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Time to turn the dream into reality

There comes a time when one must take action to turn a dream into reality. Since the inauguration of the University of Nairobi Alumni Association (UONAA) in 2005, we have held onto our dream of having a home away from home for members. This dream is the proposed Alumni Centre. As a step towards achieving this dream, the University of Nairobi Council has donated a plot of land in a prime area in Nairobi – the Arboretum Drive – for the construction of the Alumni Centre.

This is indeed a big leap in translating the dream into reality. It also throws up vast opportunities to the alumni – be it in their private, corporate, individual, business or professional capacities to participate and determine the transit of this dream into the league of other great Alumni Associations – with excellent Alumni Centres.

As the UONAA interim chairperson, Dr Betty Gikonyo stated during the University of Nairobi 47th Graduation ceremony held on August 24, this year, our dream has been to build a state-of-the-art Alumni Centre which alumni can call home. As we launch our next transformation stage, we welcome our alumni, students, alma mater and friends of the University to join hands with us in raising funds for building a world class Alumni Centre. The fundraising campaign launch for the Alumni Centre is scheduled

to take place soon. Contributions which can be in form of cash, ideas or professional services will go a long way in turning this dream into reality. The gesture of giving back to our alma mater is but a token when one considers lifelong careers and professional foundations established by years of training at the University of Nairobi. Albert Einstein aptly captured this when he asserted “A hundred times every day, I remind myself that my inner life and outer life is based on the labor of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving.”

As alumni of this great institution, we deserve a home away from home and the Alumni Centre will provide this. This can only be achieved if we all joined hands and give towards the achievement of this dream.

This edition is, therefore, dedicated to informing you and mobilising towards the launch of the fundraising for the Alumni Centre. Most of the articles are as a result of our engagement with alumni while soliciting support and ideas towards the Alumni Centre.

The editorial team will continue this engagement with individuals, corporations, members and students. Welcome and stay with us as we strive towards the achievement of this bold and visionary hallmark.

Vision: *To be a leader in promoting active, visible leadership in the community and to foster interaction between alumni and the students of the University of Nairobi and the Industry*

Mission: *To safeguard the best interests of its members, to use the talents and resources of the alumni and friends of the University to support the University in achieving international distinction in quality teaching, research*

FROM ALUMNI AND BENEFICIARIES



Dear Mr. Kinyua,



Thank you very much for the invitation by Prof. Agnes A. Mwang'ombe, Principal, College of Agriculture and Veterinary Studies (CAVS) to be a Life Member of the UON Alumni Association. Indeed I have always wanted to be a member but have kept procrastinating. I tried to call Prof. Mwang'ombe but the number couldn't get through. Thanks to your follow up letter inviting me to be a Chief Guest during the launch of the Agriculture Chapter on 2nd August 2012. I feel greatly honored and privileged to be part of this great institution and do accept to grace the occasion. I am humbled by the great accomplishments by the Association just from the membership contributions. I have written the cheque of Kshs 100,000 for my membership contribution. Please collect it from office at Parliament Building. Keep up the good work!

Hon. Ekwee Ethuro, MP
Turkana Central (via phone)

Dear Ireri,



We spoke. Enclosed please find my alumni registration form duly filled and the cheque of Kshs 100,000 for my membership. The magazine is good and I hope you are able to continue to attract more members.

Sincerely

Mrs. Nelius W. Kariuki, Chairperson, Kenya Re-Insurance Corporation
B.A. & MA (Economics) UON – 1974 & 1980

Am just writing this to say thank you...first for the Bursary that I been receiving from you Association. Second for involving me in your projects and function. Am grateful and looking forward to continue working with you. I am just one of the many needy students who have benefited from the UON Alumni bursary. I would like to urge all the alumni to register with Alumni Association to help the needy students as a way of giving back to the society for a better nation.

Peter Waweru Nyakio,
3rd Year B.Ed (ECD) Student, Kikuyu Campus



Neither sweet words nor expensive and attractive gifts can express my gratitude towards the University of Nairobi Alumni Association (UONAA) for their unfailing support. I do not take it for granted being one of the bursary beneficiaries' from the association but with a lot of thanksgiving. UONAA has supported me financially and socially. Thank you for your tireless assistance. I salute you! Through the encouragement and great exposure you have shown me, I have learnt a lot. One being participation in Heart-to-Heart Run that I could not have managed on my own. It was quite a great experience. Your encouraging words have taught me that life is all about making choices and being patient no matter the storm. Surely UONAA is a home away from home. May our gracious Lord meet the desires of your hearts "Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy" Mat 5:8



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It is seven years since we launched the University of Nairobi Alumni Association in a colourful ceremony that signaled a new direction that the alumni of this great institution wanted to focus on. The Association's notable achievements include the launch of discipline chapters, donation to the University bursary scheme to help needy students donation of prizes to best performers and now the biggest of them all; fund-raising for the Alumni Centre, the focus of UONAA has been worth emulating.

Through the able leadership of the interim chairperson, Dr. Betty Gikonyo and her executive committee, it has been possible to achieve the milestones mentioned above. Though the challenges are many, UONAA should be laying ground to benchmark its activities with universities in the developed countries, where alumni associations are contributing immensely to the development of their respective alma mater. I am happy that though our

achievements have been modest, UONAA is among the fastest growing alumni associations in the region.

The university management has been supportive to UONAA initiatives and activities to ensure that it achieves its objectives. Its new initiative to build a state-of-the-art Alumni Centre has been supported by the University Council through donation of land in a prime location in the city – along Arboretum Drive. The University has also given out more office space to the Association at Kenya Science Campus, where the secretariat has relocated. Recently the University recruited the Executive Director for the Association on top of two staff who have been seconded to the Association since its inception. My emphasis is that University will support the Association until it is able to run its affairs independently and contribute to the growth of

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the University of Nairobi.

My appeal goes to our former students and friends of the University of Nairobi to join hands and give fresh impetus to the Association. With the alumni of over 136,000 as per the 47th graduation ceremony held in August 2012, UONAA has a rich pool from which to recruit members and create networks that can build this great institution. I look forward to receiving more members in future recruitment drives.

Launching to the next level



Dr. Betty Gikonyo

Since we launched the University of Nairobi Alumni Association (UONAA) in 2005 we have experienced tremendous growth and also enjoyed strong goodwill both from our alma mater and the members. Some of the notable achievements so far include: Kshs 9 million donation to University Bursary Fund towards paying fees for bright and needy students; recreational concrete benches dotted around the University campuses worth Kshs 1.3 million; University Students prizes worth Kshs 2.4 million; sponsorship of students and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects worth Kshs 0.8 million and renovation of the alumni fund-raising office at Kenya Science Campus at a cost of Kshs 2.0 million.

“Our dream is to build a state-of-the-art Alumni Centre at the University of Nairobi where alumni can call home”

Our dream is to build a state-of-the-art Alumni Centre at the University of Nairobi where alumni can call home. The fund-raising campaign launch for the Alumni Centre is scheduled

soon and all alumni are called upon to contribute towards this noble project. The project is estimated to cost Kshs 900 million and will comprise conference and meeting facilities, hall of fame, chapter offices, guest rooms for visiting lecturers and students on exchange programmes, hotels and recreational facilities for members among others. Members can contribute in form of cash, ideas and professional services (legal, architectural, accountancy and valuation etc) which will go a long way in achieving this dream. The Association is grateful to the University Management for providing land at Arboretum Drive near UNES Headquarters to put up this project as well as giving the association the spacious office at Kenya Science Campus which will be a transition office towards our own Alumni Centre.

The Association hopes to play a critical role towards the development and advancement of our alma mater by creating pride among the alumni and enhancing the University of Nairobi brand. The Association is in the process of setting up systems, policies and procedures and improve our membership benefits and engagements. The Association has recruited the Executive Director to head this Secretariat.

As we launch our next transformation stage, we welcome our alumni, students, alma mater and the friends of the University to join hands with us as we launch our fund-raising campaign towards building a World Class Alumni Centre.

From UONAA Executiver Director

APPOINTMENT

The University of Nairobi Alumni Association (UONAA) has appointed Johnson Ileri Kinyua as the Executive Director. Kinyua was previously working with KCA University as Ethics and Governance Manager, Business Development Manager (BDM). Previously, Kinyua was engaged as the Director of National Volunteer Network (NAVNET) and Management Advisor (Malawi) with VSO Jitolee. He holds B.Com 1999 and MBA 2009 from University of Nairobi, Higher Diploma (HRM) and currently a PhD Candidate. He's a Certified Ethics Officer (CEO) from Ethics Institute of South Africa. He's a professional member of KIM, IHRM and Ethic SA.

