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CEO, Dr. Kelly Oluoch

CORE STATEMENTS

VISION:

A globally competitive institution for training human resource for health.

MISSION:

To develop fit-for-purpose middlelevel health professionals through transformative training, research, and consultancy.

CORE VALUES:

Accountability, Integrity, Responsiveness, Equity, Teamwork, Professionalism, Creativity and innovation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE

W elcome to this edition of the Bulletin!

As we come to the end of 2024, I want to take a moment to thenk you all for make

take a moment to thank you all for making this year truly special for KMTC.

During the month of December, we achieved so much, and I am proud of how far we have come. From making big strides in academics, research, partnerships, and collaborations, this year has been a shining example of what we can achieve when we work as a team.

Throughout the year, we have continued to strengthen our position as the leading healthcare training institution in Kenya and beyond. From graduating 21,261 students, ready to transform healthcare locally and globally, to being recognized as the most Digitally Fit Parastatal in East Africa, our journey has been one of progress and achievement. Our commitment to excellence was further affirmed by the prestigious Education Sector Award at the Champions of Governance ceremony.

Our impact extended beyond the class-room. We took bold steps in training 1,400 boda boda riders in emergency response, ensuring that communities have first responders when it matters most. We also played a key role in national health-care discussions, contributing insights at the Health Sector Intergovernmental Consultative Forum and actively participating in World AIDS Day efforts to end

the epidemic by 2030.

Internationally, KMTC continues to shine. Our very own Sharon Chepkoech represented Kenya at COP 16 in Riyadh, showcasing innovation in food security, a demonstration to the quality of thinkers and problem solvers we nurture. At the Jamhuri National Job Fair, we showcased our commitment to producing a workforce equipped for global healthcare demands, with initiatives such as foreign language training and support for international certifications like NCLEX-RN.

As we celebrate these achievements, we recognize that they would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our students, staff, partners, and stakeholders. Your dedication has been instrumental in ensuring KMTC remains a beacon of excellence in healthcare training.

Looking ahead to 2025, we remain committed to expanding our training programs, deepening research initiatives, and embracing digital transformation to enhance service delivery. I encourage each of you to take a well-deserved break this festive season, recharge, reconnect with loved ones, and prepare for yet another year of growth and success.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with good health, joy, and prosperity.











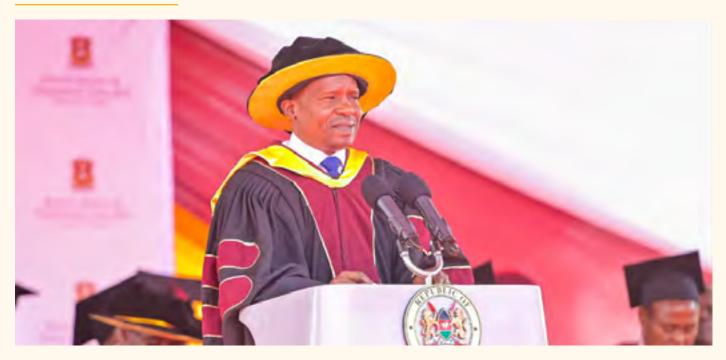




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CORPORATE UPDATES

KMTC Graduates Over 21,000 in 93rd Graduation Ceremony



Chief Guest Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki during the graduation.

he College graduated 21,261 students on December 5, 2024, in a vibrant ceremony at Moi Sports Center, Kasarani.

The event was presided over by Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki, and attended by Health Cabinet Secretary Dr. Deborah Barasa, Principal Secretary Ms. Mary Muthoni, and other dignitaries.

Prof. Kindiki lauded the graduates for their dedication and rigorous training, which he said had prepared them to serve humanity with professionalism and compassion.

He emphasized that healthcare requires empathy, patience, and an unwavering commitment to others' well-being.

He also highlighted the government's ongoing health reforms under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda, particularly the shift to Taifa Care, investment in local vaccine production, and promotion of community health initiatives.

Prof. Kindiki urged the graduates to become agents of change and support these reforms in their communities.

Describing KMTC as a pillar of Kenya's healthcare system, Prof. Kindiki emphasized the College's role in training a skilled workforce that ensures quality healthcare delivery.

With over 66,000 active students and more than 20,000

graduates annually, KMTC remains at the forefront of training health professionals.

