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MksU Staff Choir after performing a Kamba Folk Song in today's performances.

Machakos University Staff Choir Travels to Uasin Gishu County

Machakos University Staff Choir is proudly participating in the 98th edition of the Kenya Music & Cultural Festival, officially opened yesterday in Uasin Gishu County, by Governor Dr. Jonathan Bii Chelilim.

The festival, running from 30th November to 8th December 2025, celebrates this year's theme : "Threads of Culture, Weaves of Opportunity." The opening ceremony brought together leaders from the Ministry of Gender, Culture, & Children Services, the State Department for Culture, and County Officials.

The MksU Staff Choir continues to showcase excellence, contributing to the national celebration of Kenya's rich cultural heritage.

We extend our best wishes to the choir as they take the various performing stages



Machakos University Concludes UNESCO Led AI in Education Training for TVET Institutions.

Machakos University successfully concluded a two-day UNESCO sponsored training on AI and Digital Learning for TVET institutions, held from 1st to 2nd December 2025. A global initiative aimed at equipping educators with future-ready digital skills.

The workshop which was officially opened by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joyce J. Agalo, brought together an outstanding team of global partners, including Microsoft, KPMG, Tablet Academy, KSTVET, and the UNESCO Global Education Coalition. Key representatives in attendance included:

Bijay Dhungana – Tablet Academy

Roisin Murphy – Head of Global Sustainability, KPMG

Donna O’Neill – Director, Global Sustainability, KPMG

Kate Barnes – Director, Global Partnerships, Microsoft

Lotfi Aoulad – UNESCO Global

The delegation also held strategic discussions with DVC APF, Prof. CPA Florence Memba, and DVC ASA, Prof. James Muola, who reaffirmed the University’s commitment to driving digital innovation and capacity-building.

This training builds on a planning engagement held in May, where UNESCO, Machakos University, Kenya Schools TVET, and global partners developed a coordinated national rollout strategy.

About the Training:

Day 1: Theory on AI integration in education, digital learning ecosystems, ethics, and the evolving role of the educator

Day 2: Practical, hands-on sessions using AI tools and digital learning platforms

The programme is part of an ongoing national initiative to build educator capacity, promote inclusive and affordable learning, and accelerate the integration of AI across Kenya’s TVET institutions.



VC Prof Joyce Agalo during the training



Machakos University Delivers 10th Public Lecture on the Role of Artificial Intelligence in Shaping Higher Education.

Delivered by Prof. Felix Musau, Ph.D, Dean, Riara School of Computing Sciences, the lecture explored the profound impact of AI on teaching, learning, research, and institutional competitiveness. The panelists included: Dr. Eric Omuya, Dr. Benjamin Kikwai, and Ms. Jaqueline Madara of Machakos University.

Prof. Musau highlighted:

- ◆ Why AI adoption in universities is no longer optional but essential
 - ◆ How AI tools—like ChatGPT, Kahoot, Grammarly, and advanced data analytics are reshaping learning experiences
- ◆ The need for ethical, transparent, and responsible AI use
- ◆ How AI can support innovation, improve global competitiveness, and empower students for future careers

He urged educators, students, and institutions to embrace AI, integrate it meaningfully, and align skills with global workforce demands.

Machakos University remains committed to driving innovation, digital transformation, and future-ready education.



Prof. Felix Musau, the Guest Speaker, delivering the lecture



Members of staff and students during the address

Notices



Congratulations

To Ms. Jackline Mwangangi of Machakos University's Procurement Department on being officially certified as a Procurement and Supply Professional (CPSP) in Kenya! This remarkable achievement reflects her dedication, professionalism, and commitment to excellence in procurement and supply management.

**2nd Training on Grant
Proposal Writing and
Sourcing of Funds**

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

Date: Wednesday, 10th December 2025

Venue: Senate Room

End Year Staff Party

Date: Friday, 19th December 2025

7TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE THEME AND SUBTHEMES

THEME

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

SUBTHEMES

1 Transformative Learning and Pedagogy

2 Research, Science and Technology Transfer for Sustainable Development

3 Technology for Environmental Sustainability and Socio-Economic Development

4 Governance and Institutional Transformation

5 Business, Entrepreneurship, Employability and Economic Resilience.

6 Language, culture, and technology

7 Empowering Youth and Communities in an Inclusive Digital Era

Tentative Date: May, 2026.

More details to follow

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