On his appointment and the task ahead Kinyua is optimistic "As an alumnus of the University of Nairobi, I feel obligated to play a significant role in the development and advancement of the University as part of my contribution to my Alma Mater, by leveraging alumnus talents, skills and resources to help the University achieve world class status"

The founder administrator of UONAA was B.D. Njuguna, who was later succeeded by Ms. Jane Mogaka in 2009. Both were seconded to the Association by the University.



Johnson Ileri Kinyua

MY VISION

The University of Nairobi Alumni Association's mandate is three fold; alumni relations, fund-raising and students' mentorship. With over 136,000 alumni having graduated from the University of Nairobi, the UONAA stands as Kenya's, East and Central Africa's largest alumni association. Our vision is to make the UONAA the model in Africa where other universities, private and public, can come and learn.

Building on the foundation laid by my predecessors, Mr. B.D. Njuguna and Mrs. Jane Mogaka and with support from the Executive Committee, I plan to strengthen the secretariat, intensify membership recruitment, market and fund-raise for the Alumni Centre.

As an alumnus of the University of Nairobi, I feel obliged to play a significant role in the development and advancement of the University as part of my contribution to the University by leveraging alumni's talents, skills and resources to help the University achieve World Class status. We have developed a one-year operational plan covering

2012/2013 with 22 strategic points of focus covering the three key areas. Deriving from this, the strategic operational plan takes into consideration what's most important and urgent for the UONAA to accomplish during the next 1-2 years. However, it should be noted that this is a pre-cursor to our three-year strategic plan (2013-2015) which will be developed in due course.

"I plan to strengthen the secretariat, intensify membership recruitment drive, market and fundraise for the Alumni Centre."

The plan is guided by our mission of safeguarding the best interest of our members, to use the talents and resources of alumni and friends of the University to support the University in achieving international distinction in quality teaching, research and service. The plan sets a foundation for providing unique and innovative services to our alumni in order for them to support the University's mission of teaching, research and community service. It's also guided by our vision of being a leader in promoting active, visible leadership in the community and to foster interaction between alumni and the students of the University and industry.

Thus this one-year plan sets an operational and strategic agenda for growing our alumni association to become a self-sustaining model supporting the University's mission. I am confident that with support from our Executive Committee and a team of competent professionals to be recruited, we will meet and surpass our stakeholders' expectations. This call demands sacrifice, commitment and focused leadership.

The Alumni Centre:

The concept

World over, universities establish centres where their alumni conduct their business while at the same time linking them with their alma mater. It is for this reason that during the 41st graduation ceremony of the University of Nairobi in September 2009 the UONAA Chairperson, Dr. Betty Gikonyo announced that the Alumni Association would put up an Alumni Centre. The estimated cost of constructing the Centre is Ksh. 900 million, and will take 2-3 years to complete.

The Association has set aside KShs 36 Million towards this project. The University has given a two-acre land along Arboretum Drive as a contribution to the project. The project will be funded by internal sources such as the UONAA investments; outsourced funds from donors, well wishers, corporate, collaborators, friends of the University and registration of new members into the Association.

Currently, members of the Alumni Association have no single place where they can meet, relax and conduct their affairs. The over 136,000 alumni are a potential source of income to make the project a reality and a ready market for its activities. The Alumni Centre is a viable project which the alumni can identify with and act as a means of pooling resources towards development activities at the university through partnerships.

The Centre will be located in a serene location with ample parking space, green split level lawns, and superb surroundings. Musongawai

River passes through the plot. The river basin will be utilised for outdoor recreational facilities and sitting garden spaces.

WHAT THE CENTRE WILL OFFER

The Centre will house the following facilities, which will benefit the alumni, the Alma Mater, the community, faculty and students and the corporate world:

A) ASSOCIATION OFFICES

Detached from the University, easy access and embracing the modern concept of office sharing.

B) LIBRARY/READING ROOM

The library will provide modern multi-media information facilities and resources that blend with other Alumni Centre facilities for information exchange and



recreation. There will be space for reading rooms where the alumni can read newspapers, magazines, light novels, and meet visitors over a cup of coffee. This is especially critical for the senior alumni as the facilities will enable them to mentor young alumni as well as graduate students.

C) RECREATION CENTRE - Critical outlet for excessive energy, the alumni will benefit daily on the hour workouts. Hot baths, a spa, sauna and steam room will complete

the fitness regime. As part of the gym, there will be salons for beauty treatments for both women and men; swimming pool, squash and snooker and other sports.

D) HOTEL – A Four Star Hotel with dining facilities for buffet, a la carte, vegetarian, and light meals and drinks. Attached to the restaurant will be an Alumni Pub.



F) GUEST ROOMS - Regular and Deluxe guest rooms to accommodate out of town guests and alumni. They will also house staff and students on exchange programmes as well as visiting External Examiners.

E) BANQUETING AREA - There will be facilities for banquets such as award banquets, annual meetings, weddings and networking events.

G) CONFERENCE/MEETING

FACILITIES - The centre will host alumni conferences and meetings. In addition, the facilities will generate income, as the rooms will be hired out for other conferences and workshops. The rooms will be interconnected with soundproof walls that can be configured to accommodate one's needs, and will be equipped with modern multimedia facilities.

H) BUSINESS CENTRE –

Teleconferencing facilities, internet, cyber cafe, office support equipment, photocopying, translation facilities and office space for temporary rental and small rooms meetings, shower and day lockers will be available.

The Site

BACKGROUND: The site of the proposed Alumni Centre.

INSET: The junction of Arboretum Drive and Ringroad Kileleshwa Road currently under reconstruction with the site in the background



i) PARKING SPACE

Provision will be made for adequate parking space.

j) COURTYARDS

The Centre will offer stunning courtyards for day and evening events. The courtyard can also be rented out for hosting social events. Local fads such as botanical and Zen space will be exploited.

k) BANKING SERVICES

There will be space for financial transactions to be carried out.

l) ALUMNI GIFT SHOP

The Centre will have a gift shop to sell university and alumni souvenirs and memorabilia.

m) HALL OF FAME

For those alumni who have made significant contribution to the alma mater and society, there will be a dedicated room for them to showcase their achievements.

n) CHAPTERS OFFICES

The Chapters will have offices in the Centre as a way of connecting their members and will have a full-time Alumni Officer.

o) VC'S COURT

The Vice-Chancellors who have contributed to the growth and development of the University of Nairobi since inception will have a special court dedicated to them for reminiscence.

p) SERVICE STATION

The centre will provide a one stop shop where the University Community can drop their cars for service.

CONCLUSION

As we launch this project, we welcome our alumni, corporate, donors and friends of the University to join hands with us as we deliver this World Class Alumni Centre. We also welcome new ideas and concepts which will help make the centre the place to feel at home.

Universities Bill (2012) recognises alumni associations

The Universities Bill (2012) which is meant to align university education to the new Constitution recognises the alumni associations.

The Act enacted by Parliament and which contains various provisions will come into operation after the Cabinet Secretary in a notice in the Kenya Gazette appoints a date. The Cabinet Secretary has the option of appointing different dates for coming into operation of different provisions.

The Bill stipulates that a

“University may establish an Alumni Association, which shall consist of graduates of the university and such other members as may be declared to be members under the Charter.”

It further states that an alumni association shall act as an interactive forum for the members.

The launch of UONAA was therefore before the Act but will now be supported by an act of Parliament once it becomes operational. The UONAA was launched in February 2005 and brings together graduates of the University to participate in governance and development of their alma mater as they socialise and network.

It all started when Dr Betty Gikonyo, an alumni member of the University Council, was challenged to chair a sub-committee on the launch of the Alumni Association.

The first task was to draw up the Association’s objectives and draft constitution. The process for registration was successfully

completed. The launch committee was set up and immediately organised a breakfast meeting with the media to sensitise the country on the contributions of the University of Nairobi to Kenya’s development. The committee approached a few graduates of the University to act as

interim officials on a voluntary basis. The Association has over the years managed to touch the lives of many students as well as linking the alumni with the rest of the university. The dreams, activities and achievements of UONAA are highlighted elsewhere in this publication.



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*Dr. Cleopa Mailu,
CEO, Nairobi
Hospital delivering
Alumni speech
during the 47th
Graduation
Ceremony on
behalf of the
Chairperson.*

Alumni supports the University

The University of Nairobi Alumni Association (UONAA) will continue to play an important role in the development of the institution, the Chairperson, Dr Betty Gikonyo has assured.