He encouraged graduates to explore international job opportunities, noting that the government supports programs such as foreign language courses and pre-departure training to enhance their global competitiveness.



A Section of the Graduands.



Health Cabinet Secretary Dr. Deborah Barasa commended KMTC's 97-year legacy of excellence in training skilled healthcare professionals and highlighted its recent recognition at the Institute of Certified Secretaries' 13th Edition of the Champions of Governance (CoG) Awards, where the College was named the top institution in the education category.

She stressed the importance of the graduates' role in strengthening primary healthcare and advancing Universal Health Coverage.

Dr. Barasa assured graduates of the Ministry's commitment to supporting their local and global employment opportunities, citing KMTC's facilitation of over 6,500 overseas job placements in the past five years.

Principal Secretary Mary Muthoni Muriuki praised the graduates for embracing KMTC's values of dedication and excellence.

She highlighted KMTC's cutting-edge training, mentorship, and research programs, and thanked parents, guardians, and staff for their support.

KMTC Board Chairperson Mr. Joseah K. Cheruiyot reaffirmed the College's commitment to excellence, revealing an allocation of Kshs. 804 million last year for the recruitment of 607 new staff to enhance training.

CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch noted the successful implementation of the College's Strategic Plan 2023-2028, which focuses on quality training, research, technology integration, and sustainable growth.

Dr. Oluoch also celebrated KMTC's ISO 9001:2015 recertification and the introduction of programs like the Diploma in Health Insurance Management, aligned with Kenya's UHC goals.

The theme of this year's ceremony, "Fit-for-Purpose Health Workforce," reflects KMTC's commitment to equipping graduates to tackle emerging healthcare challenges.

(L-R) KMTC Board Chairperson Mr. Joseah K. Cheruiyot, Health CS Dr. Deborah Barasa and Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki.



Health PS Mary Muthoni Muriuki.



Health CS, PS, a section of KMTC Board Directors and Management.



Prof. Kithure Kindiki, Health CS Dr. Debora Mulongo and a Section of Board Directors during the procession.



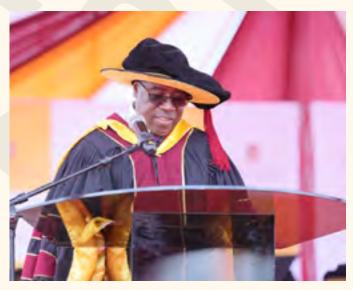
Health PS Mary Muthoni Muriuki awards a Graduate.



Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki (4th left) with a section of Board Directors and Management.



Deputy President Prof. Kithure Kindiki and Health CS Dr. Deborah Barasa.



KMTC Board Chairperson Mr. Joseah K. Cheruiyot.



KMTC CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch.



A section of Campus Principals during the procession.



A Section of Graduands.



A Section of the Graduands (from the National Youth Service).



A Section of the Graduands.



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CHOIRS AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY







Nairobi Campus.



Nyandarua Campus.



Meru Campus with their Principal Mr. Samuel Njagi.

HEADS OF ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT



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Orthopedic Technology - Mr. Paul Aloo.



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Public Health - Dr. Simon Kimani.



Medical Imaging Sciences - Mr. Alex Ichelai.



Occupational Therapy – Ms. Eunice Ndirangu.



Clinical Medicine - Mr. Felix Mutua.



Physiotherapy - Mr. Ruben Kyui.

KMTC Marks World Aids Day With Renewed Call to End Aids by 2030



Health Cabinet Secretary Dr. Debora Mulongo during the event.

Kenya marked four decades since the first recorded HIV case with a dynamic World AIDS Day 2024 event at Nyayo National Stadium, Nairobi. KMTC reinforced its commitment to advancing Universal Health Coverage by actively participating in the national commemoration.

The event was graced by the Health Cabinet Secretary Dr. Deborah Barasa, who led Kenyans in renewing their commitment to eliminate HIV as a public health threat.

A key moment was the launch of the 10-Year HIV Progress Report, revealing that 1.378 million Kenyans are living with HIV, with 97% receiving treatment through 3,752 sites. Dr. Barasa commended these milestones, emphasizing that Kenya is on track to achieve the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets by 2025.

Despite the progress, she stressed the need to close gaps in preventing new infections, especially among children and youth, and to integrate HIV care into broader health services. "We have made great strides, but we cannot afford complacency. Addressing persistent inequalities is key to sustaining progress," she stated.

