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DEKUT WINS ENTREPRENEURIAL UNIVERSITY OF THE YEAR AWARD



The Vice-Chancellor DeKUT, Prof. Peter Muchiri, accompanied by Prof. Ndirangu Kioni, Head of the Research, Innovation Ecosystems and Entrepreneurship Education Office and Ms. Ruth Muriithi, Head of Dedan Kimathi Science and Technology Park, attended the 2023 Commercialization and Entrepreneurial Institutions Leaders (CEIL) Summit themed 'Getting it Right on Commercialization of Research Outputs and Ideas'. During the Summit, the Kenya National Innovation Agency launched the Institutional Support programme Cohort II, where DeKUT was admitted after a successful bid. The Occasion was flagged off by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, Hon. Ababu Namwamba, the PS, State Department for Higher Education and Research, Dr Beatrice Inyangala and PS, State Department for Youth Affairs, Mr Ismail Maalim graced the Occasion.

It is a significant milestone for DeKUT and DeST-Park as the University and the Park endeavor to launch more startup companies.

DEKUT SIGNS AN AGREEMENT WITH UNECA TO ESTABLISH THE ORIGIN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION LAB





DeKUT signs a Memorandum of Understanding with United Nations Economic Commission of Africa (UNECA) to establish the Origin Research and Innovations Labs.

The agreement signed by Prof. Peter Ng'ang'a Muchiri, Vice-chancellor for DeKUT, and Mr. Antonio Pedro, Acting Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission of Africa, provides a framework for DeKUT to host and develop the Origin Research and Innovations Labs Physical Hub of East Africa. Following the signing, which took place at the beginning of the Second Forum of the Alliance of Entrepreneurial Universities in Africa (AEUA), Dr. Victor Konde, Scientific Affairs Officer at UNECA, elaborated on the concept of Origin Research and Innovation Labs (called the Origin) and indicated that ECA will establish four physical hubs one in each of four other regions: South Africa, Central Africa, West Africa, and North Africa. Prof. Paul Ndirangu Kioni, former VC of DeKUT who is currently championing this initiative, gave a status report on the development of the Physical Hub of East Africa, including the origin website, which is now live at https://Originlabsafrica.org/

Origin will work with AEUA to transform Africa's research- innovation, and entrepreneurship landscape. The AEUA Forum set an ambitious goal for African Universities to create 1 million startups that generate US$100 billion in revenue for Universities in 10 years. Origin will play an essential catalytic role in attaining this noble goal. A Project Document will guide the hub's development for the next three years signed between UNECA and DeKUT.

1ST DEKUT INTERNATIONAL DAY



Over the years, DeKUT has been broadening its efforts towards providing an academically stimulating and culturally diverse learning environment to become a premier University. The increased number of students from Kenya and those from outside Kenya with different cultural backgrounds is evidence of this. The establishment of the DeKUT International Day is a strategic initiative to strengthen internationalization activities and promote cultural diversity and integration in the University.



The International Day brings together and celebrates different cultures, educates students about the benefits of international linkages and gives them an insight into diverse cultural traditions. It allows international and Kenyan students to share their culture, heritage and experiences. The International Day offers a platform for international students to showcase their culture and traditions while also allowing them to learn more about Kenyan culture.



The International Day provided a forum for international students to share their culture, heritage, and experiences at DeKUT and for DeKUT students to share their experiences in exchange. It was also an opportunity to enlighten the DeKUT students about the various exchange programs and motivate them to enrol.

The VC Prof Peter Muchiri and the DVC A&F were also present to launch the DeKUT International Handbook to help the exchange students learn about our country and DeKUT before joining us.



Financial Education and Career Mentorship Workshop in collaboration with Old Mutual and Faulu Kenya





Financial literacy is one of the essential skills recognized globally. In a world where the economy is often unpredictable, it is important to be prepared with the skills and information to guide your financial decisions. In this line, we partnered with Old Mutual and Faulu Kenya to offer financial education and career mentorship workshops to our students. Faulu Kenya is a microfinance holding under Old Mutual Kenya that offers services in personal banking, business banking, institutional banking and insurance solutions. The workshop involved information-packed sessions where students had the chance to interact with banking and financial sector experts.

The workshop involved lessons on achieving financial wellness for young people, investment options for students, pension planning and creating beneficial financial strategies. The workshop also offered sessions on entrepreneurship and career opportunities in the banking and finance sectors. This initiative aims to create a positive financial culture among young people by providing them with financial skills they can adopt early and carry on into their careers.





DeKUT hosts a delegation from the Microsoft Africa Development Centre



On 4th, October 2023, the DeKUT School of Computer Science and Information Technology team hosted the Microsoft Africa Development Centre. They are committed to finding ways to bridge the gap between academics and the skills needed in the world of work. They discussed potential collaboration areas: Curriculum review, research, guest lectures through the Microsoft ADC lecture program, training by the Microsoft ADC staff and engaging students on how to join Microsoft ADC.



They also had a session with the students who were taken through some developer tools and how they can start their entrepreneurship journey.

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