In a speech read on her behalf by Dr Cleopa Mailu during the University of Nairobi 47th graduation ceremony held on August 24, this year where 5,550 graduands were conferred degrees and diplomas, Dr Gikonyo said it is in recognition of the important role the alumni play that the Council in 2004 repealed University Statutes XXVIII on convocation which gave birth to the UONAA.

She noted that the proposed Universities (Higher Education) Bill 2012 further recognises the role of Alumni in the University. The Chairperson said the Association Interim Executive Committee has not only laid the foundation but also achieved a lot during its seven years in office.

Achievements

She cited some of the UONAA's

projects as University Scholarship Fund (Kshs.9M); Alumni Networking Forums (Kshs.10M); Students and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities (Kshs.2.4M); Alumni Office Renovation at Kenya Science Campus (Kshs.2M); Alumni Office Operations (Kshs.5.4M) and investment towards Alumni Centre (Kshs.36M), all from membership and convocation fees.

Dr Gikonyo revealed that the Association has recruited an Executive Director to manage their affairs noting that more personnel would be hired soon.

She hailed the University for giving the Association a spacious office in a serene and quiet environment at Kenya Science Campus which has been renovated and equipped to world class standard. The Chairperson said this will be a 'transition office' as they embark on building the ultra-modern green Alumni Centre at Arboretum Drive.

She, however, said the Main Campus Alumni office located at the Administration Wing Room 107 will still remain the central office due

to its proximity to alma mater and accessibility by members.

Focus

The Chairperson disclosed that in the next one year the Association's focus will be three fold; 1) to strengthen the secretariat in terms of personnel and infrastructure; 2) to embark on membership recruitment drive to increase membership from the current 23,000 to 50,000; and 3) to market and fundraise for the Alumni Centre.

"To achieve this, we hope to set up an Information Communication and Technology (ICT) platform that will provide online registration and payments systems (through M-Pesa, NationHela, Visa Card, PayPal etc) and develop an interactive website where members can communicate to each other and give Association feedback and suggestions via online as well as integration of social media features such as twitter, linkedin, facebook etc. We believe that this is the time our Alumni goes virtual," she said.

Dr Gikonyo said the Association will develop elaborate and

UON 47th Graduation Ceremony

comprehensive fundraising strategies that will target all chapters, alumni, diaspora, corporate and donors to help achieve the dream of Alumni Centre.

The Alumni Centre will comprise several facilities such as chapter offices, library and resource centre, recreation centre, hotel services conference facilities amongst others.

The estimated cost of Kshs.900M. The University has donated land worth Kshs.300M to the project. Dr Gikonyo said the Association has set aside seed funds amounting to Kshs.36M and the fundraising campaign will be geared towards raising the balance of Kshs.864M. "We therefore call upon all Alumni, donors and well-wishers to partner with us in achieving this dream. As I conclude, I would like to register my sincere appreciation to all our partners who have helped us set up and grow the Association through the sponsorship of our Alumni events and advertisement in our Alumni Newsletter which has continued to serve as platform to share our vision, mission and activities," she said.

Human Resource for Vision 2030

Addressing the congregation, the Chancellor of the University of

Nairobi, Dr. Joseph Wanjui, said the over 5000 graduands were well equipped with skills to enable them surmount challenges.

Dr Wanjui said the vast human resource pool of specialists in health, agriculture and food security, environment, building and land policy, education management and communication, science, technology and innovation and the humanities are important agents in the implementation of Vision 2030. He appealed to the graduands to be smart in establishing their niche, in whatever part of the county they find themselves located.

UoN ranked high

The Vice Chancellor, Prof George Magoha, said the University has transformed its structures and is more than capable of evolving workable, long term strategies for equitable governance and management.

Prof Magoha said the discipline based professionals graduating were diverse and included engineers, architects, actuarial scientists, agriculturists, veterinary doctors, land developers, teachers and trainers, scientists, and computer specialists among others.

He revealed that in the evaluation carried out by the government for performance contracting



The Chancellor, Dr. Joseph B. Wanjui

in 2010/2011, the University of Nairobi emerged top in the State Corporations Category scoring the Excellent score.

At the international level, he added, the University of Nairobi also scored well in the world webometric ranking where it was placed 1st in Kenya and number 14 in Africa out of 800 Universities and number 1435 in the world out of about 20,000 universities and colleges. He said the brand as a leading institution of higher learning has received visibility worldwide. The Council Chairman, John Simba assured that the University will continue to nurture and actualise the careers of students.



Celebration by graduands of 47th graduation ceremony held in August 2012.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION GRANT 2012/2013



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE 5TH COMPETITIVE RESEARCH GRANT THEME: HEALTH, WATER AND SANITATION

CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES

Background

The Science and Technology Act Cap 250 and Kenya Vision 2030 recognize the importance of research, science and technology for national development. Since 2008/2009 financial year the Government of Kenya through the National Council for Science and Technology (NCST) has been administering the Science, Technology and Innovation (ST&I) grant. The grant has been structured to support different specific targeted categories in order to have maximum impact where a total of 633 projects have been funded. These categories of products being supported include: - research projects; innovation projects; research projects by women scientists; postgraduate research projects; post-doctoral research projects, bilateral matching grants, research facilities and support of scientific conferences and symposia. Under the category of research a total of 168 projects in **food security, climate change, renewable energy and engineering** thematic areas have been funded. The NCST is pleased to announce for the **fifth round** of concept notes for support of research under the ST&I grant for 2012/2013 financial year. This year's theme focuses on issues related to **Health, Water and Sanitation** in the country.

The productivity of the human capacity depends on good health and nutrition. This in turn enhances economic growth, contributes to poverty reduction and realization of the Kenya Vision 2030 social goal. The Health sector has been faced with a number of challenges: communicable and infectious diseases, nutrition deficiency disorders and parasitic infections. Majority of Kenyans continue to seek treatment in health care facilities for ailments that can be controlled through preventive and promotive measures. Health statistics indicate that malaria is a leading cause of outpatient morbidity accounting to about 30 percent of the total disease burden in Kenya. Respiratory tract infections, skin diseases and intestinal worms, contribute to over three quarters of total outpatient cases reported. In addition, HIV/AIDS continues to pose serious health and socio-economic challenges.

Sanitation and waste management are closely related to human health. Differences in access to adequate sanitation between urban and rural environments still persist. The formally planned urban areas are better served than the rural areas, and the urban informal settlements. Approximately 80% of the outpatient hospital attendance in Kenya is due to preventable diseases while 50% of these are water, sanitation and hygiene related.

Water is needed to support life and sustain economic activities across different sectors. The country's water endowment is low and currently stands at 647 cubic metres per capita per year hence Kenya is classified as a water scarce country. Therefore some of the challenges facing the water sector include: water scarcity, water security, water quality, water catchment management and monitoring of water resources.

To address the above challenges the country needs to increase investments in research and experimental development in the health and water sectors in order to generate innovative scientific solutions to enhance availability of diverse treatment and control measures and new technologies to manage the diseases and nutritional disorders. Special attention is also needed to support projects that will contribute to sustainable water management and good sanitation. Towards this end NCST invites **MULTI-INSTITUTIONAL** and **MULTIDISCIPLINARY** research teams from public and private institutions in Kenya to submit **CONCEPT NOTES** for funding consideration. Specific priority areas that need to be addressed include but not limited to: communicable diseases, non-communicable diseases, neglected diseases, emerging diseases and nutrition; water resource management, water harvesting and storage, water supply and sanitation and other related areas and their applications in solving health challenges, water supply and sanitation. The proposed research work must be conducted in Kenya and must have the potential of immediate application and impact to solving these societal challenges. The objectives must be in line with the flagship projects identified in Kenya Vision 2030, Millennium Development Goals and in conformity with the new Constitution. **Each application must be submitted by a team of researchers from at least three (3) different institutions.**

Objectives of the Call

- (i) To strengthen the quality of healthcare without further escalating costs.
- (ii) To address health needs and solutions to support social and economic development.
- (iii) To increase sanitation coverage for and sustainable water supplies to urban and rural dwellers.
- (iv) To increase the role of scientific research and technological innovation in contributing to good health and nutrition, water and sanitation for the Kenyan people
- (v) To enhance technology transfer and adoption in health and water sectors.
- (vi) To promote collaborative and multidisciplinary solution based research.

Concept note format

The CONCEPT NOTE should not exceed eight (8) pages (Times New Roman, font size 12, single spacing) and must have the following sections:- (i) Title of the project; (ii) Background information; (iii) Problem statement; (iv) Justification; (v) Objective(s); (vi) Expected outputs (vii) Methodology; (viii) detailed itemized budget ;

Budget limit and project duration

After a peer review of the concept notes, successful applicants will be invited to submit full project proposals. A grant of up to a maximum of Kenya Shillings Fifteen Million (**Ksh. 15,000,000**) for a period not exceeding **three (3) years** will be awarded to the successful research teams.

