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Our Vision

A more vibrant professional entity that oversees the implementation process in the strategic direction of the University

Our Mission

To collect data (*from both external and internal sources*) analyse, edit and document this information for use in planning, decision making and policy formulation.

Our Slogan

Leading with excellence

Our Core Values

- Uphold the policy of team work and efficiency.
- Be creative and innovative.
- Nurture open and responsible corporate relations.

We value your feedback.

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61st Graduation ceremony



The 61st graduation ceremony was held on Friday September 6, 2019 during which a total of 4,107 graduands were awarded diplomas and conferred with degrees of the University of Nairobi.

A breakdown of graduands was as follows:

Doctor of philosophy	-	20
Masters	-	429
Postgraduate diplomas	-	1
Bachelors	-	3082
Diplomas	-	575
Fellowships	-	27

4107
Graduands

Once again, the university demonstrated its academic leadership by ensuring that students who had successfully completed their studies graduated at a short colourful ceremony amidst political anxieties.

The Planning Department provides logistical and secretariat services to the Graduation committee.

62nd Graduation Ceremony

In yet another spectacular ceremony, the 62nd graduation ceremony was held on Friday, December 20, 2019 where a total of 8504 graduands were awarded diplomas and conferred with degrees of the University of Nairobi.



8504
Graduands

Graduands celebrate their academic victory in style.

The graduands were drawn mainly from

- College of Health Sciences and
- College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- College of Engineering and Architecture
- College of Biological and Physical Sciences, and the newly established
- Open, Distance and e-Learning Campus.

A breakdown of graduands awards were as follows:

Higher doctorate degree	-	1	Bachelors	-	5,413
Doctor of philosophy	-	56	Diplomas	-	747
Masters	-	2,130	Fellowships	-	27
Postgraduate diplomas	-	54			

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PARTICIPATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI AT THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF KENYA - NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR 2019

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 6, 2019



The Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK) Nairobi International Trade Fair (NITF) 2019 was held from September 30th to October 6th, 2019 at the Jamhuri Park Grounds, Nairobi. The theme for the year 2019 was “Promoting Innovation and Technology in Agriculture and Trade”. The University of Nairobi, showcased cutting-edge research breakthroughs in areas of Agricultural innovations, food safety and quality, agricultural processing and value addition, environmental conservation and capacity development in agriculture and agro-based industry.

The 2019 NITF was officially opened on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya and who is the ASK Show Patron, Hon Uhuru Kenyatta. The Ag. Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nairobi (UoN), Prof. Isaac Mbeche and the acting CAVS Principal, Prof. Rose Nyikal were among the invited guests during the official opening. Members of the University top management who visited the University stand included the Deputy Vice Chancellor, (Human Resource and Administration), Prof. Stephen Kiama.

The participation by the management team underscores the importance and support that the institution gives towards the development of the country and the achievement of the Big four Agenda. The University plays a major role in providing cutting-edge research outputs that support development and enhances food and nutritional security.

The NITF platform provides the opportunity for UoN to interact with stakeholders, clients, partners and the public in showcasing its achievements as well as getting stakeholder feedback.

The University of Nairobi participated in the following categories:

- The Stand that Best Interprets Current Show Theme - Education/Research
- The Best University Stand
- The Best Stand in Research and Development
- The Best Innovation and Invention Stand
- The Best Stand in Youth Activities, Empowerments and Capacity Building
- The Best Stand Embracing ICT Systems
- The Best Stand that promote cohesion and national Integration
- Farm and Dairy section
- Farm and Animal produce

Performance by the University of Nairobi in the Trade Fair

The University of Nairobi emerged second at the Best University Stand and the Best Stand in Research and Development and third for the Stand that best interprets Current Show theme Education and/or Research. There were a lot of irregularities in the judging that so our stand among others no judged yet graded with some stands being judged for wrong categories. The Show committee has since lodged a protest letter with ASK.

