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**UoN is
11,000
Freshers stronger**

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First Year's Convocation by the Vice Chancellor

The Vice Chancellor (Ag) Prof. Jesang Hutchinson welcomed the first years officially on Thursday, August 22, 2024 at the University's Taifa Hall. The First years' have been reporting and undergoing the registration exercise since Monday, August 19, 2024 in all the campuses. On Wednesday, Aug 21, 2024, every Faculty held its Deans' address. All the 10 Faculties' Management took their first years through the University's procedures, introducing them to the resources and opportunities available for them as they become a part of this great University.

Speaking during the address, the Vice Chancellor congratulated the first years, 'Congratulations on

becoming a part of this iconic and dynamic institution of academic and research excellence. We are welcoming you to a great University marked with history that is linked to the nationhood of Kenya as well as the EAC. From the onset, I want to emphasize that You are not just students; you are now integral members of the great University of Nairobi family. To our international students welcome to the University and welcome to Kenya.'

She elaborated on the importance of the VC address ritual, 'These gatherings are aimed to ease the transition for you freshers and help you to settle down to your new academic environment, which for some might be quite different and sometimes difficult. All of you fresh students may have different expectations while joining your university of choice – UoN! While you may perceive campus life primarily as an avenue for learning and personal growth, I encourage you to embrace the dual purpose of your time here. This Campus is a place for enjoyment, a venue where you will meet and forge lasting networks, partnerships and friendships.'





Prof. Hutchinson encouraged the students to avoid distractions and over indulgence, 'We as a University fraternity expect you to focus on what is the most important issue—what brought you here, work hard, think and dream big, watch out for weaknesses and threats to your academic goals, build on your strengths and take advantage of the opportunities available for you. While enjoying this liberating experience at the University, it is crucial to avoid overindulgence of any kind and enjoy your individual choices and lifestyles with moderation. You will surely emerge as the next generation of great researchers, innovators, entrepreneurs and global leaders.'

Prof. Ayub Gitau, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs (ag), encouraged the students to always interact with the circulars that the office of the DVC Academic Affairs publishes so that they stay afloat with the latest. He also encouraged them to seek assistance and guidance often from the Dean of Students office.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research, Innovation and

Enterprise (Ag), Prof. Francis Mulaa, the Chief Operations Officer, Mr., Brian Ouma, Faculty Deans and Central Administration Heads of Departments were present during the address.



Faculties welcome First Years



Faculty of Law Shines at African Human Rights Moot Court Competition

The University of Nairobi's Faculty of Law has once again demonstrated its excellence on the continental stage, securing an impressive runner-up position at the 33rd Christof Heyns African Human Rights Moot Court Competition held in Kigali, Rwanda from July 22-27, 2024.

The prestigious competition, organized by the Centre for Human Rights, South Africa, saw participation from 60 teams across Africa, including 50 Anglophone, nine Francophone, and one Lusophone team. The University of Nairobi's team, paired with Université Thomas Sankara from Burkina Faso, showcased exceptional legal acumen and oratory skills throughout the event.

In a remarkable display of individual talent, Michael Mburu from the University of Nairobi emerged as the Best Oralist during the Preliminary Rounds, while his teammate Emmy Okingi secured the position of Second Best Oralist. These achievements highlight the

caliber of students being nurtured at the University of Nairobi's Faculty of Law.

The team's success is a testament to the rigorous training and mentorship provided by their coach, Sam Alosa, whose guidance proved instrumental in the team's stellar performance. This accomplishment not only brings pride to the University of Nairobi but also underscores Kenya's growing reputation in the field of legal education and human rights advocacy.

The Faculty of Law extends its heartfelt congratulations to the team for their outstanding performance and for representing the University of Nairobi with distinction on the international stage. This achievement is expected to inspire current and future law students at the university, encouraging them to strive for excellence in their legal studies and future careers.

As the University of Nairobi continues to strengthen its position as a leading institution for legal education in Africa, this accomplishment serves as a stepping stone for future successes in similar competitions and reinforces the university's dedication to nurturing legal talent and promoting human rights across the continent.