Submission Deadline

All the concept notes should be submitted in both hard and soft copies to the address below or delivered to Utalii House, 8th Floor Room 822/801 not later than 17:00 hrs **Friday 31st August, 2012**. Soft copies to be submitted through email: (stifund@ncst.go.ke). Incomplete and applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered. The list of successful applicants will be posted on our websites by 30th September, 2012.

NOTE:

- **All the applicants who have been funded under ST&I grant with on-going projects are not eligible for this Call.**
- **Any work that is being funded by other donors MUST not be submitted for this Call. Any such proposal will be disqualified.**
- **Only original work should be submitted, plagiarism is highly discouraged and will lead to disqualification.**
- **The application forms are available at NCST Website: www.ncst.go.ke and MoHEST website: www.scienceandtechnology.go.ke**
- **Each application must be accompanied by letters of endorsement by Head of collaborating institutions, brief CV (maximum 2 pages) of each research team member and copies of their national identity cards.**
- **Any application that does not adhere to multi-institutional and multi-disciplinary requirements will not be considered.**



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Pomp and colour as Agriculture Chapter is born

The University of Nairobi Alumni (UONAA) Agriculture Chapter was launched on August 2, 2012 in a colourful ceremony held at Laico Regency Hotel in Nairobi.

The auspicious occasion was graced by hundreds of alumni, university staff, students, UONAA's officials and guests drawn from various sectors of the economy.

Speaking during the ceremony, the guest of honour, Member of Parliament for Turkana Central, Hon Ekwee Ethuro noted with pride that the UoN is the largest and oldest institution of higher learning in Kenya.

Hon Ethuro who is an alumnus of the Faculty (class of 1998), stated that since its inception in 1970, the UoN has seen many innovations which have contributed to its development and that of the nation.

He appreciated the enormous steps the university has taken as the Faculty of Agriculture has continued to produce highly trained specialists who are serving in agriculture, financial, agro-chemical and food processing institutions/organisations locally and abroad.

Reach rural communities

Hon Ethuro saluted the academic staff for being actively engaged in agricultural research activities thus contributing to the country's rural transformation.

Through these efforts, he added, the Faculty contributes to eradication of poverty and hunger while promoting gender equality.

He challenged the Faculty to take advantage of its immense strengths



The chief guest, Hon. Ekwee Ethuro leads the Agriculture Chapter Alumni in a mugithi dance during the launch.

which include its 41-year-history and good reputation to steer the country's development.

Hon Ethuro also challenged the alumni to ensure students and staff are able to work hand in hand with rural communities and national or international institutions simultaneously while taking advantage of emerging global and regional trends to improve rural livelihoods.

He urged them to continually engage comprehensively with other institutions leading to creation of linkages for leverage of funds to support activities of national interest in food and nutrition security and poverty reduction.

Holistic graduates

The MP advised the alumni to be hosting professional, cultural and social activities with the aim of

helping the University to continue producing holistic graduates.

He commended the Faculty of Agriculture alumni for their bold move of forming the chapter noting that the benefits to the alumni are enormous – including creation of a sense of belonging for past graduates; a forum for articulation of agricultural issues of national importance; a forum for giving back to the community; a forum for fostering linkages with the industry, farmers, policy makers, consumers and marketing bodies; a forum for development of market driven curricula; and a forum for sharing ideas and innovations.

VC challenges

The Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof Jacob Kaimenyi who represented the Vice Chancellor, Prof George Magoha challenged the

Chapter to be the best in terms of vibrancy, relevancy and support to the UoN.

Prof Kaimenyi said the Chapter was tasked with promoting the objectives of UONAA and developing alumni programmes. He challenged the officials to initiate fund-raising programmes and to ensure the Chapter projects a positive image of the University.

Barrack Muluka who represented the UONAA Chairlady, Dr. Betty Gikonyo noted with pride that the UoN has nurtured and trained thousands of Kenyans who are currently driving the country's economy.

Muluka said UONAA aims at tapping as many graduates as possible to be part of its mission of mentoring students as well as giving back to the institution they owe their success to.

He urged the alumni to support the Association particularly in putting up the planned Alumni Centre which will be the focal point where the alumni will meet to exchange ideas as well as mentor students besides other activities. The Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI) Director, Dr Ephraim Mukisira who graduated from the UoN in 1980 with a Bachelor of Agriculture, said the 170 PhDs the Faculty has produced need to be utilised fully in efforts geared towards alleviating the perennial food shortage.

In attendance were Prof Agnes Mwang'ombe, Principal, College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences, Prof Igonsangwa Shibairo, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, guests, university staff and students.

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Vet farm milking machine

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Haematology and Clinical Chemistry are located in the department of Human Pathology in the School of Medicine. These Human Pathology Services unit offer a wide range of test relating to blood specimen to both walk-in-patients as well as large Corporations and Human Research Organisations.

Small and Large Animal Clinics are situated at the Upper Kabete Campus located along Loresho Road, Off Kapenguria Road. The clinics offer biomedical, pharmaceutical, ambulatory, herd health and community outreach services. The Ambulatory and Herd Health Services are offered to clients within a radius of 30 Km.



Diagnostic imaging and radiology reception

Decentralising UONAA Management

The University of Nairobi Alumni Association (UONAA) is in the process of decentralising operations through disciplines or college chapters that will link with the Central Alumni Office. The decentralisation is intended to hasten service delivery to our members, students, alma mater and other stakeholders.

Each chapter will have its Chairman who will be assisted by 10 alumni champions (five from the University and the others from the industry). The Central Alumni Office will support alumni champions through regular training, fund-raising, communication, marketing and events management among other activities.

The UONAA will team up with the Chapter Chairpersons in identifying the champion alumni officer to coordinate activities for the chapter. The UONAA will meet on quarterly basis with the chapter chairs/ alumni champions/officers to plan and coordinate activities that will take place in the campus each year. Through the principal/dean of each college/school/faculty, UONAA will

seek to have one person (Alumni Officer) to deal with alumni relations on a voluntary basis. The one appointed will be the UONAA's contact person in the college in regard to alumni relations.

All colleges/chapters will hold

Decentralisation of alumni relations is a trend top universities are comfortable with in dealing with affinity groups.

re-unions with UONAA providing logistical and marketing support. There will be annual awards for the best alumni chapters in the university.

The decentralisation of alumni operations will take services closer to the members. The University of Nairobi has 10 campuses and more than 30 faculties, schools, colleges, centres and institutes. It has over 130,000 alumni and over 58,000 students. Therefore decentralisation

of operations is the best way to personalise the alumni relations. The college/school based alumni officers know their members best and can easily identify engagement opportunities which are tailored to their interests.

The UONAA will also promote annual events such as Annual Alumni Conference, CEOs Alumni Forum and Alumni Open Day to bring alumni together from all the disciplines/chapters. The Association will help the alumni relations officers from the 10 campuses share the best practices, streamline operations and maximise resources.

The school or faculty alumni officers will help raise the profile of alumni relations, keeping engagement top of mind for faculty and staff. The alumni officers will decide which alumni to invite to speak during college forums or alumni events.

The holding of quarterly alumni officers' roundtable meetings with UONAA will boost inter-college alumni management. Decentralisation of alumni relations is a trend top universities are comfortable with in dealing with affinity groups.

As the University of Nairobi strives to promote leadership in academic excellence, the alumni association we'll also strive to match with world-class universities in alumni relations management.



From Left: J.K Kirimania, Newsletter Editor, Prof. Obudho, Vice Chairperson and Johnson Kinyua, UONAA Executive Director during a working Session of the Executive Committee in the newly refurbished UONAA offices at the Kenya Science Campus.

Alumni Chapter News / Updates

Agriculture Chapter – The Chapter was officially launched on August 2, 2012 in a colourful ceremony held at Laico Regency Hotel, Nairobi. The chief guest was Hon. Ekwee Ethuro, Turkana Central Member of Parliament. Dr. Wilson Songa, Secretary of Agriculture at the Ministry of Agriculture was appointed the Chairman to steer the Chapter to greater heights by mobilising more members to join on.

Medicine Chapter – Dr. Cleopa Mailu, CEO, Nairobi Hospital and Chairman of the Medicine Chapter and has been leading the drive to enrol more members. On January 26, 2012 Dr. Mailu hosted a Cocktail for the Medicine Chapter at Nairobi Hospital which was attended by 120 Doctors. Kudos to Dr. Mailu for his able leadership!

