



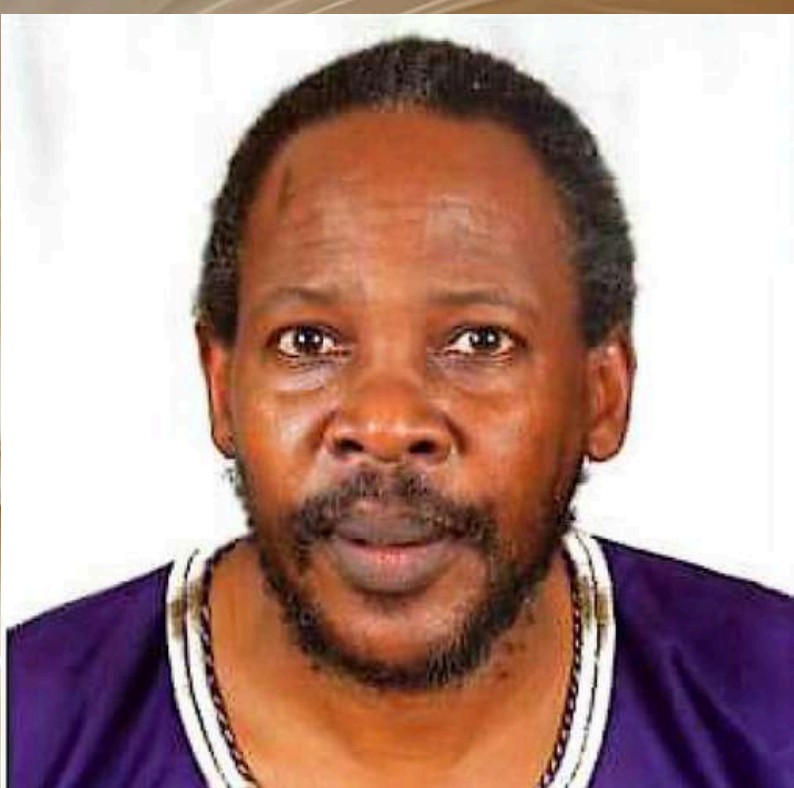
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Strengthening Leadership for Excellence

Machakos University Council Members, led by the Council Chairman, Dr. Peter Maangi Mitiambo, paid a courtesy call to the University Chancellor, Dr. James Mworia, on 7th May, 2026 in a meeting aimed at advancing the University's strategic agenda and long-term development goals.

The Council Chairman was accompanied by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Joyce Agalo, and senior members of staff. The discussions focused on key areas central to the growth and transformation of the University, including strategic expansion, infrastructural development, sustainability initiatives, and enhancing student-centered programs and services.



Machakos University Chancellor, Dr. James Mworia (center), engages in a consultative meeting with the University Council members.

The engagement highlighted the shared commitment of the University leadership towards strengthening governance, promoting innovation, and fostering strategic partnerships that support quality education and institutional excellence.

During the session, University leadership reaffirmed their commitment to excellence, emphasizing a shared mission to produce globally competitive graduates. By prioritizing innovation and a responsive learning environment, the University continues to adapt its academic framework to meet the shifting demands of the global landscape.

The courtesy call reflects the University's ongoing efforts to build strong leadership collaboration in driving sustainable growth and delivering transformative educational experiences for students and stakeholders.



CS Dr. Mercy Kanyara (centre), Mr. George Mbaabu Marete (next), Mr. David Thuo (left), with the Senior Legal Officer, Ms. Mumbi Mwihurih, (right).

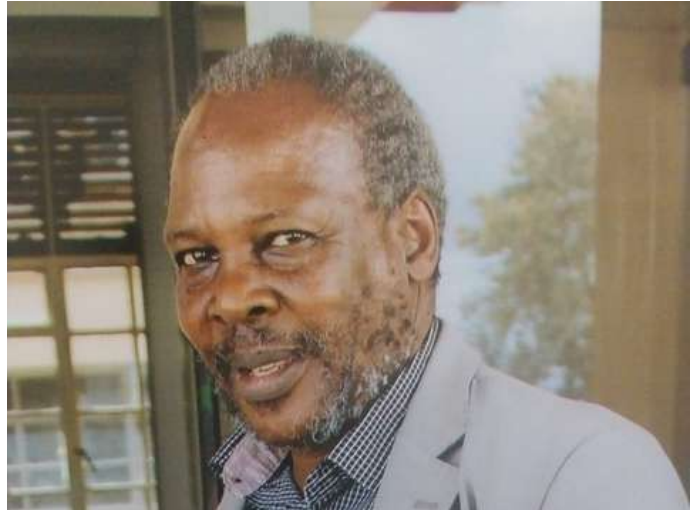
Department of Educational Communication, Technology & Early Childhood Education

Led by Prof. Henry Embeywa, the Department of Educational Communication, Technology and Early Childhood Education was established in 2022 through a strategic merger of the Department of Educational Communication and Technology & the Department of Early Childhood Development. This merger was designed to enhance teacher education and drive academic innovation. The department currently has one Full Professor of Science and Mathematics Education, one Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education, one Senior Lecturer in Educational Technology, one Senior Lecturer in Language Education, one Lecturer in Technology Education, one Adjunct Lecturer in Early Childhood Education, and two Tutorial Fellows in Early Childhood Education. This multidisciplinary team supports teaching, research, curriculum development, and community engagement.