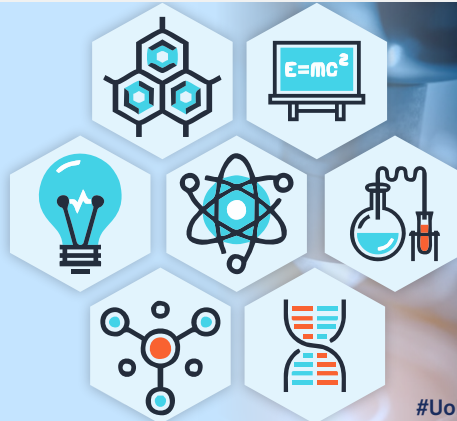

RESEARCH WEEK

— 2024 —

THEME:
**“Harnessing Research
 for Resilience and Sustainability
 of Community”**
28th October - 1st November 2024

University of Nairobi

www.researchweek.uonbi.ac.ke



#UoNResearchweek #WeareUoN

The University of Nairobi is once again set to host its annual Research Week, running from October 28th to November 1st, 2024. This event marks the 7th edition of the Research Week, a crucial forum for researchers, academicians, industry players, and students to converge and share ground-breaking research findings and innovations.

This year's theme, “Harnessing Research for Resilience and Sustainability of Communities,” is a reprise of last year's due to the immense interest and relevance it garnered

The five-day event is designed to provide a platform for disseminating research outcomes, fostering collaborations, and stimulating intellectual discussions. It will feature a series of conferences where researchers can present their papers and abstracts, engaging in meaningful exchanges with peers and experts from various sectors.

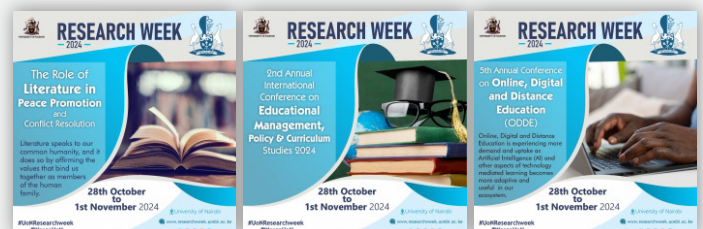
This year an impressive line-up of 12 conferences will featured, providing a platform for diverse academic and practical discourse. Some key conferences include:

- 7th Annual Victim Support conference
- The 7th Annual Conference on the Status of African Women
- Global Environmental Change and Governance Conference
- The Role of Literature in Peace Promotion and Conflict Resolution
- 2ND Annual International Conference on Educational Management, Policy & Curriculum Studies 2024
- 5th Annual Conference on Online, Digital and Distance Education (ODDE)
- 6th Annual International Conference on Project Planning and Management
- 6th Annual Development Finance Conference (ADFC) 2024
- 9th DBA-Africa Management Review International Conference (DBA-AMR CONFERENCE)
- 7th Annual Conference of the Faculty of Science and Technology
- 3RD Annual Faculty of Law Conference 2024
- Second Annual International Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Scientific Conference and Corporate Social Responsibility

The University of Nairobi invites all researchers, students, practitioners, and interested parties to participate in this significant event. It is a unique opportunity to share your research findings, receive feedback, and explore potential policy interventions that can arise from rigorous academic discourse.

As we count down the days to the Research Week, the anticipation builds for what promises to be an intellectually enriching and collaborative event. Whether you are a seasoned researcher or a budding scholar, the University of Nairobi Research Week offers a vibrant platform to contribute to and benefit from the collective pursuit of knowledge and innovation.

CONFERENCE POSTERS



UoN Researchers recognized at the Inaugural National Research Festival 2024

The University of Nairobi researchers and innovators participated in the just ended inaugural National Research Festival held at the Edge Convention from Monday, August 19- 23, 2024 themed, 'Research Partnerships and Collaborations for Socio-Economic Transformation. The objective of the week-long event was to showcase Kenya's dynamic research and innovation environment.

During the closing Ceremony, UoN researchers from different fields were recognized and honored for their contribution to their areas of specialization. Professor David Musyimi Ndetei, Professor Ruth Nduati and Socrates Majune were among the researchers that were recognized and awarded.

Professor David Musyimi Ndetei was awarded the outstanding Social Sciences Life Time Award for his pioneering work in psychiatry and mental health. His research and advocacy have significantly improved mental health services and policies in Kenya and globally. Prof Ndetei, a renowned scholar in psychiatry and mental health, has dedicated his career to improving mental health services in Kenya and worldwide. His research has significantly shaped national and international mental health policies, positively impacting countless lives. He has also played a pivotal role in mentoring the next generation of mental health professionals and spearheading crucial research initiatives.

Professor Ruth Nduati was awarded with the outstanding Life Sciences Life Time Award for her contributions to pediatric and public health research. Her groundbreaking work in preventing mother-to-child

transmission of HIV has set a global standard. Her research continues to improve healthcare outcomes for mothers and children. Professor Nduati's extensive body of work encompasses numerous peer-reviewed publications that inspire the global scientific community.

