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MEET THE TEAM

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MksU Launches SABESA Project to Advance Sustainable Food Systems

Machakos University, in partnership with SCOPE Kenya, has officially launched the SABESA Project (Strengthening Agroecology-Based School and College Meal Systems in Eastern and Southern Africa), an initiative focused on advancing sustainable food systems, learner nutrition and climate-resilient agriculture across the region.

The project brings together Machakos University, SCOPE Kenya, the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA), and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Canada to explore how agroecology and local food procurement can transform institutional meal systems while creating stronger linkages between schools, colleges and smallholder farmers.

The launch brought together stakeholders from the education, agriculture, research, development and civil society sectors, with discussions centred on school feeding, local food procurement and the potential of agroecological approaches to build more sustainable and resilient institutional food systems.



SABESA partners and stakeholders from across the Education, Agriculture, Research, Development and Civil Society sectors during the project launch.



Prof. James Muola, DVC-ASA [seated, center] leads representatives from SCOPE Kenya and collaborating partner institutions at the inauguration of the SABESA project.

Representing Machakos University, Prof. James Muola, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs (DVC–ASA), delivered the official launch remarks on behalf of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Joyce J. Agalo. He reaffirmed the University’s commitment to research and innovation that respond to pressing challenges in food security, nutrition, sustainability and climate resilience.

The event also featured contributions from SCOPE Kenya, Food4Education, AATF, the Ministry of Agriculture, Rockefeller Foundation, PELUM Kenya and ISFAA, among other partners and stakeholders. Their participation highlighted the importance of collaboration in developing practical approaches to sustainable food production, procurement and institutional feeding.

Through the SABESA Project, Machakos University continues to build partnerships that connect research, innovation and community needs, while contributing to sustainable food systems and more resilient communities across the region.

MksU Explores Sustainable Water Solutions for Agricultural Development



Prof. Mugendi M'Rithaa, Ag. DVC-APF (left), and Dr. Clement Mbatha (second left) engage in deliberative talks with the Machakos Regional Public Works Office Team during the site visit.



Machakos University and Regional Public Works teams inspect the site for the proposed water access project.

Machakos University held discussions with the Machakos Regional Public Works Office on potential borehole drilling services for the School of Agriculture, alongside a feasibility assessment for rainwater harvesting and treatment. The discussions focused on identifying practical and sustainable approaches to improving water access for agricultural activities and supporting the University's broader development needs.

The discussions brought together Prof. Mugendi M'Rithaa-Ag. DVC-APF, Dr. Clement Mbatha (Clerk of Works), representatives from the School of Agriculture and the Planning Department, who explored potential water solutions with the Public Works team. The team subsequently visited the University's 22-hectare off-site property, where the proposed water infrastructure and related agricultural development initiatives are planned.

The proposed interventions are expected to provide a stronger foundation for Agricultural activities while supporting the University's teaching and research functions. They also present opportunities for practical learning and innovation in sustainable water management. The initiative reflects Machakos University's commitment to sustainable resource management, Agricultural development and responsible utilisation of its assets, while advancing solutions that contribute to teaching, research, innovation and community impact.

MksU Hosts Public Participation on Proposed Education Reforms



Education sector representatives convene for the public participation forum on the proposed Education Reform Bills.



Reps from the County Education Board-Machakos, County Director of Education-Machakos, KEPSA, KEPSHA, KUPPET, Elimu Yetu Coalition, KNUT during the public participation forum.

Machakos University hosted a public participation forum on the proposed six Education Reform Bills, 2026, bringing together education stakeholders to deliberate on the proposed legislative changes and their implications for Kenya's education sector. The forum was facilitated by members of the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Education, Hon. Gisairo Ombane, MP for Kitutu Masaba, and Hon. Christine Ombaka, MP for Siaya.

The proposed Bills cover key areas of the education system, including basic education, curriculum development, national qualifications, educational assessment, tertiary education and funding, as well as pre-service and in-service teacher education and training.