Sampled Projects

- i) Guava Value Addition and Processing – “Innovative Processing of Local Guava for Improved Economic and Nutritional Security”
- ii) Cassava Value Addition Project - “CASSAVA VALUE CHAIN: A working model towards the actualization of Kenya BIG 4 Agenda”
- iii) Pigeon pea project - NITF Poster entitled ‘Breeding Pigeon pea for enhanced phytochemicals, food and nutrition security’
- iv) Tissue Culture Regeneration of Melia for biopesticide production
- v) Air pollution sensor technology
- vi) Delivery Cushion In line With Turkana Community Culture: Support for maternal and child health
- vii) Fruits value addition project- NITF Poster entitled- ‘Naturally made, naturally tasty jam Made from locally sourced fruits from farmers’

Farm and Dairy Category Prizes

The College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences participated in the farm and dairy section and won the University over 50 first, second and third prizes:

- The ASK Perpetual Challenge Cup
- The International Potatoes Centre Perpetual Challenge Cup
- Albatros Fertilizers Perpetual Challenge Cup
- Haig Perpetual Challenge Cup
- Ideal Farm Perpetual challenge Cup
- Walla Perpetual Challenge Cup,-,Pigs Section
- Ash Stead Perpetual Challenge Trophy,-,Pigs Section

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| First prize | - Heavy-weight Commercial Layer – Class 11 |
| Third prize | - Heavy-weight Commercial Layer- Class 11 |
| First Prize | - Medium-weight Commercial Layer - Class 10 |
| Second Prize | - Medium-weight Commercial Layer- Class 10 |
| Third Prize | - Medium-weight Commercial Layer- Class 10 |
| First Prize | - Light-Weight indigenous Cock - Class 25 |
| First Prize | - Light-Weight indigenous trio - Class 26 |
| Third prize | - One Bale or Truss Grass Hay - Class 69 |
| Third prize | - Supreme Champion Cock - Kenchic Competition Cup |
| | The Indigenous Champion Cock |
| Second prize | - Heavy-weight commercial layer- Class 11 |
| First prize | - One bale or Truss Grass Hay- Class 69 |
| Second Prize | - One hand of 12 bananas Musa SPP |
| First prize | - Cabbages- Hybrid Gloria f1 |
| Second Prize | - Cabbages- Hybrid Gloria f2 |
| Second Prize | - Cabbages- Hybrid Gloria f2 |
| First Prize | - 10kgs Bags sweet potatoes - Red type |
| First Prize | - Sweet Potatoes |
| Second Prize | - 10kgs Bags sweet potatoes - Red type |

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First Prize	-	3kgs Pigeon Peas1
First Prize	-	3kgs Pigeon Pea 2
First Prize	-	5kgs Beans white pickled
Second Prize	-	5kgs Beans white pickled
First Prize	-	3kgs Chick Peas
Second Prize	-	3kgs Coffee Parchment
Third Prize	-	3kgs Coffee Parchment
Second Prize	-	One Bale or Truss Grass Hay
Second Prize	-	10kgs Ware Potatoes white type
First Prize	-	One ASK Chatting Tray seed potatoes white type
Second Prize	-	One ASK Chatting Tray seed potatoes red type
Second Prize	-	One ASK Chatting Tray seed potatoes white type
Second Prize	-	10kgs Ware Potatoes White type
Second Prize	-	10kgs Ware Potatoes Red type

University of Nairobi Pilot Plant

The UoN Pilot plant presented cheese, ghee and butter which both won 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize in the competition during the NITF 2019.

University of Nairobi Vet Farm

Supreme Champion Jersey Cow (Champion and reserved champion)
Poker Pig (two cups, the Walla perpetual challenge cup and the Ash stead perpetual cup. The Supreme Champion, champion and the Reserved Champion Jersey breed were paraded before the President.

Lessons Learnt:

- i) Need to start preparations early
- ii) Provision of adequate funding to units
- iii) Reliable transport especially at unit level

University Aligns Activities to Big Four Agenda

By Bernard D. Njuguna

On December 12, 2017, President Uhuru Kenyatta announced a new legacy plan, targeting four key social pillars, to guide the development agenda of the country during his second term in office for the period 2018-2022.

He said, “You, the Kenyan people, spoke clearly. We want dignity; we want to put enough food on our tables, and we want a lower cost of living.” I listened, and so, the ‘**Big Four**’ Agenda was born.

The agenda focuses on key basic needs that are critical in uplifting the standard of living of Kenyans on the path to becoming an upper middle-income country by 2030.

