

Student body offers a platform for exposure



AIESEC, the world's largest youth-run organization has over 50,000 members and is spread in over 110 countries. AIESEC focuses on providing a platform for youth leadership development. AIESEC offers young people the opportunity to participate in international internships, experience leadership and participate in a global learning environment.

Since 1970, AIESEC Kenya has provided students at the University of Nairobi with opportunities to become leaders and positive change agents.

This is done through providing members with a global mindset and training to explore their emotional, intellectual, social responsibility, and to be active learners and entrepreneurs.

AIESEC has been engaging the students of the University of Nairobi, through various community projects in slums in Nairobi, and also encouraging networking with business and corporate leaders in our society. Its success in developing people, is evident from the number of business leaders who are AIESEC alumni, including Frank Ireri of Housing Finance Company of Kenya, Isaac Awuondo, Commercial Bank of Africa and Alvin Mbugua, Kenya Airways. AIESEC has created and sustained partnerships with various companies including Kenya Commercial Bank, Text Book Centre, Wananchi Group, Alpine Coolers, Dry Associates, and Standard Chartered Bank Ltd.

Events that AIESEC has run in the past year include the embassy day,

with the former U.S ambassador Michael Ranneberger as the guest speaker, the Pintwise campaign, whose aim was to create awareness on responsible drinking habits. This year, the Youth Leadership Forum was held in May and the youth and different leaders engaged in social economic issues affecting Kenya. AIESEC ran the Pay-it Forward walk and forum with the Entrepreneurship and Leadership Foundation.

This brought together business leaders and youth from various walks of life who are interested in entrepreneurship, and provided mentorship and support.

AIESEC is set to host the AIESEC International congress, which is the largest conference in the global organization, this year in Kenya. Over 700 delegates from all over the world are expected to participate in this forum.

Membership has grown to over 100, and we facilitated 80 internships in Kenya, from all over the world. AIESEC has also sent 20 students of the University of Nairobi to various countries of the world including Uganda, Tanzania, Germany, Turkey, Belgium, and Ghana in the past year. We are looking forward to growing our numbers, and encouraging more people to have these life-altering experiences. AIESEC has received support from the University of Nairobi through provision of venues, attendance at functions and financial support.