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Change Management Committee Reviews Progress and Strengthens Leadership Capacity



Prof. Joyce Agalo, Vice-Chancellor of Machakos University(l), with members of the University Change Management Committee.

The Change Management Committee of Machakos University, chaired by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Joyce Agalo, held a two-day meeting on 4th and 5th February 2026 with the Change Management Facilitators, CPA Moses Mwariri, and Mr. Douglas Mwanja.

During the session, the Committee presented a comprehensive report detailing key milestones achieved in the change management process. The report also highlighted existing and emerging risks, alongside practical mitigation measures aimed at ensuring the successful implementation of institutional reforms.

Following the presentation, members of the Committee were taken through focused discussions on leadership development and strategic approaches for addressing outstanding issues. The engagements emphasized adaptive leadership, effective communication, and collaborative problem-solving as critical drivers of sustainable change within the University.

The meeting reaffirmed Machakos University's commitment to structured change management and continuous capacity building, as the institution advances its strategic objectives in line with its vision and mission.

Machakos University Engages Learners at Kitui Career Fair

Machakos University participated in a Career Fair held on 7 February 2026 at St. John Paul II in Kitui County, where the institution engaged learners and inspired them to make informed decisions about their academic and career pathways.

During the event, students received comprehensive career guidance, with a focus on the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) and the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB). The sessions equipped learners with essential information on university placement procedures, course selection, and available student financing options

This was followed by direct engagement with Machakos University representatives and other participating institutions, giving learners the opportunity to learn more about academic programmes, career opportunities, and university life.

The session marked a strong foundation for meaningful engagement, professional growth, and effective service as the interns integrate into their respective departments.



MksU staff attending to students, providing admission and career guidance, support, and solutions



SAMU's Women Empowerment Forum Inspires Bold Conversations at Machakos University

The Students' Association of Machakos University (SAMU) hosted a vibrant Women Empowerment Forum at the University Amphitheatre, focusing on personal growth, career development, financial literacy, and redefining gender roles.

Guest Speaker, Lawyer Joan Cherotich, and Outgoing SAMU President Ashley Chepkoech, with support from the Office of the Principal Secretary, Aviation & Aerospace, inspired students to pursue excellence beyond academics.



Ms. Ruth Munene, Coordinator, Office of Career Services, speaking to students.

Ms. Ruth Munene, Coordinator, office of career services, also urged students, especially those in their early years to proactively seek guidance and develop complementary skills.

Key message: "Leave university with more than a degree; build skills, seek mentorship, start ventures, and uplift one another"

Machakos University remains committed to empowering and equipping students to lead with confidence and purpose.



Key facilitators from NACADA; Jacqueline Kidaha and Jane Omano led an insightful session focusing on the dangers of drug and substance abuse among the youth. They shared in-depth insights on how substance abuse continues to affect young people and stressed the importance of staying informed, resilient, and substance-free.

Students were actively engaged throughout the session, asking pertinent questions and sharing feedback to support NACADA's ongoing efforts in prevention and recovery initiatives. This energetic and interactive talk wasn't just informative; it highlighted a powerful commitment: our students are ready to be ambassadors of change, both within the university and in their communities.

Mental Health & Drug Awareness Talk at Machakos University

Machakos University hosted a highly impactful Mental Health Awareness Talk held at the university's Amphitheatre on the 9th of February. Organized in partnership with NACADA Machakos County office and the Student's Association of Machakos University (SAMU), the event marked the launch of the annual Mental Health Week, officially opened by the Assistant County Commissioner of Machakos County.



Machakos County NACADA officials Ms. Jane Omano (right) and Ms. Jacqueline Kidaha (seated) speaking to students

Machakos University Welcomes the Next Generation of Professionals!



Dr. Humphrey Omondi, Registrar (Administration and Planning), addresses interns and attaches during the induction.

On 6th February 2026, Machakos University successfully inducted Public Service Commission interns and attaches during a formal ceremony held at the university's Senate Room. The induction, facilitated by the Office of the Registrar Administration and Planning, was led by the Registrar (AP), Dr. Humphrey Omondi, who introduced the interns to the University's rich history, governance structure, institutional values, and operational procedures.

Key emphasis was placed on ethical conduct, professionalism, confidentiality, and institutional identity, including adherence to the University's official colours: red, blue, and gold. Interns were formally oriented on departmental roles and official communication channels and duly signed an Oath of Confidentiality, affirming their commitment to integrity and discipline.



The session marked a strong foundation for meaningful engagement, professional growth, and effective service as the interns integrate into their respective departments.