President Kenyatta stated, “I came up with four responses to your concerns. I call them the Big Four: food security, affordable housing, manufacturing, and affordable healthcare for all,”

The President committed all his energy to the Big Four saying, “I am dedicating the energy, time and resources of my Administration to the Big Four. The Big Four will create jobs, which will enable our people to meet their basic needs.”



The Big Four agenda prioritizes

- i) Affordable and decent housing
- ii) Affordable universal healthcare
- iii) Food and nutritional security
- iv) Employment creation through manufacturing.

In line with the President's vision, the University of Nairobi has aligned its activities to the Big Four through generation of home grown solutions to address the four pillars. This has been made possible by the highly skilled and talented manpower at its disposal coupled with wide networks of researchers and entrepreneurs locally and internationally. The University has institutionalized the delivery of the Big Four in its all its activities in line with its strategic themes of teaching and learning; research, innovation and enterprise; and students' affairs. The University commits to provide skilled manpower for the achievement of the Big Four.

As regards the Health pillar, the University of Nairobi continues to lead in conducting HIV–AIDs research through the College of Health Sciences with the ultimate aim of eliminating one the most dilapidating epidemic that has claimed many lives world over. The University is also the key driver in the 10 cancer centres set by the Government to manage the cancer burden.

Four of these are already operational to supplement the existing ones at Kenyatta National, Moi and Kenyatta University Referral Hospitals.

The University has also partnered with the Government in developing the East African Kidney Institute as a centre of excellence in dealing with kidney related complications. This is an East African Community investment which is in tandem with ongoing capacity building expected to improve access to quality health care services for renal patients in the region. In this regard, a number of specialist postgraduate programmes have been rolled out in areas such renal, nutrition and cancer nursing care.

The University has continued to provide a platform for dialogues and discourses touching on the Big Four. One such initiative is the Nation Leadership Forum, a partnership between the University of Nairobi and the

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Nation Media Group that brought together experts, government and stakeholders to discuss issues such as Sanitation, Nutrition, Housing, post harvest losses, among others. The forum seeks to provoke discourse, encourage dialogue, shape opinions and policy directions, and create practical solutions on key issues critical to the development and growth of Kenya.

To ignite an innovation and create culture, the University since last year has hosted the University of Nairobi Research Week and the Nairobi Innovation Week. These two events provide an opportunity to budding innovators to show case their inventions and pitch them in conferences, workshops and seminars with the aim of seeking solutions to challenges touching on the Big Four pillars.

As regards the manufacturing pillar, the University in conjunction with the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) hosted an international conference in November under the theme "Africa and the Fourth Industrial Revolution: Defining a Role for Research Universities". Thematic areas touched on education; health care and agriculture were comprehensively discussed.

Regarding food security, the University partnered with the African Union to host the 2nd All Africa Postharvest Congress and Exhibition (AAPHCE) at the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The theme of the Congress was, "Postharvest Loss Reduction and Agro-Processing: Drivers of Agricultural Transformation in Africa." This was follow up to the 1st AAPHCE congress which was hosted by the University in March 2017 with support from the Rockefeller Foundation as the strategic partner.

Following recommendations from the first Congress, the University formally requested the African Union Commission to institutionalize the All Africa Postharvest Congress. The Addis Ababa Convention therefore served as a key step towards the institutionalization of the congress and making it one of the important platforms of the African Union biennial mutual accountability processes.

On housing, the University has proposed development of a student hostel complex to accommodate 5,000 students, especially, the international students and visiting faculty.

The project is to be developed on a 3.7 acres piece of University land on Harry Thuku road. The development will contain studio apartments, deluxe apartments, a parking lot for 1,000 vehicles, business centres, seminar rooms, a library, cafeterias and a restaurant, a swimming pool, an indoor games facility, and a health club.

On manufacturing, the University has embarked on training skilled labour in the oil and gas sector as the country readies itself for the commercialization of the industry in 2022. Early oil exploration has so far relied on foreign players to a large proportion, meaning that Kenya has missed out on employment opportunities in the sector. The University received a Ksh.100 million share from government to set up an institute for petroleum engineering. A Petroleum engineering programme has been launched and was receiving considerable interest from applicants.

