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Machakos University and CorpsAfrica Forge Strategic Partnership to Advance Community Development

Machakos University and CorpsAfrica have officially launched a comprehensive strategic partnership during a meeting held on October 14th at the UNESCO Chair office at the University Hotel. Members present including the Chair of UNESCO Prof. Mugendi M'Rithaa, Registrar Research, Innovation and Linkages Prof. David Mulwa, Dean of the School of Agriculture, Environment and Health Science Dr. Julius Nzeve, Chair of Departments from the School and the Country Director CorpsAfrica Dr. Patricia Mugendi and her delegation.

The volunteers live and work with local residents to identify development priorities and implement sustainable, community-led projects. By promoting local leadership and capacity building, CorpsAfrica empowers communities to drive their own social and economic transformation.

Discussions outlined a multi-faceted framework for cooperation, designed to leverage the unique strengths of both organizations. Key areas of focus including:

- Academic Integration and Curriculum Review
- Expanding Volunteerism and Practical Student Experience
- Joint Research and Innovation
- Co-creation of Training and Community Content
- Community Outreach and Public Campaigns



Ongoing discussions

CorpsAfrica is a nonprofit organization that recruits and trains African youth to serve as volunteers in rural communities within their own countries.

The alliance plans to host annual joint events and public awareness campaigns. An early milestone will see CorpsAfrica participating in an upcoming MksU conference, showcasing the partnership's initial progress and vision.

Machakos University Becomes the Home of Champions at Betika BingwaFest Season Two

Machakos University grounds were alive with energy and competition from October 13th to 19th, 2025, as host of the Eastern Region Betika BingwaFest Season Two tournament's football matches, leaving a lasting positive impact on the campus community.

The multi-discipline sports extravaganza, which saw the university's facilities play a central role in the early stages of the football competition. Sixteen men's and sixteen women's teams battled it out on our fields, showcasing exceptional talent and sportsmanship for our students, staff, and the wider community, who turned out in large numbers to spectate.



The field was packed with cheering spectators

The past week demonstrated the university's capacity to host large-scale events and our commitment to promoting sports and talent development. The successful management of the matches highlighted the quality of our facilities and the dedication of our staff and student volunteers who ensured the events ran smoothly.

The event's values resonated deeply with Machakos University. The BingwaFest's free medical camp, which ran concurrently with the games, mirrored the university's commitment to holistic community wellness, much like our own health initiative held in September, 2025. Having this service available on-site during the tournament provided invaluable **support to both** participants and attendees.



The conclusion of the BingwaFest leaves behind a legacy of inspiration for Machakos University. We are proud to have contributed to this celebrated platform that nurtured talent, promoted health, and brought our community together in a spirit of vibrant competition.

MksU Hackfest 2025 is Underway

The energy is electric! Machakos University's annual flagship hackathon has officially kicked off, and the campus is buzzing with three days of creativity, collaboration, and code. This year, brilliant student innovators, developers, and problem-solvers are tackling the theme of "Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure." Over 24 intensive hours, they are building practical tech solutions in critical tracks like:

- 🏭 Industry & Infrastructure
- ☁️ Cloud Computing
- 🎓 Education
- 🌱 Agriculture
- 🔗 Blockchain

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DAY

📍 Opening Ceremony & Team Formation

The event has begun! After an inspiring opening ceremony, participants are now networking and forming their powerhouse teams. The air is filled with exciting ideas and the promise of innovation.

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DAY

🚀 The 24-Hour Hackathon Build

Starting tomorrow morning, the main event kicks into high gear. Teams will dive deep into a round-the-clock coding sprint to build their functional prototypes, supported by mentors from our industry partners.

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DAY

🏆 Final Presentations & Awards Ceremony

On the final day, the hacking ends and the pitches begin! Teams will present their solutions to a panel of expert judges, with the top innovations being celebrated at the closing awards ceremony



This incredible event is made possible by our host, Machakos University, and key sponsors including Guild Code, Cloud Factory, Chalosoft System Hub, Odoo, GitHub, and Uzuzi Hub. We're also thrilled to have students collaborating from partner universities like Tharaka University, Umma University, Daystar University, and Zetech University.

Machakos University Participates in A Validation Workshop to Charter A Path for Informal Economy Innovation in East Africa

A significant validation workshop was convened at the Pori City Hotel in Lang'ata, Nairobi on 23rd October 2025, bringing together a diverse coalition of academic experts and government policymakers to address the critical role of the informal economy in regional growth. Machakos University was represented by Dr. James Murunga, the Chair of the Department of Economics, and members of the Go Green Club, who served as a pivotal platform for presenting and refining groundbreaking research findings. The primary aim of the workshop was to present findings from a comprehensive study to investigate the factors that shape the innovation ecosystem within the informal economies of Kenya and Uganda.



Dr. James Murunga in a suit, with members of the Go Green Club

Beyond mere analysis, the workshop focused on a forward-looking agenda: exploring how these identified factors can be strategically deployed to promote decent jobs and stimulate sustainable economic growth. The discussions were centered on translating academic research into tangible policy and practical interventions.

This international partnership highlighted the cross-border significance of the informal sector and the value of global academic collaboration. A key strength of the workshop, among other researchers, was the participation of government policy makers. Their involvement ensured that the research findings were grounded in practical reality and directly engaged with the institutions capable of implementing change. This synergy between researchers and policymakers is considered essential for crafting effective strategies that can empower informal sector workers and entrepreneurs

The Joint Negotiations Committee of the Inter-Public Universities Councils Consultative Forum (IPUCCF) of the Federation of Kenya Employers (FKE).



From left: Principal Secretary for the State Department for Higher Education and Research, Dr. Beatrice Muganda Inyangala with MksU Vice Chancellor Prof. Joyce Agalo

Machakos University was honoured to host representatives of Public Universities and Constituent Colleges during the joint negotiations committee of the Inter-Public Universities Councils Consultative Forum (IPUCCF) of the Federation of Kenya Employers (FKE), on the 21st of October, 2025. The event was held at the University's Hotel and Conference Center, and it was graced by the Principal Secretary for Higher Education, Dr. Beatrice Muganda Inyangala.



Notices

→ Postgraduate Seminar

Virtual Postgraduate Seminar
29th October, 2025.



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