Journalism Chapter – The Chapter was launched in 2006 with Dr. Wambui Kiai, Director, School of Journalism at the University of Nairobi as the first Chairperson. The Chapter draws key personalities from the media as its members. The purpose of the Chapter is to provide the members with an opportunity to interact and network with the best in the industry. The current Interim Chairman is Mr. Barrack Muluka.

Veterinary Medicine Chapter – The Chapter was officially launched on November 1, 2007 by Dr. Noah Wekesa, EGH, (then Minister of Science and Technology) at a colourful ceremony held at Laico Regency Hotel. Dr. Demesi Mande, Department of Clinical Studies, University of Nairobi was appointed the first Chairman. Dr. Mande has continued to steer the Chapter to greater heights. The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine celebrated their 50th Anniversary (Golden Jubilee) in partnership with Kenya Veterinary Association at a colourful ceremony held at Safari Park Hotel from 24th – 27th April 2012.



MBA Chapter – The Chapter was launched on April 13, 2007 at Laico Regency Hotel by Hon. Amos Kimunya (then Minister of Finance) with Eng. Joseph Njoroge, MD/CEO, Kenya Power Ltd appointed as the Chairman. The Chapter has organised several forums to bring the members together such as AIBUMA Conference which is organised annually by the School of Business. Eng. Njoroge has great vision for the MBA Chapter and looks forward to members playing an active role in enhancing the University of Nairobi brand.

Range Management Chapter - The Chapter was launched on June 29, 2006 at Nairobi Safari Club by team comprising the Vice Chancellor, Prof. George Makokha and Deputy Vice Chancellor (A&F). Dr. Robinson Kinuthia Ngugi, Department of Land Resource Management and Agricultural Technology, University of Nairobi was appointed the first Chairman.

Pharmacy Chapter – The Pharmacy Alumni Association was formed on February 23, 2001 and was registered as a society. It was launched on August 4, 2001 by the then Vice Chancellor, Prof Francis Gichaga at Inter-Continental Hotel, Nairobi. The purpose of the Association is to promote effective networks among members and enhance their

involvement in the development of the School of Pharmacy. To align its objectives with the UONAA, the Pharmacy Alumni Chapter was re-launched on April 29, 2009 in the School of Pharmacy Boardroom with Prof. A.N. Guantai, School of Pharmacy, as the Chairperson.

Chiromo Campus Science Chapter – The Chapter under the chairmanship of Prof. Paul M. Shiundu, formerly of College of Biological and Physical Sciences and currently the Deputy Vice-Principal, Kenya Polytechnic University College has developed a database of its alumni and opened an email where they can register. Contact alumni.chiromo@uonbi.ac.ke

IDIS Chapter – Arrangements are underway to form the IDIS Alumni Chapter. The UONAA is in touch with the IDIS to facilitate the launch of the Chapter.

DAAD Scholars Chapter (UON) – Arrangements are underway to form the German DAAD Scholars Alumni Chapter for those UoN Alumni who have studied in Germany through DAAD Scholarship.

Diaspora Chapter (USA) – Arrangements are underway to form a Diaspora Chapter. The UONAA is in touch with the Kenyan Embassy in Washington DC, USA to facilitate the launch of the Chapter soon.

Note:

The UONAA Office is in the process of decentralising the Alumni Affairs to Colleges, Schools/Faculties, Institutes and Centres through Chapters to effectively reach out to all our alumni. The UONAA Office will work with the remaining colleges to assist in the establishment and the launching of the Chapters as well as strengthen the existing Chapters.



Upcoming Events

Official opening of New Alumni Office at Kenya Science Campus

Due to the growth and expansion of UONAA, the University has provided us with a more spacious office at Kenya Science Campus which will have a Boardroom, Executive Director's Office, Operations and Project Manager's Office, Resource Centre, Alumni Gift Shop, Alumni Relaxation and Outdoor Centre, Spacious Parking and Reception Centre. The Office which has been undergoing renovation will be officially opened soon. This is a transition office as we embark on constructing our ultra-modern Alumni Centre at Arboretum Drive next to Chiromo Campus.

CEOs Forum - The UONAA will hold the first CEOs forum of alumni serving as CEOs/Senior Government officials later this year. Official invitation cards will be sent to the guests soon.

UON Alumni Open Day - The UONAA will hold an open day at KICC to exhibit projects, activities of the association and encourage alumni to register with the Association. All the Chapters will exhibit their activities and register alumni.

Annual Alumni Conference

– The UONAA will hold the first Annual Alumni Conference in February 2013 to discuss among other things the Role of Alumni in the University's Advancement.

Website – The Association is setting up an interactive website which will be launched during the official opening of the Alumni Office at Kenya Science Campus. The new website <http://alumni.uonbi.ac.ke> will incorporate features such as search engines, online application, online payment systems. This strategy will help us to increase our alumni membership base. It will also incorporate facebook, twitter and Linked to target the young alumni

who are techno savvy. The website will also carry news and events of various Alumni Chapters.

Alumni Life Members

Directory – The Alumni Office is in the process of developing a Directory of Life Members (Gold, Silver and Bronze) which will be updated annually to capture new members. If you are not a registered Life Member, please do so to be included as Life Member in our 2012 Directory.

Alumni Gift Shop

- The Alumni Office is in the process of setting up an Alumni Gift Shop at our New Office at Kenya Science Campus and UNES Bookstore in the Main Campus to sell memorabilia to our alumni. The items to be sold include branded caps, shirts, T-shirts, lapels, badges, cups, ties, umbrellas, blouses, skirts and scarves among others. The Alumni Gift Shop will also have such materials as reports, newsletters, books, videos and alumni directories. This will be a one-stop-shop for all Alumni.

Graduates' Masters Roll

(1956-2012) - The Alumni Office is in the process of developing a Masters Roll of all the past graduates of the University of Nairobi since 1956 when it was Royal Technical College of East Africa to date. The first Directory (1956-2012) will be out by February 2013. The Directory will be available for sale at our Alumni Shop.

Alumni Centre Fund-raising Campaign

- The Association is preparing to launch a mega fund-raising campaign towards the Alumni Centre Project. The alumni will be given choices and products on how to participate in this project "build by Alumni for Alumni"



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1 Mr. B. M. Waweru, UONAA Executive Committee Secretary (right) congratulating the best student during the 47th graduation ceremony held on August 24, 2012.



2 The new UONAA offices at Kenya Science Campus, Ngong Road Opposite Nakumatt Junction.

3 Hon. Ekwee Ethuro, MP listening to Dr. Wilson A. Songa, Agriculture Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture and Chairman of UON Alumni Association Agriculture Chapter soon after the launch of the Chapter at Laico Regency Hotel on August 2, 2012. On the left is Barrack Muluka from the University of Nairobi Alumni Association.

4 Two former Vice-Chancellors who are Alumni and Faculty members of the University of Nairobi Faculty of Agriculture. Left: Prof. Ratemo Michieka, former VC, JKUAT and right, Prof. S.O. Keya, former VC, Moi University after a consultation meeting on Agriculture Chapter launch at Upper Kabete Campus.

5 Mrs Jane Mogaka, Administrator UONAA registering Dr. Wilson Songa, Secretary Agriculture as a Silver Life Member in his Kilimo House office.

6 Prof. Agnes W. Mwang'ombe (Principal, CAVS), UON and Dr. Alice Kaudia Environment Secretary, Ministry



GALLERY



of Environment and Natural Resources during the launch of the Agriculture Alumni Chapter at Laico Regency Hotel.

7 The unveiling of the Agriculture Alumni Chapter of the University of Nairobi on August 2, 2012 at Laico Regency Hotel, Nairobi. Dr. Wilson A. Songa, the Agriculture Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture was appointed the Chairman of the Chapter.

8 Herbert Musoga Deputy Durector for Physical Planning in the, Ministry of Lands being conferred PhD in Urban and Regional Planning at the 47th graduation ceremony.

9 Children participants during the Heart Run walk at Splash Water World at Carnivore



Alumni challenge gave birth to module II programmes

In 1998 the University of Nairobi School of Business pioneered module II programmes. This was following the challenge from a group of the school's alumni.

Between 1996 and 1997 the group who included Jimnah Mbaru, George Opondo Ooko and Ben Wairegi came back and challenged the School to train enough managers on MBAs. The challenge gave birth to Module II programme which has seen increased production of MBAs to meet the needs of the industry. Since then the student population at the School of Business, both undergraduate and post-graduate has grown from a paltry 1,200 in 1998 to over 15,000.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

This growth has necessitated the launch of new programmes – B.Com, MBA, MSc (Finance) and PhD in Business Administration. The campuses have expanded from Lower Kabete Campus to Nairobi, Kisumu and Mombasa Campuses. According to Associate Dean, Graduate School of Business, Prof Evans Aosa, the School has reached the optimal level and there is need to break new grounds by offering Executive Development Programmes which is a new vector for growing revenue and meeting the industry's needs for continuous upgrading the skills of the workforce.