Dr. Barasa also recognized the vital role of international partners like PEPFAR, the Global Fund, and UNAIDS, affirming that continued collaboration is crucial in the fight against HIV. "Their contributions have been instrumental, but sustained efforts at all levels are essential to realizing an AIDS-free future," she noted.

The CS stressed the need for sustained investment in the fight against HIV/AIDS, acknowledging progress while cautioning against complacency.

"To safeguard the significant gains made in the fight against HIV/AIDS, increased and sustained funding is essential. Together, we can eliminate this public health threat," she said.

Leading the KMTC delegation were Board Chairperson Mr. Joseah K. Cheruiyot flanked by CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch, accompanied by Board Director Dr. Hezron Omollo and staff. Their presence underscored KMTC's dedication to addressing public health challenges through education, advocacy, and action.

CEO Dr. Oluoch called on young people, particularly students, to remain vigilant in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

He emphasized the importance of informed choices and personal responsibility. "HIV/AIDS remains a reality. Abstinence is the most effective preventive measure, but for those who cannot abstain, consistent and correct use of protection is crucial," he said.

The event also featured the World AIDS Day Half Marathon, dubbed "It's a Race Against Time." The marathon advocated for ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

As the country rallies against HIV/AIDS, KMTC continues to be a key partner in fostering a healthier, more resilient Kenya.



Health CS Deborah Barasa (center) and CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (right) at the start of the marathon.



K. Cheruiyot (right) and MoH Communication Coordinator Nabalayo Salome.



Board Chairperson Mr. Joseah K. Cheruiyot (center) with CEO Dr, Kelly Oluoch (right).



Board Chairperson Mr. Joseah K. Cheruiyot (2nd right), CEO Dr, Kelly Oluoch (2nd left), DDFP&A Ms. Lucy Chebungei (right) and Resource Mobilization Manager Mr. Job Nyakado (left).



CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (right) with the Audit Manager CPA Geoffrey Makokha (front left).



CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch with KMTC Presidential Awards and Students Against Aids groups.

Recognition for Excellence in Digital Engagement and Online Brand Presence



Deputy Director Academics, Dr. Nyawira Mwangi (3rd right) alongside the KMTC ICT staff receive an award during the 2024 Digitally Fit Awards ceremony in Nairobi.

he College was on Friday, December 6, 2024, named the winner of the 2024 Digitally Fit Parastatal and State Corporation category at the Digitally Fit Awards East Africa.

The Digitally Fit Awards is a global digital award recognizing brands, CEOs, and experts championing digital transformation. It honors brands creating significant online impact through their websites or social media presence.

KMTC won gold in the Technical Training Institutes and Polytechnic category at the KeOnline Digitally Fit Awards held in Nairobi.

"We selected your institution after carefully analyzing your online presence, Google ranking using the keyword 'Top Medical Training Centers in Kenya,' social media presence, votes, and an expert score," said the event organizers.

This award follows KMTC's shortlisting in September 2024 to represent Kenya in the grand finale against other East African businesses.

Over the years, KMTC has significantly invested in enhancing its digital communication channels and embracing digital transformation to improve information flow within the College.



CEO Advocates Workforce Skilling at Health Sector Intergovernmental Consultative Forum



Health PS Mary Muthoni Muriuki (seated center) with participants during the official opening of the 22nd Health Sector Intergovernmental Consultative Forum at the Kenya School of Government.

he CEO, Dr. Kelly Oluoch, on December 10, 2024, participated in a high-level panel discussion on Human Resources for Health during the 22ⁿd Health Sector Intergovernmental Consultative Forum held in Nairobi.

The meeting brought together senior National and County Government officials, including Health CS Dr. Deborah Barasa; PS State Department of Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni Muriuki; PS, State Department of Devolution Teressia Mbaika; Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee (IGRTC) Chair Dr. Githinji Kiragua, key public and private health sector stakeholders alongside development partners.

The commitment to enhancing Universal Health Coverage remained a top priority, with a focus on establishing Primary Health Care Networks to bridge the existing gap. Recognizing the critical role of digital transformation in healthcare, the Ministry of Health outlined a strategic roadmap to connect health facilities to electricity and internet services, facilitating the activation of the Health Information Exchange for seamless data sharing.