Academic Programmes Offered in the Department:

- Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Education
- Master of Education in Educational Communication and Technology
- Master of Education in Early Childhood Education
- Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Communication and Technology
- Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE)

In addition to its core academic programmes, the department supports Bachelor of Education (Science), Bachelor of Education (Arts) and Bachelor of Education in Special needs. It also oversees the Teaching Practice and Practicum Centre, which provides students with practical professional experience and strengthens the connection between theory and classroom practice. The Department adheres to the university's admission criteria, procedures for intra- and inter-programme transfers, and staff appraisal systems. These frameworks support quality assurance, transparency, and effective academic administration.



Prof. Henry Embeywa, Chair of Department, Educational Communication, Technology and Early Childhood Education

Student Support & Inclusivity

Beyond its academic programmes, the department recognizes the diverse needs of its student body. The University has set aside a crèche facility to assist student-parents while they attend classes. This initiative ensures that learners with young children can pursue their education without interruption, reflecting the department's holistic approach to teacher training and community care. The crèche is positioned as a strategic support service that complements the department's mission of innovation and inclusivity.

Curriculum Innovation

In alignment with national educational reforms, all undergraduate courses have been integrated with Competency-Based Pedagogy (CBP) to foster; Practical skills, Critical thinking & Lifelong learning readiness.

Future Developments

The department is currently developing a new Bachelor of Education (Technology) curriculum under the national CBET policy, scheduled for launch in 2027. This forward-looking initiative ensures that graduates remain at the forefront of quality teacher education and transformation.

Our Commitment

Driven by a multidisciplinary team of experts, the department continues to evolve with changing educational needs, preparing graduates to be innovative educators and leaders in the teaching profession.

Machakos University Champions Healthcare workers!



Ms. Zipporah Obed (Right) Machakos University Ag. Restaurant Manager, presenting the donation to NNAK Machakos Branch Treasurer, Ms Joyce Mativo

Machakos University has reaffirmed its commitment to community health by donating 100 bottles of its branded purified water, MACHA DRiPS, to the National Nurses Association of Kenya (NNAK), Machakos Branch. The donation, made on 4th May, 2026 and authorized by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Joyce J. Agalo, will support the NNAK Roadshow taking place from May 6th to 12th to mark Nurses Week - global celebration of the vital role nurses play in society. The handover ceremony, held at the University Water Treatment Centre, was received by NNAK Machakos Treasurer Ms. Joyce Mativo and facilitated by Hotel University staff; Hotel Manager, Mr. William Orondo, and the Ag. Restaurant Manager, Ms. Zipporah Obed. This initiative highlights the University's ongoing commitment to community well-being and collaboration with healthcare stakeholders.



A refreshing Partnership! MksU Restaurant Manager Ms. Zipporah Obed and NNAK Machakos Treasurer Ms. Joyce Mativo

Greening Tomorrow: Machakos University Students Lead Community Climate Action



Machakos University Environmental and Go Green club members together with the area Chief, Mr. Muli Mutua.

A Transformative Tree Planting Initiative

The Machakos University Environmental Club and Go Green Club, in collaboration with the Kathale Community of Kimwa Kimwe in Machakos County, successfully held a tree-planting initiative to advance climate resilience. Led by Area Chief Mr. Muli Mutua and supported by KIUESA, the event marked a significant step toward local environmental restoration.



Machakos University Environmental Club Members



Kiuesa Greater region Rep. Fednard Opiyo (left), planting a tree with a community member

Youth Leadership at the Forefront

Speaking during the event, KIUESA Greater Eastern Region Representative, Fednard Opiyo Ojwang (Machakos University Student), emphasized the critical role of youth leadership, strong partnerships, and community engagement in building a sustainable future.

Community Collaboration & Impact

The Area Chief commended the initiative, highlighting its importance in:

- Strengthening environmental conservation
- Raising awareness on climate action
- Fostering community ownership of natural resources

Machakos University's Ongoing Commitment

Through the Environmental Club, Machakos University continues to champion a greener planet by:

- Driving impactful partnerships
- Promoting community-centered climate action
- Inspiring future generations to protect the environment

Where There Is a Will, There Is a Way:

From Commis Cook to Destination Experience Specialist - A Journey Across Borders

I am Ashley Akinyi, a proud Alumnus of Machakos University who enrolled in September 2017 and graduated on April, 2022 with a Degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management.

Driven by determination and fueled by hope, I stepped forward to see what the world would teach me. My title at the Immigration office was a 'Seaman'

Two and a half years later, I'm proud to be a Destination Experience Specialist. This role brings together everything I love: culture, people, storytelling, and service.

From kitchens to airports, from one corner of the world to another, one lesson has stayed with me: cultural diversity isn't a hurdle, it's the tool. It's how we connect, serve, and grow in hospitality. My message to anyone entering this industry is simple: chase opportunities beyond borders, but stay true to yourself, because where there is a will, there is a way.

Thank you Machakos University for opening the doors for me!!



Ms. Ashley Akinyi

Mental Health Awareness Month: Nurturing Well-Being at Machakos University



May marks Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and promote well-being. Established in 1949, this observance reminds us that mental health is just as important as physical health.

According to the World Health Organization, good mental health enables individuals to cope with stress, work productively, and contribute meaningfully to society.

Mental health challenges are increasing globally and in Kenya, with many young people affected by stress, anxiety, and depression.

This highlights the urgent need for awareness, early support, and accessible care.

This year's theme, "*More Good Days, Together,*" encourages us to actively create supportive environments. At Machakos University, this includes fostering open conversations, maintaining balance, building strong relationships, and adopting healthy daily habits.



Ms. Ruth Munene, Co-ordinator Career Services

Simple actions, like staying organized, taking breaks, exercising, and checking in on one another, can make a lasting difference. By prioritizing mental well-being and supporting each other, we can build a resilient university community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Upcoming Events

MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY
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