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TRIUMPH FOR MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY STAFF CHOIR



A new chapter of excellence has been written! The Machakos University Staff Choir delivered a spectacular performance at the Kenya Music & Cultural Festivals, concluded on 8th December 2025, emerging as one of the top-performing groups in the entire competition.

POSITION ONE(Three crowning victories)

“Glory to God”- Small Choir category

Kamba Folk Song- Ladies Category

Ladies Dance- A Dazzling Cultural Showcase!

POSITION TWO (Impressive silver wins)

“Glory Big Song”

Kamba Folk Song-Mixed Choir

POSITION THREE (Beautiful Artistry)

Female Composition- A heartfelt Original Piece.

This outstanding performance reflects hard work, unity, unmatched talent, and the spirit of excellence that defines Machakos University. Congratulations to our gifted staff choir for raising the university flag high and proudly representing our cultural heritage with grace and power!



MksU Staff Choir presenting the Kamba Folksong during the festivals

Machakos University STEM Power Center: Driving Innovation, Empowering Learners, and Shaping the Future



The Machakos University STEMpower Center, launched on January 25th, 2024, in partnership with STEMpower Inc., began as a milestone achievement and has since grown into a vibrant hub of creativity, discovery, and hands-on learning for our students.

The Center comprising a fully equipped Physics Laboratory and an advanced Virtual Laboratory, continues to strengthen the University's mission of advancing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education. Over the past two years, it has become an essential resource for students across multiple disciplines, providing access to modern tools, guided experimentation, and interactive simulations that enhance conceptual understanding and practical skills.

As the University gears up for the 8th Innovation and Exhibition Week scheduled for February 2026, the STEM Center is expected to play a pivotal role. The facility will serve as a launchpad for student-driven innovations, prototypes, and research demonstrations that will be showcased during the event.

Students utilizing the STEM Center are already working on:

- **Cutting-edge scientific experiments,**
- **Digital engineering simulations,**
- **Technology-driven solutions responding to community needs, and**
- **Interdisciplinary innovation projects that reflect the spirit of the Fifth Industrial Revolution (5IR).**

The Center's resources will empower students to present well-developed, research-backed innovations that highlight Machakos University's growing capacity in scientific and technological advancement.

ADJUSTING TO THE TIMES AND SEASONS: RISING STRONG TOGETHER AT MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

The past weeks have reminded us that education, like life, does not always follow a predictable calendar. The lecturers' strike in the public universities disrupted our rhythm, stretched our timelines, and brought an unexpected pause to our academic journey. This caused us to resume classes on a very tight and demanding schedule. It is natural to feel the pressure of catching up but this season also offers us an opportunity to grow in ways that go far beyond academics.

In every career pathway, the ability to adapt to shifting times and seasons is one of the most valuable skills one can develop. Workplaces evolve, plans get interrupted, and deadlines tighten. Those who thrive are not the ones with the smoothest path, but the ones who remain flexible, resilient, and diligent despite the challenges

This compressed program may feel intense, but it also invites us to practice the qualities that define future-ready graduates:

- Flexibility in reorganizing routines and learning strategies
- Resilience in bouncing back after disruptions
- Diligence in keeping our eyes firmly on our academic goals
- Teamwork in supporting classmates and ensuring no one is left behind
- A positive mindset, choosing to see opportunities rather than limitations

Instead of viewing this as a “half-empty glass” season, let us treat it as a refining moment, a time to prove to ourselves that we can rise to the occasion. This is how we embody the spirit of Machakos University's commitment to Co-creating Sustainable Futures: by approaching challenges with creativity, strength, and a shared determination to move forward.



As your mentor and career guide, I encourage each of you to embrace this season with confidence. Lean on one another, manage your time wisely, keep open communication with your lecturers, and remember that how you respond to challenging seasons becomes part of your personal and professional story.

Let this be the chapter where you learn not just to endure, but to adapt, excel, and grow together.



NOTICES

Sports Highlights: KUSF Calendar 2025/2026 Update!

We are proud to share an update on the University's participation and performance in games and sports events as per the Kenya University Sports Federation (KUSF) Calendar of Events for 2025/2026, which commenced on August 13, 2025.

NaSoKUSF League Participation

MksU registered 11 teams for the Nairobi South Kenya Universities Sports Federation (NaSoKUSF) conference league:

- Handball (Men & Women)
- Football (Men & Women)
- Basketball (Men & Women)
- Volleyball (Men & Women)
- Hockey (Men)
- Indoor Games
- Athletics

Recent Event Highlights (June 2025 to Date)

The University teams have demonstrated impressive spirit and skill in various competitions:

NaSoKUSF Conference League (Sept – Nov 2025)

The first leg saw outstanding results before the break, with the league resuming in January 2026.

- Handball (Men & Women): Position 1
- Karate: Position 2
- Soccer (Men): Position 3
- (Out of 17 participating universities)

Open East Africa Universities Games Championship (MMUST, Sept 19-21, 2025).

Soccer (Men) competed strongly, reaching the quarter-finals.

NaSoKUSF Indoor Games (UoN, Nov 2025)

Table Tennis and Karate both secured Position 2 in the first edition.

04 KUSF Netball and Handball Championship (Daystar University, Nov 18-19, 2025)

Handball Women team played up to the quarter-finals.

05 Rugby Nationwide Nairobi Universities League (Started Nov 22, 2025)

The team has had a strong start, securing recent wins against ANU and PUEA.

06 Athletics Competitions

Our teams participated in the NaSoKUSF Conference Athletics (Track and Field) at UoN (Sept 2025) and Field & Track events at Bomet University (Oct 2025), performing well in both

07 Other Engagements

The Rugby 10's team participated in the Betika na Community (Bigwafest) Tournament (Nov 2025), and the Lacrosse (Men) team held various friendly competitions.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the University management for the continuous and invaluable support accorded to the Games Department and our student athletes. Keep an eye out for updates on the second leg of the NaSoKUSF league in January 2026!

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2nd Training on Grant Proposal Writing and Sourcing of Funds

Facilitator: Prof. Stanley Makindi from the School of Agriculture, Environment and Health Sciences

Date: Next year tentatively February.

Venue: Senate Room

8th Innovation and Exhibition Week

Date: Next year tentatively February.

7TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE THEME AND SUBTHEMES

THEME

**Leveraging 5th Industrial Revolution (5IR) in
Research and Technology for Sustainable
Development**

SUBTHEMES

01 **Transformative Learning and Pedagogy**

02

**Research, Science and Technology Transfer
for Sustainable Development**

03 **Technology for Environmental Sustainability
and Socio-Economic Development**

04

Governance and Institutional Transformation

05 **Business, Entrepreneurship, Employability
and Economic Resilience**

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Language, culture, and technology

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**Empowering Youth and Communities in an
Inclusive Digital Era**

Tentative Date: May, 2026.

More details to follow

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