhibit. During the visit, the Principal Secretary was taken through a range of transformative technologies and groundbreaking advancements developed by the University. The showcased innovations highlighted DeKUT's expertise in semiconductor technologies, leather technology, and immersive virtual and digital twin systems, all of which demonstrate the institution's commitment to addressing real-world challenges through research-driven solutions.

The exhibition provided a platform for the University to demonstrate how its research and innovation activities are contributing to industrial growth, technological advancement, and sustainable socio-economic development. The showcased technologies reflected DeKUT's strategic focus on fostering innovation that responds to emerging industry needs while supporting Kenya's national development agenda. Prof. Shaukat commended the University for its dedication to developing impactful solutions aligned with national research and industrial priorities. He lauded the quality and relevance of the innovations on display and encouraged continued collaboration among academia, government, industry, and research institutions to accelerate the translation of research into practical solutions that benefit society.

The recognition underscores DeKUT's growing reputation as a hub for innovation, research excellence, and technology development. Through sustained investment in research and strategic partnerships, the University continues to nurture a culture of creativity and problem-solving aimed at delivering transformative solutions for local, national, and global challenges.

DeKUT and KRA Partner to Enhance Tax Literacy Through "File It Yourself" Ambassadors Training



DeKUT, through the Directorate of Students Welfare, in collaboration with the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), successfully conducted a KRA Filing Ambassadors Training aimed at strengthening functional tax literacy among students and empowering them to independently file their tax returns using the iTax platform.

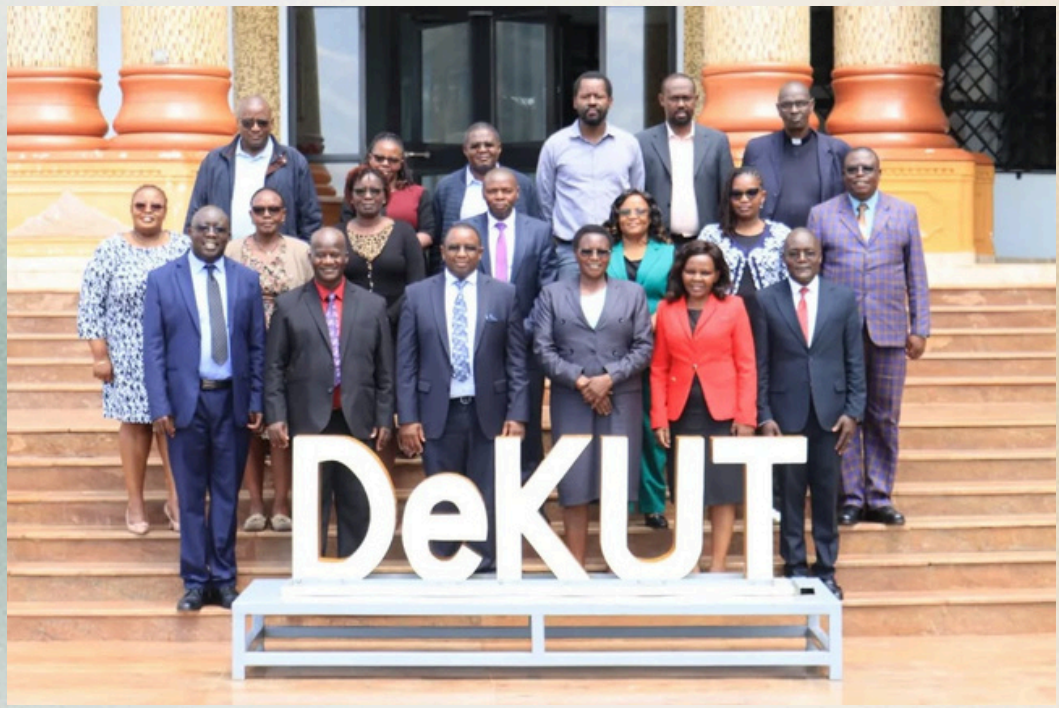
The programme, implemented under the "File It Yourself" initiative, brought together student representatives from the Tax Society who were trained to serve as Tax Ambassadors. These ambassadors are expected to play a key role in promoting tax awareness and supporting peer-to-peer outreach activities in collaboration with KRA officers. The training provided participants with practical knowledge and hands-on experience in key areas including tax compliance, online tax return filing, and taxpayer education.