Prof. Evans Aosa

But the School's transformation and growth has not come without challenges as demand has outstripped supply. The School requires state-of-the-art facilities to meet the growing demand for Executive Management Programmes similar to Harvard or Stanford Universities.

The alumni looking for executive education will benefit from a special Executive Development Programme to be rolled out by the School. The programme will cover areas such as leadership, change management, governance, financial management, talent management, supply chain management and devolution among others.

INTERNATIONAL LINKS

Disclosing the development, Prof Aosa said the alumni need to undertake refresher courses to remain competitive and relevant in the ever changing job market.

He saluted the alumni for giving support to the School citing the hosting of the African International Business and Management (AIBUMA) conference for the last three years as a good example. The first AIBUMA

conference was held in August 2010. The UON Alumni CEOs who participated in the conference included Stephen Isaboke (Regional Director, Multichoice), Catherine Ngahu (Chairperson, Kenya ICT Board), Muchiri Wahome (CEO, Deacons Kenya Limited), Linus Gitahi (CEO, Nation Media Group), Rita Kavashe (CEO, General Motors East Africa) and Richard Lesiyampe (CEO, Kenyatta National Hospital) among others.

The School has also recently launched three programmes; MSc (Human Resource Management), MSc (Marketing) and MSc (Entrepreneurship and Innovations) starting in September 2012.

TRAINING FOR THE CONTINENT

The Government of Liberia has chosen the School of Business as a partner of choice in Africa because of the Web Matrix Ranking which placed UoN ahead of the pack in quality education and affordability. This has led to the Government of Liberia sponsoring 33 senior government officials for MBA who are due for graduation in December this year. The Office of the President of Liberia has also invited the School of Business staff led by Prof Aosa to train Permanent Secretaries in Monrovia, Liberia.

The School of Business in partnership with the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Studies has won a multi-million tender from the African Green Revolution Alliance (AGRA) headed by Dr Kofi Annan to undertake management capacity training for seed production project in 16 African countries.



MBA Chapter



Eng. Joseph Njoroge

The University of Nairobi Alumni Association MBA Chapter is tasked with creating a network between the industry and the university. The Chapter is composed of graduates of Masters of Business Administration, many of them holding executive positions in the industry. According to the Chapter chairman, Eng. Joseph Njoroge who is also the Kenya Power Managing Director/ Chief Executive Officer, the body has been soliciting for support- both financial and moral- to help the UONAA realise its vision and mission.

Njoroge points out that the University of Nairobi (UoN) has a proud record of academic excellence

having trained the highest number of professionals who continue to serve the country in virtually all the key sectors of the economy. This has made the UoN a unique brand which leads in the market and there is need to sustain and enhance it. He cites the 2012 Web Ranking of World Universities where the UoN was position 14 in Africa and position one in performance contracting in 2010/2011 with **excellent** rating.

Unique and trusted brand

As a CEO Eng. Njoroge confesses that when candidates go for job interview those from the University of Nairobi stand a good chance since their brand is unique and trusted by employers. Eng. Njoroge adds that his Chapter has been leading the drive to ensure the MBA curriculum is relevant to the requirements and more so the UoN continue to be responsive to the market needs. The MBA Chapter has also been spearheading efforts to ensure the UoN focuses more on creating experts in all fields noting that the recent developments like the discovery of oil in Turkana present new opportunities for specialists.

The MBA Chapter currently has 60 members but they are aiming to recruit over 1,000 in the next two years. The Chairman points out that his Chapter has been raising resources by encouraging the alumni to register for Gold, Silver and Bronze membership categories. They

have also been contributing ideas through various forums.

Conferences

In July this year, Kenya Power was one of the main sponsors of the 3rd African International Business and Management (AIBUMA 2012) Conference held at Kenyatta International Conference Centre (KICC) between July 12 and 13.

The AIBUMA conference aimed at providing a forum for disciplinary and interdisciplinary communications, where researchers (in Social and Natural Sciences, as well as in Engineering), intellectuals, policy/decision makers and Consultants shared the results of their research, studies and thoughts, with regards to societies and private/public organisations. The annual event is organised and hosted by the School of Business. It seeks to showcase research as well as provide a forum for collaboration and fusion with business leadership practice and plug into the global business thinking by engaging in activities that elevate her visibility in the global arena.

This year's conference theme was 'Embracing the Changing Face and Pace of Business and Management'. Eng. Njoroge reveals that he is leading efforts to link the UONAA with other alumni groups from across the world like Harvard in a bid to share ideas and learn from each other.



National Cohesion and Integration Commission Mandate

The National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) was established in 2009. The Commission's mandate is to facilitate and promote equality of opportunity, good relations, harmony and peaceful co-existence among persons of different ethnic, racial and religious communities in Kenya and advising the Government thereof.

The Commission is working to realise its statutory mandate by focusing on five interrelated key result areas namely:

- *Increased knowledge and transformational practice on national reconciliation, cohesion and integration;*
- *Elimination of all forms of discrimination based on ethnic, racial, religious and social origin in Kenya;*
- *Strengthening good governance and implementation of the new constitution through emphasis on equitable access to public resources;*
- *Promoting research and monitoring of the status and trends of national peace and stability and advising the relevant state agencies;*
- *Facilitating operationalization of laws, policies, and practices that counter ethnic, racial and religious tensions; and*
- *Organizational growth and development.*

The Commission's mandate and key results are realised through four core committees and programmes:

1. *Civic Education and Advocacy*
2. *Enforcement, Complaints, and Legal*
3. *Finance and Administration*
4. *Research, Policy and Planning*

UNPACKING HATE SPEECH

Paper by Milly Odongo (Advocate)

Also known as Milly Lwanga, A Commissioner at the National Cohesion and Integration Commission

Introductory Remarks

Unlike in the instances of most internationally recognized offences, there is no universally agreed definition of what the term hate speech means. As a result what one will find is that different countries have banned expressions that can be included in this general concept, in varying degrees. Hate speech, however it is defined generally refers to words of incitement and hatred against individuals based on certain group characteristics they share. It includes speech that advocates or encourages violent acts against a specific group, and creates a climate of hate or prejudice, which may in turn foster the commission of hate crimes. The identification of expressions that could be qualified as "hate speech" can be difficult because this kind of speech does not necessarily manifest itself through the direct expression of hatred or of emotions. It can also be concealed in statements which at first glance may seem to be rational or normal. It often entails interethnic hostility.

The Constitution

(guaranteeing the protection of rights)
The Constitution of Kenya 2010 guarantees fundamental rights including the freedom of expression. Freedom of expression is, however, not absolute, and can be limited when exercised in a manner that violates the rights of others.

This important guarantee to protection of rights and instances where limitation is allowed is clearly spelt out in the Constitution. Article 24. (1) provides that a right or fundamental freedom in the Bill of Rights shall not be limited except by law, and then only to the extent that the limitation is reasonable and justifiable in an open and democratic society based on human dignity, equality and freedom, taking into account all relevant factors, including—

- (a) *The nature of the right or fundamental freedom;*
- (b) *The importance of the purpose of the limitation;*
- (c) *The nature and extent of the limitation;*
- (d) *The need to ensure that the enjoyment of rights and fundamental freedoms by any individual does not prejudice the rights and fundamental freedoms of others; and*
- (e) *The relation between the limitation and its purpose and whether there are less restrictive means to achieve the purpose.*

(2) Despite clause (1), a provision in legislation limiting a right or fundamental freedom—
(a) *In the case of a provision enacted or amended on or after the effective date, is not valid unless the legislation specifically expresses the intention to limit that right or fundamental freedom, and the nature and extent of the limitation;*
(b) *shall not be construed as limiting the right or fundamental freedom unless the provision is*

clear and specific about the right or freedom to be limited and the nature and extent of the limitation; and

(c) *Shall not limit the right or fundamental freedom so far as to derogate from its core or essential content.*

(3) The State or a person seeking to justify a particular limitation shall demonstrate to the court, tribunal or other authority that the requirements of this Article have been satisfied.

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The main provision guiding the exercise of the freedom of expression is Articles 33. It is important to note that the Constitution expressly excludes hate speech within the Article making provision for freedom of expression.

