



MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

VICE CHANCELLOR'S ROUND UP FOR THE WEEK ENDING,

FRIDAY, 16TH JUNE 2023

- Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) in collaboration with the International School of Climate Migration (ISCM)-UK is delivering month-long lectures on cutting-edge topical issues on Climate Change. The key objectives of this seminar that is hosted at SOAS University of London are to further research around the climate migration nexus, to facilitate an educational forum for critical dialogue, offer evidence-based learning, and solutions-driven engagement, expand the network of scholars and advocate for climate mobility space. The lectures began on 5th June 2023 and will be ongoing until 5th July 2023.
- MMUST's researchers have championed proper documentation of gold mining, with the aim of improving the business in Western, Kenya. This was revealed during a one-day Stakeholder workshop, involving miners from Ikolomani Constituency, which took place on Tuesday, 13th June, 2023 at the Kakamega Sports Club. The Workshop was courtesy of a URF-funded project titled '*Effects of Gold Mining on Education, Environment, Human Health and Social Constructs in Kakamega County, Western Kenya*'.
- MMUST's 16th International Multi-Disciplinary Virtual Conference commenced on 14th June, 2023 with an effort to combat the risks of climate change in the region as well as the globe. The conference themed, '*Climate Change: Impacts and Responses*', brought together scholars from various parts of the planet who are working tirelessly to save the ecosystem. This event which was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor was organized by the Directorate of Research and Postgraduate Studies in conjunction with the School of Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (SDMHA).
- MMUST in collaboration with the Road Safety Mainstreaming conducted a 5-day Intensive Defensive Driving Training for University drivers. This training is facilitated by experts from the Automobile Association of Kenya (AA) and is aimed at improving drivers' knowledge and skills about vehicle and road usage.

- MMUST has won three awards at the ongoing regional Agricultural Society of Kenya show, hosted at the Kakamega Showground. The University was awarded two trophies and certificates for taking the first position on 'The Best University Stand', and 'Best Agro-Processing Stand'. Similarly, we also received a recognition for attaining the third position on the stand that best aligns with the theme of the show, '*Promoting Climate Smart Agriculture and Trade Initiative for Sustainable Economic Growth*'. The show which commenced on Wednesday 14th June, was graced by the Deputy Governor of Kakamega County, Hon. Ayub Savula, and will officially come to a close tomorrow 17th June 2023.
- A group of MMUST researchers who have been implementing a school-led pilot project dubbed '*Creative Expression for Climate Change Education and Action for Primary Schools in Kakamega*', have today, 16th June, 2023, held a stakeholder forum designed to stimulate dialogue on school-led actions towards Climate Change. The project is supported by the African Early Childhood Network (AfCEN) and is aimed at engaging multi-stakeholder dialogue to create innovative solutions and tools to support global response to the threat of Climate Change. This research project is led by the Ag. Director, International Relations and Academic Linkages, Dr. Rose Opiyo.

I wish you a blessed weekend ahead!

Prof. Solomon Shibairo

Vice Chancellor

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Date

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