The forum brought together representatives from the Machakos County Education Board, County Director of Education-Machakos, KEPSA, KEPSHA, KUPPET, Elimu Yetu Coalition, KNUT, parents and students. Participants examined the proposed reforms, raised concerns and shared recommendations, highlighting the value of inclusive consultation in shaping education policies that respond to the needs of learners, educators and institutions.

Through such platforms, Machakos University continues to contribute to national dialogue and knowledge-driven conversations on the transformation of Kenya's education sector.

Educational Psychology and Special Needs Education Department news



Dr. Patricia Makau-C.O.D Educational Psychology and Special Needs Department.

Welcome to Machakos University for a rewarding career pathway that you have chosen. The department of Educational Psychology & Special Needs Education is one of the departments in the school of Education at Machakos University.

The department has very committed staff in the areas of Educational Psychology and Special Needs Education.

The department offers core common courses from Educational Psychology units covering: Introduction to Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Psychology of learning, Educational Assessment and Counseling and Mentorship. The department is also offering Masters and Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Psychology programmes. The graduation rate for Masters and Doctoral students has been more than 90%.

The programme for Special Needs Education offers 11 units for each Special Needs Education specialization, in addition to other Bachelor of Education units to complete the course. Currently Special Needs Education is offering four specialization pathways from third year of the study which includes; Visually impaired (VI), Hearing impaired (HI), Mental retardation (MR) and Physical Handicapped (PH) specialization.

A new programme for Masters in Education, (Special Needs Education) is underway. It is undergoing refinement through the participation of stakeholders that would provide an opportunity for students to specialize as educators in the Special Needs Education areas.

Sports Update



MksU players celebrating after securing victory



Captain Moses Modoi drives forward with the ball as Coach Thomas Kitheka watches the action from the touchline.



Mr. Thomas Kitheka, Head of Games and Sports, with Bravin Angulu, a student volunteer football coach and CAF D-licensed coach.



Coach Thomas Kitheka alongside the MksU team ahead of their match.

Machakos University took over 30 players to Konza City for a series of friendly matches ahead of the upcoming KUSF season.

The fixtures provided valuable match experience, with several first-year players showcasing promising talent.

Results:

MksU A 6–2 Konza City — Win

MksU A 3–0 Santos FC — Win

MksU B 5–2 Santos FC — Win

The matches offered an important platform for players to sharpen their skills and build momentum ahead of the new season.



Upcoming Events

1) 17th- 20th September, 2026

Team captains boot camp at Dedan Kimanthi University of Technology (DeKuT)

2) 19th & 20th September, 2026

JKUAT Open handball tournament, taking Handball men

3) 19th & 20th September, 2026

NASOKUSF Athletics track and field event, taking 10 athletes.

4) 20th September, 2026

We welcome Murang'a University for a series of friendly matches Football for both students and staff and volleyball for students.



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Congratulations

to our Chancellor

**Dr. James Mworia, MBS, CFA,
CGMA, CPA(K)**

On your appointment as the **Founding CEO**
of the **National Infrastructure Fund (NIF)**

Your new role is a testament to your
outstanding leadership, vision and
unwavering commitment to national
development. We are proud of you and
confident that you will excel in this
important assignment

May your leadership inspire transformative
infrastructure development and create lasting
opportunities for Kenya

*As a University Family,
we celebrate you!*

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SEPTEMBER IS SELF-CARE AWARENESS MONTH

****Recharge to Reach Out****

SELF-CARE ISN'T SELFISH. IT'S SURVIVAL.

- ◆ You can't pour from an empty cup.
- ◆ Rest is not laziness. Boundaries are not rejection.
- ◆ Taking care of yourself is how you stay strong enough to care for others.

Quick Self-Care Tips:

- Breathe deeply for 60 seconds
- Drink water slowly and mindfully
- Unplug from screens for 10 minutes

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#JengaLifeMKSU

#SelfCareSeptember

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**Machakos
University**

**CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF 2026**



11th
**Graduation
Ceremony**

**Theme: Celebrating Excellence, Inspiring
Innovation and Transforming Lives**

Friday 6th November, 2026

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