Legislative framework (defining what constitutes hate speech and is thus excluded from constitutional guarantees)

Hate speech is specifically mentioned in the Penal Code, the NCI Act and the Media Act.

The Penal Code

The Penal Code prohibits incitement to violence. Section 77(1) provides;
"Any person who does or attempts to do, or makes any preparation to do, or conspires with any person to do any act with a subversive intention, or utters any words with a subversive intention, is guilty of an offence and is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding seven years"

Subversion is defined under section 77 (3) to include;

- (a) supporting, propagating, or advocating any act or thing prejudicial to public order, the security of Kenya or the administration of justice.
- (b) incitement to violence and or other disorder or crime, or counseling defiance of or disobedience to the law or lawful authority.
- (c) supporting or intending to support persons who have acted in a manner prejudicial to public order or disobedience to the law or public order.
- (d) indicating support, connection or association or affiliation with any unlawful society, other expressly or by implication.
- (e) acts intended or calculated to promote feelings of hatred or enmity between different races or communities in Kenya. (Criticisms and comments made in good faith or intended to remove any causes of hatred between communities are excluded from the subversion definition).
- (f) acts intended to bring into hatred or contempt or to excite disaffection against any public officer, or any class of public officers, in the execution of their duties.

Section 96 of the Penal Code addresses threatening breach of peace or violence and states that;

" Any person, who without lawful excuse, the burden of proof whereof shall lie upon him,

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utters, prints or publishes any words, or does any act or thing, indicating or implying that it is or might be desirable to do, or omit to do, any act the doing or omission of which is calculated;

(a) to bring death or physical injury to any person or to any class, community or body of persons; or

(b) to lead to the damage or destruction of any property; or

(c) to prevent or defeat by violence or by other unlawful means the execution or enforcement of any written law or to lead to defiance or disobedience of any such law, or of any lawful authority, is guilty of an offence and is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years."

The National Cohesion and Integration Act, 2008

When defining hate speech, there are two sections of the NCI Act that are relevant; Section 13 and Section 62. These two sections form the basis for prosecuting hate speech in Kenya.

Section 13

Section 13 (1) of the National Cohesion and Integration Act 2008 states that a person who; " (a) uses threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour, or displays any written material.

(b) Publishes or distributes written material; (c) presents or directs the public performance of a play;

(d) distributes, shows or plays, a recording of visual images; or

(e) provides, produces or directs a programme;

Which is threatening, abusive or insulting or involves the use of threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour commits an offence if such person intends thereby to stir up ethnic hatred, or having regard to all the circumstances, ethnic hatred is likely to be stirred up.

(2) Any person who commits an offence under this section shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one million shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or both.

(3) In this section, "ethnic hatred" means hatred against a group of persons defined by reference to colour, race, nationality (including citizenship) or ethnic or national origins."

Section 62

Section 62 (1) of the NCI Act provides that; " (1) Any person who utters words intended to incite feelings of contempt, hatred, hostility, violence or discrimination against any person, group or community on the basis of ethnicity or race, commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one million shillings, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, or both."

Section 62 (2) of the NCI Act provides:

(2) A newspaper, radio station or media enterprise that publishes the utterances referred to in subsection (1) commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one million shillings.

The Media Act, 2007

According to the Media Act No. 3 of 2007, Second Schedule to the Act, titled "Code of Conduct for the Practice of Journalism in Kenya", Regulation 25 provides that;

"quoting persons making derogatory remarks based on ethnicity, race, creed, colour and sex shall be avoided. Racist or negative ethnic terms should be avoided. Careful account should be taken of the possible effect upon the ethnic or racial group concerned, and on the population as a whole, and of the changes in public attitudes as to what is and what is not acceptable when using such terms".

Constituting the Hate Elements for Purposes of Prosecution

Although the provisions in the Penal Code have been in the Kenyan laws for longer and hate speech as a specific offence affecting the right to individuals and groups to full realization of their human rights, has been an issue since the Kenya National Commission for Human Rights produced its Report in 2005 on political incitements in the build up to the 2005 Constitutional referendum. Specific prosecution of hate speech recognized as a crime that can lead to serious international crimes such as genocide, has only been found in the Kenyan laws with the coming into force of the NCI Act.

In analyzing the constituting elements of the crime as defined under Section 13 of the NCI Act, we find that emphasis must be had to: Wrong Doer: Actor: 'Any person' may be an individual human being or a juristic person can be guilty of hate speech.

Offending Act: Utterances. There has to be an utterance or spoken word. The words may also be written in a book, a newspaper, a pamphlet, a brochure, or expressed in a public performance. The spoken word must be capable of being understood by the audience as stirring hatred directed at a particular section of the population. Publication entails the actual printing of the material containing hate speech as well as physical handing out of the material to the public or sections of the population.

Character of the utterances: the words, publication or form of expression has to be or involve threatening, abusive or insulting words or behavior.

Intent or likelihood: Not all abuses and insults are hate speech. Words only become hate speech if the intention of the maker of the statement is to stir up hatred. The intention of the person can be construed from the context, circumstances, environment and audience. When the maker of the statement did not have the intention to stir up ethnic hatred, but having regard of the circumstances, it is likely that ethnic hatred is stirred up, then the person in question still committed a crime under section 13.

Envisioned or likely effect: it concerns hatred against a group of persons on the basis of colour, race, nationality (including citizenship), ethnicity or national origin. Section 13 refers to "stirring up" and thus does not require that ethnic hatred took place. The target is a group

of people, not an individual. Stirring up hatred against also implies that utterances should be made public to a certain minimum level or shared with a minimum of audience.

Under Section 62 (1) of the NCI Act the important elements are:

Intention: Section 62 clearly indicates that the person has to have the intention. Likelihood of effect is, unlike in section 13, not included. The intention of the person can be construed from the context, circumstances, environment and audience.

Envisioned effect: incite feelings of contempt, hatred, hostility, violence or discrimination against a person or a group. The target can thus be both an individual and a group. The basis for these feelings should be grounded in ethnicity (as defined in the NCI Act) or race. The constituting elements of the crime defined under Section 62 (2) are:

Actor: a newspaper, radio station or media enterprise. It does not concern any person.

Admissibility Rule; Relevance And Credibility Of Evidence When Prosecuting Hate Speech

Pertinent aspects of concern must be borne in mind when preparing a case for successful prosecution of hate speech. These in summary include: -

1. Oral or direct evidence- Section 62 of the Evidence Act
2. Documentary evidence- Section 64,65,66,67,68 and 69 of the Evidence Act Section 106A of the Evidence Act provides that "the contents of electronic records may be proved in accordance with the provisions of section 106B"
3. Confessions- Section 25 A (2)
4. Plea-bargaining -Section 138 A Of The criminal procedure code.

Concluding Remarks

There are certain important considerations that one need check off when determining that hate speech has been uttered. These include;

- 1)**The Context:** The context in which the statement is made is important, for example, a statement provoking resentment against members of an ethnic group would have a heightened impact in a politically charged, and ethnically polarized environment.
- 2)**Ripple effect:** The statement should be such that it can cause a ripple or disfigurement among members of a targeted group.
- 3)**Fear:** The statement should be capable of spreading feelings of fear or loathing across an entire community.
- 4)**Possible retaliation:** It should be statement that can create tides of retaliation and counter retaliation.
- 5)**Violence:** it must be speech that advocates or encourages violent acts or crimes of hate.
- 6)**Hostility:** It must be a statement that creates a climate of hate or prejudice, which may lead to the commission of other crimes
- 7)**Impact:** hate speech carries far more weight than other criminal acts

Tribute to the late Prof. Saitoti



Prof. George Saitoti launching the Alumni Association on February 5, 2005 at the University of Nairobi.

The University of Nairobi Alumni Association (UONAA) sends a message of condolence to the family and friends of the late Prof George Saitoti Minister for Provincial Administration and Internal Security. Prof Saitoti died in a plane crash in Ngong forest on June 10, 2012.

Prof. Saitoti has been associated with the UONAA from its inception. In February 2005, Prof Saitoti, then Minister for Education was the Chief Guest during the official launch of UONAA.

During the launch, Prof. Saitoti reminded Kenyans that the best and renowned Universities worldwide have strong and vibrant Alumni Associations and there was no reason why this country should be an exception.

Noting that parents and guardians and the wider community sacrificed to see the Alumni through their education, the Minister told the Alumni that it was time for them to give back a little to their mother institution.

He challenged the Kenyan Universities to strengthen their Alumni Associations by offering them a chance to be involved in corporate governance and development of the institutions. "The greatest challenge here is to realize that people are human capital that should not be wasted or ignored. The Alumni on their part must support their alma

mater so that it takes its rightful place as a centre for Socio-economic acceleration of Kenya's development", he advised.