Powering the Future: New Developments in the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Machakos University

Electrical and Electronic Engineering at Machakos University continues to strengthen its position as a hub of innovation, research excellence, and industry-driven training. Over the past academic year, the department has launched several transformative initiatives aimed at equipping students with cutting-edge technical skills while contributing to national and regional development.

Modernization of Engineering Laboratories

In line with global technological advancements, the department has upgraded its laboratories with new equipment and simulation tools. The modernization includes:

- Advanced Power Systems simulation platforms
- Smart Grid and Automation control modules
- Embedded Systems and IoT development boards

These enhancements enable students to bridge theoretical knowledge with practical implementation, preparing them for real-world engineering challenges.

Focus on Renewable Energy and Smart Technologies

Responding to Kenya's growing demand for sustainable energy solutions, the department has intensified its focus on:

- Solar photovoltaic system design and installation
- Energy storage and battery management systems
- Smart metering and intelligent distribution systems
- Electric mobility and charging infrastructure

Faculty and researchers are currently working on projects aligned with national energy policies and rural electrification strategies.

Strengthening Industry Partnership

To ensure graduates are industry-ready, the department has expanded collaborations with:

- Local power utilities and engineering firms
- Renewable energy companies
- Automation and industrial control providers

These partnerships have resulted in enhanced industrial attachments, guest lectures from practicing engineers, and joint research initiatives.

Student Innovation and Competitions

Our students continue to excel beyond the classroom. Recent highlights include:

- Development of low-cost smart irrigation control systems
- Design of solar-powered charging stations
- Participation in national robotics and engineering innovation challenges

The department is proud of its growing culture of innovation, where students are encouraged to prototype, test, and commercialize their ideas.



Looking Ahead

The Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering remains committed to:

- Enhancing research capacity
- Expanding international collaborations
- Promoting entrepreneurship and innovation
- Integrating digital transformation into engineering education

As technology continues to evolve, the department stands ready to produce engineers who are not only technically competent but also innovative, ethical, and globally competitive.

Our vision is to position the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering as a center of excellence in smart energy systems, automation, and sustainable technologies. Through innovation, research, and industry collaboration, we are preparing engineers who will not only meet today's challenges but design tomorrow's solutions."

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University News & Updates

SPORTS UPDATE

Student-athletes from Machakos University posted inspiring performances across rugby, beach games, indoor championships, and friendly fixtures held on 7th to 8th of February 2026, proudly representing the institution on multiple competitive fronts.

Rugby League

At the University-Wide Rugby League hosted at Machakos Showground, MksU took on Multimedia University in a high-intensity contest. Despite a narrow 22–11 defeat, the team displayed commendable resilience, discipline, and teamwork throughout the match.

Beach Games – Malindi

During the Kenya University Sports Federation (KUSF) 2nd Edition Beach Games in Malindi—hosted by Technical University of Mombasa—MksU teams made a strong impact on the sand courts.

Handball (Men & Women): An impressive 2nd place overall, following competitive fixtures against Kisii University, TUM, Pwani, and other institutions.

Volleyball (Men): A notable victory against Kisii University, with hard-fought losses to Pwani and Kenyatta University.



Unbowed and unstoppable, Machakos University student-athletes continue to raise the MksU flag high—demonstrating resilience, teamwork, and excellence across every field of play.”





Friendly Fixtures

In preparation for upcoming league assignments, MksU engaged Machakos TTC, Meru TTC, and Chuka University in friendly matches across Basketball, Netball, Soccer, and Football at Machakos TTC and MksU grounds—valuable outings that sharpened match fitness and tactical cohesion.

*Commitment to Excellence
Machakos University remains
steadfast in nurturing talent and
advancing sporting excellence—
regionally and nationally—
through consistent competition,
development pathways, and
institutional support.*

Indoor Championships – NASOKUSF

At the NASOKUSF Indoor Games (3rd Round) hosted by Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Machakos University recorded multiple podium finishes:

- Karate (Men & Women): 2nd Place
- Badminton (Women): 2nd Place
- Table Tennis (Men): 3rd Place
- Darts (Women): 3rd Place
- The Chess teams put up spirited performances but exited at the preliminary stage.



University News & Updates



Important Date or Events

Machakos University will compete in the **NASOKUSF** Conference League Games on **14–15 February 2026** at University of Nairobi, featuring Football, Volleyball, Basketball, and Hockey.

The Handball teams will also take part in the Daystar **Falcons Open Tournament** at Daystar University on the same dates.

MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

8th INNOVATION AND EXHIBITION WEEK

Theme: Innovation for Sustainable Development and Healthy Futures

Date: 12th - 13th March, 2026
Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Venue: Machakos University grounds

Co-creating sustainable futures

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