In the spirit of partnerships and coordinated healthcare delivery, it was resolved that the Ministry of Health will lead a review of the Health Sector Partnerships and Coordination Framework. This initiative aims to optimize stakeholder engagement, streamline funding mechanisms, and enhance intergovernmental collaboration. These measures are instrumental in ensuring the successful implementation of health reforms and driving sustainable progress toward Universal Health Coverage.

The forum was officially opened by Principal Secretary in the State Department for Devolution, Ms. Teresia Mbaika.

Ms. Mbaika urged the participants to embrace the Social Health Authority (SHA) model, citing its potential to enhance healthcare delivery for Kenyans. "Collaboration between national and county governments remains vital in achieving affordable and accessible healthcare for all," she said.

Addressing the critical issue of workforce skilling amidst dwindling funding, Dr. Oluoch offered actionable recommendations drawn from KMTC's strategic approach.

"At KMTC, we have consistently allocated 2% of our annual budget towards training staff. This commitment has enabled us to maintain a pipeline of skilled healthcare professionals who continue to serve the nation," Dr. Oluoch noted.

He also emphasized the College's adoption of technology to support blended learning, a solution he encouraged County Governments to explore for upskilling their healthcare workforce.

"Blended learning allows learners to advance their education without disrupting their duties. Counties can enroll their staff with us, allowing them to continue working while attending online sessions. Practical learning, which requires physical presence, can then be scheduled accordingly," he explained.

The two-day event served as a critical platform for deliberating innovative solutions to address emerging challenges in the healthcare sector, including workforce development and sustainable funding models.

KMTC at the Jamhuri National Job Fair: Shaping Global-Ready Healthcare Professionals



Cabinet Secretary for Labour and Social Protection Dr. Alfred Mutua during his visit to the KMTC booth.

he College has made a significant impact at the Jamhuri National Job Fair, taking place from December 5th to 11th, 2024, at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) in Nairobi. Under the theme "Expanding Local Opportunities for Youth Employment," this transformative event brings together key players from the government and private sectors to champion youth empowerment and job creation.

Led by CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch and accompanied by Deputy Director of Finance, Planning, and Administration, Ms. Lucy Chebungei, the KMTC delegation is showcased the institution's innovative healthcare training programs and services. Speaking at the event, Dr. Oluoch emphasized KMTC's commitment to preparing healthcare professionals for both local and international markets.

"At KMTC, we don't just train for Kenya; we train for the world," he stated, highlighting the institution's foreign language training in French, German, and Arabic, which equips students to work in diverse global settings. He also lauded the partnership with the State Department for Diaspora Affairs, which now allows KMTC students to sit for international exams like the NCLEX-RN locally, an opportunity previously available only in South Africa and India.

The College also utilized the opportunity to showcase its flagship programs including Nursing Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, and the six-month Healthcare Assistant course which is designed to meet the growing demand for caregiving services locally and abroad, providing a fast yet professional pathway into healthcare.

To further support students pursuing international opportunities, Dr. Oluoch announced ongoing discussions with financial institutions to help needy students access funds for NCLEX-RN exams and overseas job processes. Additionally, third-year students can now enroll in the NCLEX program as they approach graduation, bridging the gap between education and global job markets.

As part of its commitment to service excellence, KMTC made its #TranscriptMashinani initiative accessible at the fair. Alumni were able to conveniently apply for and collect their academic transcripts directly from the KMTC stand. This initiative aligns with KMTC's push for digital transformation and service accessibility.

Dr. Oluoch also emphasized KMTC's continuous curriculum reviews to align with global healthcare demands. "We are collaborating with county governments to shift focus from curative services to include rehabilitative, diagnostic, and pharmaceutical services, ensuring our graduates are well-prepared to transform healthcare delivery nationwide," he said.

A highlight of the fair was the visit by the Cabinet Secretary for Labour and Social Protection, Dr. Alfred Mutua, who commended KMTC's key role in shaping healthcare professionals ready for both local and global markets. His engagement underscored KMTC's relevance in Kenya's healthcare and youth employment agendas.

Visitors to the KMTC booth explored groundbreaking programs, engaging with a vibrant team of experts, and discovering opportunities to shape their futures in healthcare.



PS State Department for Foreign Affairs Dr. Korir Sing'oei (2nd right), interacts with the CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch at KMTC stand during the Jamhuri National Job Fair at KICC Nairobi.



CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (centre) during the job fair.

Town Halls to Spotlight KMTC's Future Vision

0 ver the next two months, the College will hold a series of town hall meetings to raise awareness of its Strategic Plan 2023-2028.

The sessions to be held across eight regional clusters from

November 26, 2024, to February 4, 2025, are designed to raise awareness of the College's future direction, foster collaboration, and ensure alignment with national and global healthcare needs.

At the heart of these discussions is the College's vision to expand its influence beyond Kenya's borders by strengthening training, research, and consultancy services. Speaking during the first townhall session, CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch emphasized the College's commitment to equipping graduates with globally competitive skills.

"We are positioning KMTC as a leader in medical training, not just in Kenya but internationally.

This strategic plan provides a roadmap for enhancing the quality of education, integrating technology, and expanding research and consultancy services," he stated.

The Strategic Plan focuses on four key areas: quality training, research, innovation and consultancy, digital transformation and institutional sustainability. These pillars are expected to drive KMTC's growth while ensuring its training

programs remain responsive to the evolving demands of the healthcare sector.

As part of its digital transformation agenda, KMTC is expanding virtual learning platforms, strengthening its digital library, and investing in simulation laboratories to provide

hands-on training experiences. Dr. Oluoch underscored the importance of these initiatives, highlighting how they will optimize resources, improve service delivery, and enhance access to training programs.

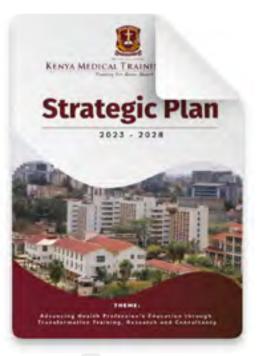
Among the key takeaways from the already conducted sessions was the need for continuous sensitization on the strategic plan's objectives, particularly at the campus level. Participants also called for stronger collaboration with policymakers and healthcare institutions to ensure the successful implementation of KMTC's vision.

The town hall meetings, streamed on the College YouTube channel, have continued to attract thousands of participants and viewers.

The interactive sessions will allow the College leadership to listen to ques-

tions, address challenges, and gather valuable feedback that will help improve the implementation of the strategic plan across all KMTC Campuses.

The insights from these discussions will inform continuous improvements in KMTC's strategic initiatives.



Strengthening Partnerships to Enhance Healthcare Training in Kajiado

On December 19, 2024 – KMTC CEO, Dr. Kelly Oluoch, hosted a delegation from the Kajiado County Hospital Board of Management at the KMTC Headquarters in Nairobi. The delegation, led by Dr. Onesmus Saidimu, Chairperson of the Kajiado County Referral Hospital, engaged in strategic discussions aimed at enhancing healthcare training and advancing the quality of health professionals in the region.

The meeting highlighted collaborative opportunities to strengthen training programs and address healthcare challenges. Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to improving access to skilled healthcare workers, fostering innovation, and building a sustainable healthcare system to benefit communities in Kajiado County and beyond.

This partnership marks a significant step towards the development of comprehensive strategies to support Kenya's healthcare sector through quality training and capacity building.



CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (seated center) together with Kajiado County Hospital Board of Management and Senior KMTC Staff during a meeting at the KMTC Headquarters.

Dignity Kits to Support GBV Survivors

0 n December 19, 2024, the College, in partnership with the UNESCO O3PLUS project, received 43 dignity kits from the Gender Violence Recovery Centre (GVRC) of Nairobi Women's Hospital. These kits are designed to provide essential support and restore dignity to student survivors of gender-based violence (GBV).

The kits were handed over at the KMTC Wellness Center by Joan Zilpa, a Physiologist and Case Manager at GVRC, to Dr. Kennedy Rateng, the In-Charge of Medical Services at KMTC on behalf of the CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch. The donation will strengthen the services offered at the wellness center and the gender desk, both of which were established under the O3PLUS project to create a safe and inclusive environment for students.

This initiative is part of ongoing collaborative efforts between KMTC, UNESCO, and the University of Nairobi, which earlier launched the Safer Campuses campaign at KMTC headquarters in Nairobi. The campaign has led to the creation of wellness centers and gender desks in higher education institutions to support the safety and well-being of students.



