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JOOUST embarks on CBET training

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EMBRACING THE CBET ROUTE



From left Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic, Student Affairs and Research, Prof. Denis Ochuodho, Vice Chancellor Prof. Emily Achieng' Akuno and Registrar, Academic Affairs, Rev. Dr. Walter Akuno during the training launch.

The rigours of the highly dynamic job market demands of the trainers' consistent retooling and refining of their trade. In recognition of this, Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST) recently took its Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) trainers through an intensive week-long training program aimed at empowering them in the nitty-gritties of Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET) approach. This transformative workshop, conducted by

the TVET Curriculum Development Assessment and Certification Council (TVET CDACC), marked a significant step towards enhancing the knowledge, attitude, and skills of JOOUST's TVET trainers. The training encompassed various aspects of CBET, including curriculum design, assessment strategies, and instructional methods that foster holistic development.

Participants were actively engaged in both theoretical and practical sessions, simulating the CBET learning environment. Through group assignments,

discussions, and interactive exercises, the trainers gained insights into CBET and its application in real-world training scenarios.

The workshop was officially launched by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Emily Achieng' Akuno. In her address, Prof. Akuno emphasized the importance of adopting innovative approaches such as CBET to meet the ever-evolving needs of the job market.

“We should embrace diverse elements if sustainability such as environment. This plays a pivotal role in the

learning experience of our students. It is high time we synergized efforts on how learners can sustain what they have learnt into the market and beyond,” said the Vice Chancellor. She underscored TVET as a vital feeder Institution for JOOUST harbouring the potential for rapid and smooth progress.

Mr. Sunguti, the Regional Director, TVET, emphasized the government’s endorsement of CBET in view of its alignment to vision 2030 on industrial development. He reiterated that this positions TVET at the helm of competency and skill training facilitation. He also encouraged the University to patent ideas generated by students and to sensitize more people on the benefits of skill sets in technical courses that are bridging the present gaps in our job market today.

The CBET mode of learning focuses on three core pillars namely: Knowledge, Attitude, and Skill – KAS. In today's rapidly changing job landscape, a mere accumulation of knowledge is no longer sufficient. The CBET approach emphasizes the integration

of knowledge, skills, and the right attitude so as to create a well-rounded and adaptable workforce.

At the end of the week-long exercise, JOOUST's TVET trainers have undoubtedly emerged empowered educators, equipped with the knowledge and tools to implement CBET effectively. They not only completed the coursework but also embraced the CBET ethos, recognizing its potential to bridge the gap between education and employment.

With their newfound expertise, JOOUST's TVET trainers can now serve the TVET CDACC as competent certified internal and external TVET Assessors and Verifiers.



Ms. Everlyn Nyakira, Co-facilitator, TVET Training addresses the trainees during a feedback session.



Participant shares her experience during the training.

JOOUST STUDENTS IN CONSTRUCTION WRITING COMPETITION!



ACMK Student competition launch group photo featuring the association chairperson Mr Ilbert Abiri, MRM marketing manager Ms. Ritah Okello, ACMK officials, ACMK student affiliates, and competitors inclusive of JOOUST Chairlady Ms Ruth Ogachi.

In a display of talent and innovation, students from Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST) have proven their mettle by securing slots in the fourth edition of the annual Association of Construction Managers of Kenya (ACMK) launched on the 13th September, 2023 aimed at bridging the gap between academia and industry, offering students a real-world taste of the construction sector.

This edition brings together five leading universities

tasked to develop and pitch a winning essay, write and present oral reports under the theme of sustainable development over a period of six weeks culminating in an award ceremony. The universities shortlisted for this intense competition include Kenyatta University, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), the University of Nairobi, Technical University of Kenya (TUK), and Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology. These institutions are renowned

for their engineering and construction management programmes, making this competition a fierce battle of intellect, innovation, and skill.

Traditionally, this competition has been hosted at participating universities. However, this year will witness a significant twist whereby the event, organized through collaboration between Mabati Rolling Mills and the Association of Construction Management, will be hosted by the latter.

This shift not only enriches the competition but also exposes students to practical aspects of the construction sector in Kenya.

Ms Ruth Ogachi, the student representative and chairlady of the Association in JOOUST, together with two other members, will be competing for the grand prize of Ksh 30,000 to be awarded to the winning team. The second and third runners-up will receive Ksh 20,000 and Ksh 15,000, respectively. These incentives not only motivate students but also emphasize the value of excellence in the construction management field.

It is heartening to see JOOUST students rise to the occasion and demonstrate their potential as future leaders in the construction management field, something that is in consonance with the university's commitment to preparing its students both academically and professionally. Through participation in such initiatives, the future of Kenya's construction industry looks bright and promising!



ACMK students affiliates tour in MRM manufacturing plant inclusive of JOOUST Chairlady Ms Ruth Ogachi and her team members, Murende Hubert and Rawlings Ouma.



ACMK Student affiliates competition team from JOOUST Inclusive of Chairlady Ms Ruth Ogachi, Murende Hurbert and Rawlings Ouma.