This initiative reflects DeKUT's broader commitment to holistic student development, which goes beyond academic training to include practical life skills, leadership development, and civic responsibility. Through such partnerships, the University continues to strengthen its role in preparing graduates who are not only academically competent but also socially and economically empowered.





DeKUT Strengthens Quality Assurance Through ISO 21001:2025 Management and Implementers' Training



DeKUT has successfully conducted an ISO 21001 Management and Implementers' Workshop facilitated by the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS), aimed at strengthening institutional capacity in education quality management and continuous improvement.

The workshop, which brought together members of the University Management Team and staff, focused on enhancing understanding and effective implementation of the ISO 21001 Educational Organizations Management System. The standard is designed to improve educational service delivery, promote learner satisfaction, and ensure consistent institutional excellence through structured quality management systems.

During the training, participants were taken through key principles and practical approaches necessary for the successful implementation of ISO 21001:2025. The sessions emphasized the importance of aligning institutional processes with international best practices in education management, with a strong focus on efficiency, accountability, and continuous improvement.

The training also marked the conclusion of the ISO 21001:2025 Implementers' Training programme for members of staff at DeKUT. The programme equipped participants with the knowledge and practical skills required to effectively implement and sustain the Educational Organizations Management System across various university functions.

Through interactive sessions and practical guidance, staff members gained deeper insights into quality assurance frameworks, process optimization, and performance enhancement strategies aimed at improving overall service delivery within the University. The initiative underscores DeKUT's commitment to institutional excellence and its pursuit of globally recognized standards in higher education management. By investing in capacity building and quality assurance systems, the University continues to strengthen its culture of accountability, efficiency, and continuous improvement.

The successful completion of the training positions DeKUT to further enhance its academic and administrative processes, ensuring that it remains responsive to the evolving needs of students, staff, and stakeholders while maintaining high standards of educational excellence.





DeKUT Hosts National Gender and Equality Commission Commissioner on Courtesy Visit



DeKUT had the honor of hosting Dr. Margaret Karungaru, Commissioner of the National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC), during a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor.

The visit provided an opportunity for discussions on matters of mutual interest, with a focus on strengthening collaboration in promoting gender equality, inclusion, and equity within higher education institutions. The engagement also underscored the importance of institutional partnerships in advancing national development goals related to social justice and equal opportunity.

Dr. Karungaru was received by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Eng. Peter N. Muchiri, EBS, who appreciated the Commission's continued efforts in advocating for inclusive policies and practices across public institutions in Kenya. The discussions highlighted the role of universities in mainstreaming gender and equality considerations in governance, academic programmes, and student welfare systems. Both parties acknowledged the importance of creating safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environments that enable all members of the University community to thrive.

Join the Freedom 250 Festival at DeKUT on 19th June 2026



DeKUT is pleased to invite you to the Freedom 250 Festival, an event commemorating 250 years of American independence and excellence while celebrating cultural exchange, innovation, education, and collaboration.

The festival promises a vibrant and engaging experience featuring exhibitions, games, entertainment, innovation showcases, culinary experiences, and opportunities to interact with diverse cultures and ideas.

Event Details
Date: Friday, 19 June 2026
Venue: DeKUT Main Campus Grounds

Festival Experience Zones

- The Garage
- The Launchpad
- The Varsity Lounge
- The Townhall
- The Arena
- The Kitchen
- MATATUSA

Programme Highlights
Expo & Games – 10:00 AM
Movie Showcase – 6:00 PM
Live Football Screening – 10:00 PM

You are encouraged to register using the QR code on the festival poster and participate fully in the day's activities.
We look forward to your participation as we celebrate this historic milestone together.

Karibuni sana!

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