The in-Charge of KMTC Health services Dr. Kennedy Rateng (left) alongside Clinic staff receive Dignity kits from the Manager Gender Violence Recovery center-Nairobi Women Hospital's Joan Zilpah (left).

The gender desk and wellness center provide critical services such as counseling, recovery support, and guidance for GBV survivors. The addition of dignity kits enhances these resources, empowering survivors with the tools they need during their recovery journey.

This partnership between KMTC and GVRC underscores the importance of addressing gender-based violence through strategic collaboration and resource mobilization. It reflects a shared commitment to fostering wellness, dignity, and a supportive environment for all students at KMTC.

College Equips Boda Boda Riders With Life-Saving Emergency Response Skills

he College has concluded a training program for 1,400 boda boda riders across 14 Campuses to enhance their emergency response skills and improve community safety.

Known for their accessibility and swift mobility, boda boda

operators often play an important role as first responders during emergencies.

The College designed the training to equip them with essential techniques, including road user safety, infection prevention, bleeding control, helmet removal, airway management, chest compressions, choking response, and splinting techniques.

Riders also gained skills in lifting and carrying methods and managing burns and other injuries effectively.

Speaking about the initiative, CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch highlighted the significance of empowering boda boda operators.

"This program bridges the gap between emergencies and professional healthcare services, ensuring timely interventions that can save lives," he said.

To ensure impactful learning, the training combined theoretical and practical methods. Participants were introduced to emergency scenarios through interactive PowerPoint presentations, instructional videos, and hands-on demonstrations.

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) techniques were taught using manikins representing adults, children, and infants, allowing riders to practice age-



An ongoing training at Machakos Campus.

appropriate life-saving interventions.

The sessions also focused on practical improvisation, teaching participants to use readily available items like jackets for controlling bleeding and belts as tourniquets.

Trainers encouraged active participation, with riders performing return demonstrations to reinforce their skills. "Boda boda operators are the backbone of grassroots emergency response," said Dr. Oluoch.

KMTC is urging other stakeholders to join hands in replicating such initiatives across the country. With boda boda riders forming a crucial part of Kenya's emergency response framework, their empowerment is a strategic investment in public health and safety.



Principal Machakos Campus Mrs. Felistus Muinde (holding flag) during the training.



Manza campus during the training of bodaboda riders and CHPs on bystander's emergency response.

APPOINTMENT



Dr. Mutinda Mutuku Planning Manager

D r. Mutinda Mutuku serves as the College's Planning Manager, having been appointed on 18th November, 2024. He brings 15 years of experience in both local and international programs, specializing in Health Financing, Public Finance Management, Policy and Strategy Development, Evaluation and Analysis, Productivity and Impact Assessment, as well as Costing and Expenditure Analysis. His expertise spans various sectors, including Health, Education, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), and Natural Resource Economics.

Dr. Mutuku possesses extensive technical knowledge in policy, advocacy, financing, welfare analysis, budgeting, unit costing, and public expenditure tracking. He is also well-versed in Social Contracting and Governance approaches.

He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Kenyatta University and has completed a Ph.D. in Natural Resources and Environmental Economics from the International Growth Centre (IGC) at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Additionally, he holds a Master's degree in Economics (Health Economics and Econometrics) from the University of Nairobi and a Bachelor's degree in Education (Mathematics and Economics) from Moi University.

Before his appointment, Dr. Mutuku served as the Programme Officer for HIV Investments, Policy, and Strategy at the National Syndemic Diseases Control Council.

From KMTC Kenya to the Global Stage: Sharon Chepkoech Excels at Cop 16 in Riyadh



Ms. Sharon Chepkoech.

S haron Chepkoech, a passionate and determined student from Kenya Medical Training College, has taken a giant leap onto the global stage by earning a coveted spot at the 16th Conference of the Parties (COP 16) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Currently enrolled in KMTC's 2.1 upgrading program in nursing. Sharon is representing Kenya with a ground-breaking proposal that addresses food security challenges in the country's Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) through kitchen gardening.

This prestigious two-week event has brought together global leaders, climate experts, and changemakers to discuss innovative solutions to pressing environmental issues. Amid this influential gathering, Sharon is proudly showcasing her vision for sustainable food production, a solution rooted in her community and designed to impact the world.

Sharon's journey to COP 16 began with her compelling proposal that reimagined kitchen gardening as a lifeline for food security in ASAL regions. Her idea is simple yet trans-

formative: empowering households to grow their food using minimal resources, thereby ensuring food availability even in harsh climatic conditions.