ZOOMING IN TO THE BLACK SOLDIER FLY VALUE CHAIN

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) through Agile Consulting and the Black Soldier Fly Larvae (BSFL) project partners held a value chain analysis validation forum at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology on 12th September 2023. The aim of the forum was to collate feedback from different stakeholders in BSFL value chain which is considered crucial in achieving both County and National level action and investment plans.

The implementation of the Livestock Feed Commercialization Projects is one of FAO's concerted efforts towards solving the challenges related to livestock feed availability and cost in Kenya. Consequently, Agile Consulting undertook a value chain study to inform its implementation by detailing a national perspective of the quantitative economic and financial analysis with a view to developing County and National level action and investment plans.

The various stakeholders who participated in the forum included representatives from the

Siaya County Government, the Development partners/NGOs, feed processors, Agro-inputs traders, service providers, consumers, farmers/group enterprises and FAO Kenya.



Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic, Student Affairs and Research, Prof. Denis Ochuodho addresses the participants during the first session of the forum.



Participants smile for a photo at the Administration block after the forum.



The participants taking notes during the feedback session.

DIRECTOR QUALITY ENHANCEMENT & ASSURANCE ATTENDS THE 12TH EAST AFRICAN HIGHER EDUCATION QUALITY ASSURANCE NETWORK FORUM IN BUJUMBURA, BURUNDI



Prof. Pamela Raburu, Director of Quality Enhancement and Assurance, during the forum

of the 12th Annual Regional Quality Assurance Forum was to identify and reflect on the emerging trends in Higher Education and share experiences on how to nurture them through quality assurance systems. The discussions included;

The impact of emerging trends in higher education on quality of education, Strengthen collaborations, networking and capacity building, Conduct high-level quality assurance dialogue, good practices and challenges in nurturing emerging trends in higher education, Reflect on the internationalization of higher education and quality assurance of emerging trends in higher education institutions and provide recommendations on how to enhance best practices quality assurance to nurture emerging trends in higher education in order to produce graduates that are transformational.

The forum was attended by more than 200 delegates including Directors of Quality Assurance in Universities in East Africa, DVCs and Vice Chancellors among others



Prof. Pamela Raburu at the East African Higher Education Quality Assurance Network Forum.

The Director of Quality Enhancement & Assurance, Prof. Pamela Raburu attended the 12th East African Higher Education Quality Assurance Network Forum on 5th to 8th September 2023. The Forum was organized by the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) in conjunction with East African Higher Education Quality Assurance Network (EAQAN) and Burundi National Commission for Higher Education (CNES).

The theme was “Nurturing Emerging Trends in Higher Education Through Quality Assurance”- The main goal

NURTURING MINDS AND LIFE LONG DREAMS!

BY BECKON WAFULA - STUDENT, SIIS



The University Administration block

In the heart of Bondo, Kenya, where the warm embrace of Lake Victoria meets the vibrant spirit of education, sits Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST), an emblem of aspiration and transformation. . In this narrative, I drop a tribute to JOOUST, a place where minds are nurtured, dreams are kindled, and the fires of university life delightedly cackle.

From the eyes of one student, Kulecho, along the corridors of JOOUST, this Institution isn't just about lectures and assignments; it's a sanctuary of enlightenment. It's where we students find not only knowledge but also the courage to dream

beyond the boundaries of our circumstances. As we navigate the bustling campus, we're surrounded by more than just brick and mortar. We are enveloped in a community of learners, thinkers, and doers. It's a community that knows no boundaries, transcends cultures, language, and geography. For freshers, the genesis of university life here is marked by echoes of innovation and a thirst for knowledge.

JOOUST has become a hub for research and discovery where students and faculty engage in cutting-edge projects that have the potential to change the world. One can't help but be inspired by the dedication of our professors. They're

more than educators; they're mentors, guiding us through the labyrinth of academia. Their passion for teaching and research is contagious, igniting a sizzling fire within us to excel and make our mark in the world.

The campus is more than classrooms and laboratories; it's a stage for cultural celebrations and artistic expression. Our festivals and exhibitions showcase the rich diversity of talents that our students are endowed with, be it in music, dance, or visual arts.

But perhaps what makes JOOUST truly special is its commitment to community service. We're not isolated from the world; we're deeply connected to it. From our outreach programs to environmental initiatives, we steadfastly contribute to the betterment of our society. Long Live JOOUST!



The famous Wi-Fi spot isle leading to the University Library.

PICTORIALS



JOOUST TVET Trainers during the plenary session.



Mr. Alphan appreciates the JOOUST TVET Trainers for their active contribution throughout the week-long training.



Registrar Academic Affairs Rev. Dr. Walter Akuno hands Mr. Alphan Mugambi, TVET Training Co-facilitator a gift hamper from JOOUST.



Registrar Academic Affairs Rev. Dr. Walter Akuno hands Ms. Everlyn Nyakira, TVET Training Co-facilitator a gift hamper from JOOUST.



JOOUST TVET trainers pose for group photo with the TVET CDACC Facilitators in the company of the Vice Chancellor and the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs.

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