The University was also at the forefront in using and promoting the use of clean green energy. A project of generating electricity from Solar Photo-Voltaic systems help reduce energy costs for the institution has began at the Main campus with the ultimate goal of expanding it to other campuses. A distributed renewable energy generation project at the University is in line with the Vision 2030 to increase national power generation, provide the energy required to accelerate growth with generation of electrical energy from renewable and sustainable sources.

Since inception, the University has continued to provide holistic graduates for the job market. Our graduates are exposed to various captains of industry who equip them with soft skills that make them competitive and employable. One such initiative is Dr. Vijoo Rattansi Annual Chancellor's Career and Jobs Fair that brings graduates and employers together with the aim of connecting graduates with industry partners for jobs and internship opportunities.

As a University, we believe opportunities only meet those who are prepared, and indeed, the University has provided a clear road map for the realization of the Big Four Agenda.

THE CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE COMPLEX OFFICIALLY HANDED OVER TO UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI



The new Confucius Institute Building located on Arboretum Drive was on Friday, May 29, 2020 officially handed over to the University of Nairobi by the Chinese Ambassador to Kenya and representatives of Confucius institute in China at a ceremony presided over by the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Prof. George Magoha, University Chancellor, Dr Vijoo Rattansi and the Chair of Council, Prof. Julia Ojiambo and the Vice Chancellor, Prof Stephen Kiama. This was an online cum physical event that was streamed live in line with Ministry of Health guidelines due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Education Cabinet Secretary Prof. George Magoha hands over the Certificate to Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi. Looking on is the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Stephen Kiama.



The virtual cum physical handing over ceremony was conducted at the 150 capacity Auditorium

The building is on a prime land of 3.13 acres valued at KES 900 M. The entire complex is fully furnished and equipped and was built through a grant by the Peoples Republic of China at a cost of KES 1.4 B. The total built up area is 6,000 square meters consisting of teaching facilities, multi media Laboratories, public and exhibition spaces, hostels and parking.

The University management requested for assistance for the construction of a connecting bridge to Chiromo and Main campuses for a safer vehicular entry to the complex and communication.

INSTALLATION OF THE EIGHTH VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI



Prof. Stephen Kiama Gitahi was on Friday, June 5, 2020 installed as the eighth Vice Chancellor of the University of Nairobi at a colourful virtual-cum physical ceremony streamed live on all social platforms worldwide. The Installation ceremony was conducted by the Chancellor of the University of Nairobi, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi, OGW and witnessed by the Council led by the Chairperson, Prof. Julia Ojiambo, former Vice Chancellors, Ministry of Education officials, Senate, staff and student union representatives. Other key stake holders included the alumni, donors and Prof Kiama's family members led by his dear wife Dr Teresia Nungari and children. Prof. Kiama was competitively selected on January 6, 2020 after a rigorous exercise conducted by the Public Service Commission of Kenya and a list of the three best candidates submitted to the Council for appointment.

At exactly 9.00 am, the incoming Vice Chancellor was escorted to Taifa Hall in an academic procession that included the Chancellor, Council Chairperson, former Vice Chancellors, Senate, staff and student representatives. The incoming Vice Chancellor sat among the faculty until he was unveiled by the Chairperson of Council who called out his name and he responded, **“Present Madam”**.

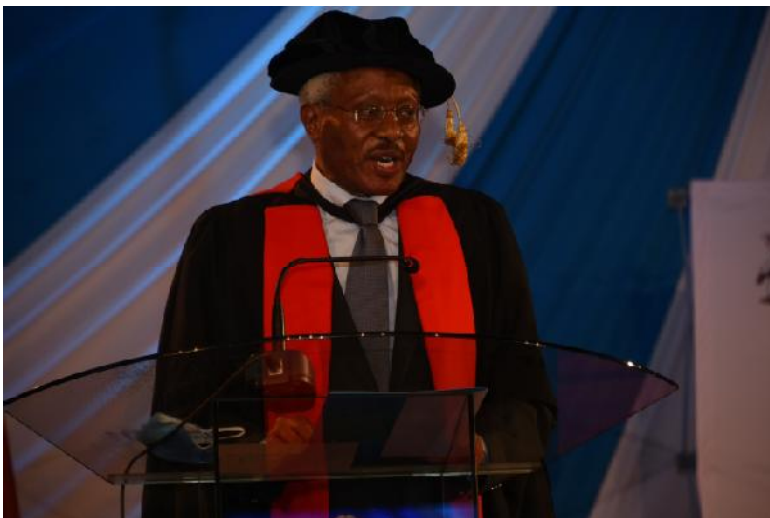


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The three former Vice Chancellors present; Prof Francis Gichaga, Prof Crispus Kiamba and Prof. Peter Mbithi ushered the incoming Vice Chancellor into the Robing room where they removed his academic gown and robed him with the Vice Chancellor's regalia.