Her proposal gained traction after a series of impactful field demonstrations in Marigat, Baringo County. Here, Sharon worked directly with local communities, demonstrating the practicality and potential of kitchen gardening. Her handson approach showed how households could adopt small-scale farming techniques to grow nutritious crops, reduce dependency on food aid, and build resilience against climate change.

Sharon's hard work, innovation, and dedication caught the attention of COP 16 organizers, who selected her to participate in this landmark global summit. Her presentation in Riyadh the role of young leaders in addressing critical global issues.

Speaking from the summit, Sharon remarked, "Attending COP 16 is not just a personal milestone but an opportunity to amplify local solutions on a global platform. My goal is to inspire others to think creatively and act locally to solve challenges affecting communities worldwide."

Sharon's achievement reflects KMTC's mission to develop transformative leaders who bring meaningful change to their communities and beyond. By fostering innovation, resilience, and practical solutions, the institution continues to produce graduates equipped to tackle challenges in health, environment, and sustainable development.

Dr. Kelly Oluoch, KMTC CEO, lauded Sharon's success, noting, "Sharon's journey from KMTC to COP 16 exemplifies the power of education and community-driven innovation. We are incredibly proud of her and committed to nurturing more changemakers who will shape the future."

Sharon's story serves as an inspiration for her peers and young leaders across Kenya and the world. It is a reminder that local solutions can have global impact and that the determination to make a difference can open doors to unimaginable opportunities.

As COP 16 progresses, Sharon continues to champion kitchen gardening as a sustainable solution to food insecurity in ASALs. Her vision aligns with global climate action goals, proving that even the smallest initiatives can create ripples of change.

KMTC celebrates Sharon Chepkoech as a beacon of hope and innovation, paving the way for a more sustainable and secure future.

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Machakos Campus Cultural Day.



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Vihiga Campus Cultural Day.

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Kisumu Campus Cultural Day.

CAMPUSES UNITE WITH THE WORLD TO MARK WORLD AIDS DAY 2024



Manza Campus.



Kwale and Msambweni Campuses.

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Voi Campus.



Manza Campus.



Nyeri Campus during the International Day for People with Disability (December 3, 2024)



Narok Campus hosted KCOA and KUCO representatives for an induction session, equipping Clinical Medicine students with professional insights and career guidance.



Mandera Campus hosted a delegation from the Ministry of Health, National Treasury, and KMTC Headquarters for an assessment of its operational and infrastructural needs.



Board Directors and Staff during a visit to Chwele Campus.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR)



KMTC Homabay Campus partnered with MSF to raise awareness on Gender-Based Violence as part of the 16 Days of Activism campaign.



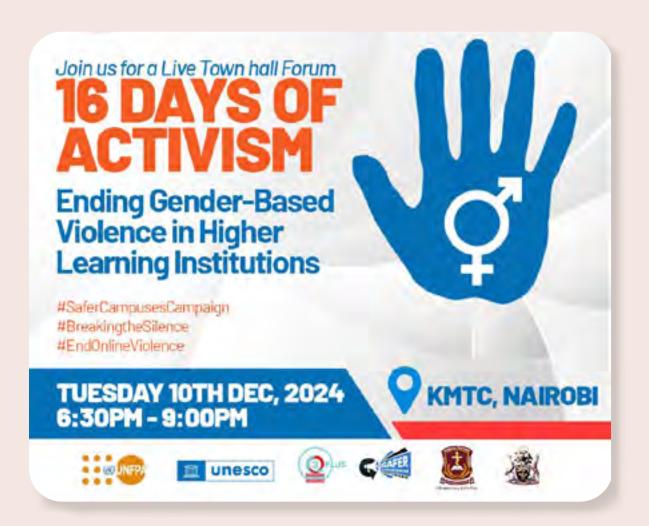
Isiolo Campus joined hands with M-Pesa Foundation and Zuri Health to hold a medical camp in Isiolo Town, providing essential healthcare services to the community.



Mombasa Campus staff spread Christmas joy at Shimo la Tewa Women's Prison through donations and community engagement.



Mbooni KMTC received a Kshs. 140,000 NG-CDF cheque to boost its tree-planting initiative, enhancing sustainability and environmental conservation.





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