In his death, Kenya has lost an academic, political leader and a scholar. The late Kajado North Member of Parliament has had an illustrious and checkered career having served both in public and private sectors for most of his life. Born in 1945, he went to Ololua Primary School before proceeding to Mang'u High School for his secondary education. In 1963, he joined Brandeis University in the United States of America from where he obtained a Bachelors Degree in Mathematics and Economics. He later moved to the United Kingdom (UK) where he acquired a Masters of Science degree in Mathematics from the University of Sussex, Brighton.

ALGEBRAIC TOPOLOGY

He enrolled for his Doctoral studies at the University of Warwick from where he acquired a PhD in Mathematics in 1972. Prof Saitoti returned to Kenya in 1972 and commenced an illustrious career as a mathematics lecturer at the University of Nairobi rising to the position of Associate Professor in

1977 and Head of the Mathematics Department between 1978 and 1983.

In the 12 years he worked at the University of Nairobi, Prof Saitoti published widely in his area of specialisation – Algebraic Topology – and supervised many students. In 1976, he was one of the pioneer founders of the Africa Mathematical

“There comes a time when the nation is more important than an individual.”

Union, an organization dedicated to the promotion of the study of Mathematics in Africa. He served as the Vice-President of the organization till 1979. Prof Saitoti is also the author of **'The Challenges of Economic and Institutional Reforms in Africa: Contemporary Perspectives on Developing Societies' (2002).**

Outside academia, Prof Saitoti received several public appointments in recognition of his growing public and intellectual leadership.

He served as Chairman of Mumias Sugar Company and the Kenya Commercial Bank. Between 1974 and 1978, he represented Kenya in the East African Legislative Assembly .

PARLIAMENT

Prof Saitoti made his debut to the Kenya National Assembly in 1983 when he was nominated

as Member of Parliament and appointed Minister for Finance. He was elected as the MP for Kajiado North Constituency in 1988 where he served till his death. In his political career, he served in various positions including being Minister for Finance, Kenya's longest serving Vice-President, Minister for National Planning and Development,

Minister for Education and finally, Minister of State for Provincial Administration and Internal Security. As a public servant, the late Prof Saitoti leaves a legacy of hard work and decisiveness in the discharge of duty. He will be remembered for his often quoted statement that: "There comes a time when the nation is more important than an individual."

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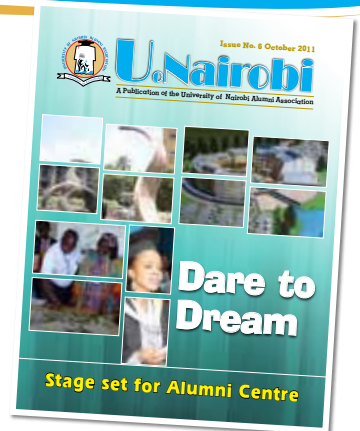
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Alumnus leads Kenya's London marketing drive



Mrs. Mary Kimonye, CEO, Brand Kenya at the Kenya Olympic House in London.

Brand Kenya Chief Executive Officer Mary Kimonye led Kenyan sportsmen and women in marketing the country as a top tourism destination during the London Olympic Games held in August this year.

Mrs Kimonye, an alumnus of the University of Nairobi led the athletes in using Kenya's sporting heritage to showcase available economic opportunities to investors.

The exhibition dubbed Kenya House, was opened by President Mwai Kibaki.

Speaking in East London near the Olympic Park, President Kibaki said Kenya House was showcasing the various investment, trade and tourism opportunities available to investors and visitors in the new, transformed Kenya.

The exhibition was intended to provide a platform where top officials from Kenya's public and private sector would brief potential foreign investors as well as Kenyans in diaspora on trade, tourism and investment opportunities in the country.

The exhibition was organised jointly by Brand Kenya and Kenya Commercial Bank and had various themes among them the Export Day, Tourism Day, Culture and Sports.

Chief executives

The exhibition featured top chief executives in the public and private sector including Permanent Secretaries of the Ministries of Information and Communication, Roads, Environment, Planning as well as Youth and Sports.

It also featured corporate and civil service chiefs including Kenya Commercial Bank Chief Executive

Martin Oduor-Otieno, KenGen Chief Executive Eddy Njoroge, Dr. Joseph Wanjui, Chancellor UoN, Mrs Kimonye and Vision 2030 CEO Kibati Mugo.

The Brand Kenya is tasked with identifying and refining the key attributes in Kenya, that contribute positively to the image and reputation of the nation.

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the country that establishes Kenya's uniqueness in the global arena.

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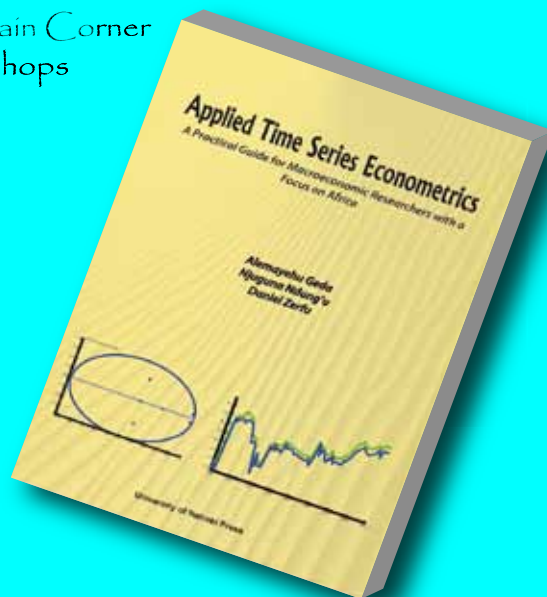
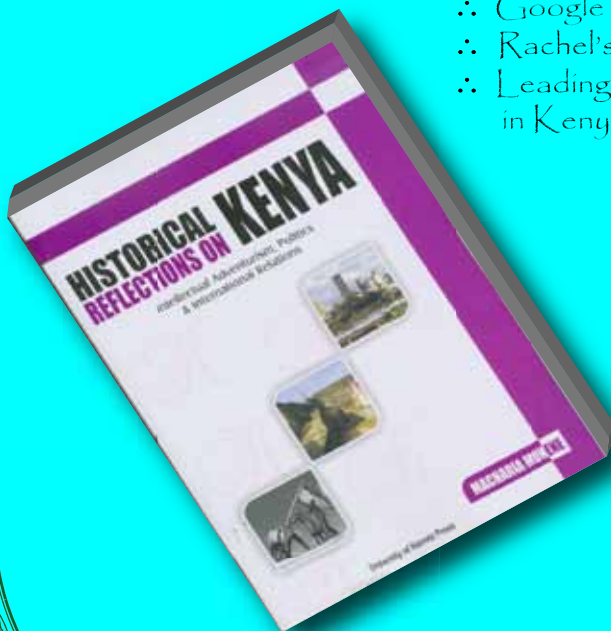
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Our Alumni Association is the richest in Kenya - Julius Kipng'etich



Julius Kipng'etich

The University of Nairobi Alumni Association (UNOAA) boasts of the richest membership in the country who are helping develop facilities at the institution as well as mentoring students among other activities. Kenya Wildlife Service Director, Julius Kipng'etich, an alumnus reveals that one feels proud and satisfied when he or she either mentors a student or helps improve facilities at his or her former school. Kipng'etich who joined KWS as Director in 2005 notes that the alumni are a valuable resource which, the university must fully exploit for the benefit of all Kenyans

The KWS boss is proud to be associated with the University of Nairobi and is looking forward to the institution coming up with more projects for his organization to offer a helping hand. He notes that it is time the university came up with a structured engagement between it, alumni and the private sector to foster growth at the institution. Kipng'etich says KWS is ready to offer more students from the university internship to mould them to fit in the competitive job market. He hails the University for recognizing and appreciating its alumni citing the putting up of the Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace and Environmental Studies in honour of the late Nobel laureate, Prof Wangari Maathai.

“Let us do more for the University than it did it for us”

Before joining KWS, Kipng'etich was the Managing Director, Investment Promotion Council (now Kenya Investment Authority). His tenure at the KWS has seen him transform the parastatal into a serious business outfit. In a bid to ensure World Class Parks, he has greatly improved the management of the parks, while giving conservation a strong scientific approach. All these measures have resulted in safer and more pleasurable experiences within Kenya's wildlife protected areas.

A Starehe Boys' Alumni, Kipng'etich has over 17 years experience in Business Process Re-engineering and Change Management. He was Director of the Student Welfare Authority, University of Nairobi, where he also lectured in the Department of Management Science.



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