The Installation ceremony was preceded by a citation on Prof. Stephen Kiama Gitahi, eloquently delivered by one of the former Vice Chancellors, Prof. Crispus Kiamba.



Describing Prof. Kiama as a person of many achievements and equal among equals, Prof. Kiamba noted that Prof Kiama holds a doctorate degree in Structural Biology from University of Bern in Switzerland, Master and Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Nairobi, among other academic and professional achievements. He noted that Prof. Kiama was an accomplished scholar with proven track record in formulating and managing academic programs and was highly published in international peer reviewed journals. He revealed that it was Prof. Kiama's initiative that conceptualized and actualized the

Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace and Environmental Studies of the University of Nairobi. The Institute is named after the Nobel Laureate in Kenya, Prof Wangari Maathai.

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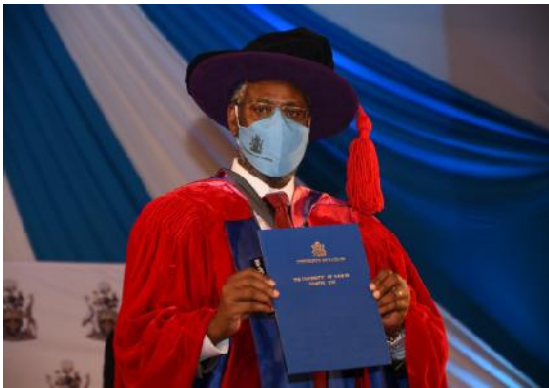
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Prior to his current appointment, Prof. Kiama served as the University's Deputy Vice Chancellor (Human Resource & Administration) and was formerly the Principal, College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences, the Founder Director of Wangari Maathai Institute and Associate Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. He serves in several Boards of Schools and other organizations. He concluded by noting with appreciation of Prof. Kiama's distinguished academia and leadership role in the society that spans over 30 years.

The installation ceremony then began following strict rites and protocols with documented rites befitting the initiation of a don in a world class university.

In a very meticulous, military precision, the Chancellor handed over for safe keeping a number of valued University of Nairobi's instruments of power and symbols of authority to the new Vice Chancellor. Thus, signifying his assumption of office as the Vice Chancellor. These instruments of power and symbols of authority included: The Constitution of Kenya 2010, the Universities Act No. 42 of 2012 (amended), the University of Nairobi Charter 2013, the Universities standards and guidelines, 2014, the Code of Conduct and ethics for Public Universities 2009, the University of Nairobi Statutes, the Seal of the University of Nairobi, the University of Nairobi Logo, the Professor Yajnik Fountain popularly known as the Fountain of Knowledge, the Custody of records and finally the University of Nairobi Mace. The Mace represents the authority of the University of Nairobi as an institution of higher learning. As each item was handed over to the incoming Vice Chancellor, a short explanation of the item was read out to the congregation.



Upon receipt of all the instruments and symbols of authority, the new Vice Chancellor signed a Declaration to discharge his duties and uphold the tenets and tradition of the University of Nairobi in the presence of the Chancellor, the Chairperson of the Council and the Council Secretary.

The Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi then presented the eighth Vice Chancellor of the University of Nairobi, Prof. Stephen Kiama Gitahi to a thunderous applause and adulations and fireworks.

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In a most humble sign, the new Vice Chancellor knelt down for dedication by Reverend H. N. Ngere of St. Andrew's PCEA Church assisted by Father Peter Kaigua, Catholic Chaplain University of Nairobi before proceeding to make his inaugural speech.

Congratulations to Professor Stephen Kiama Gitahi on his installation as the eighth Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nairobi.

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