Socrates Majune from the Department of Economics was awarded the National Young Outstanding Researcher.

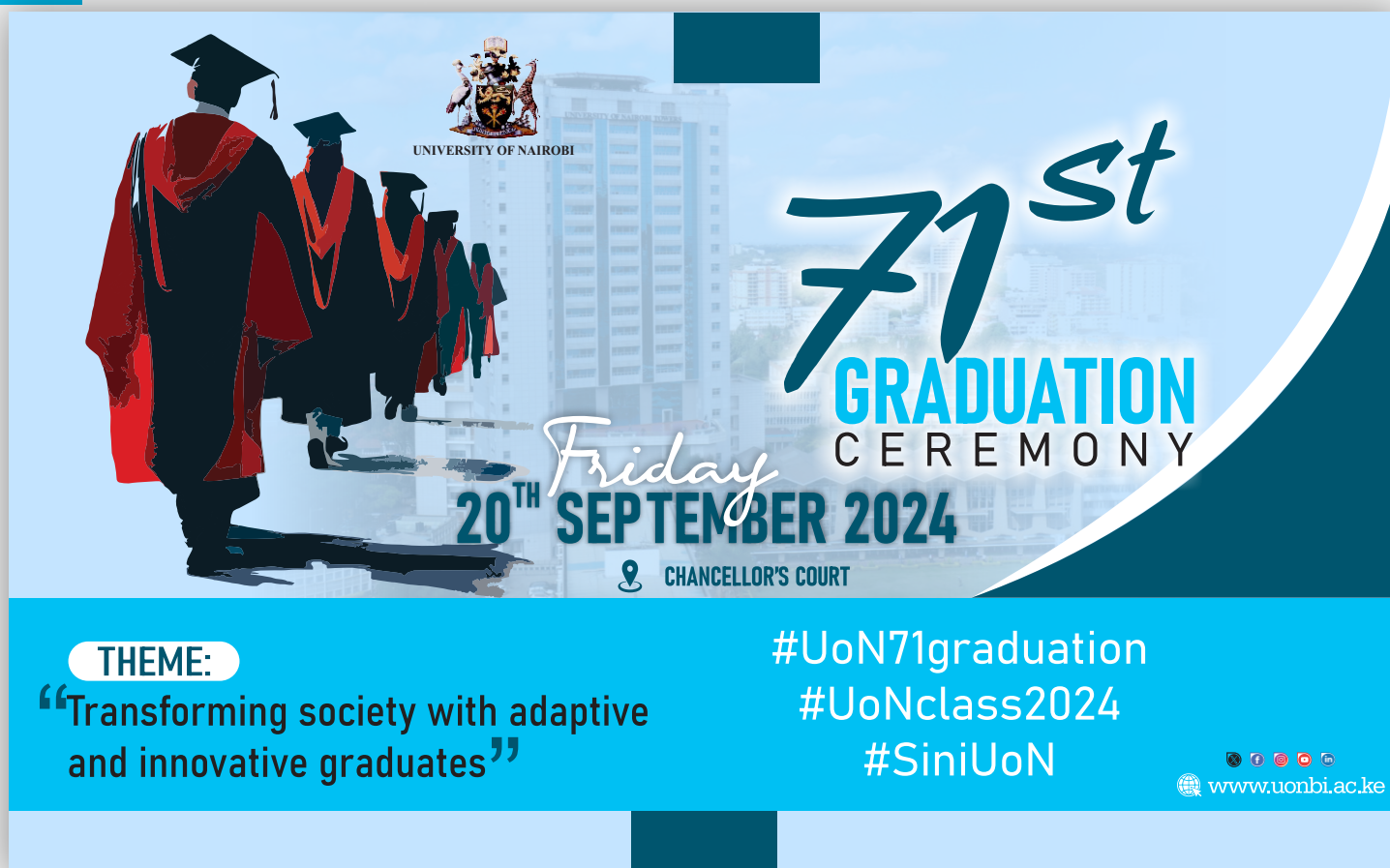
Speaking during the award ceremony, Prof. Jesang Hutchinson, the UoN Vice Chancellor (Ag), Celebrated the awardees for their contribution to research over the years and for transforming society through their research solutions. She urged the researchers to continue flying the UoN flag higher

Socrates Majune who was represented by his sister, described the award as humbling added that he was glad to be honoured as the National Outstanding Young Researcher, "This is an appreciation of research skills built for over a decade, of course, with collaborations with researchers and opportunities offered by organizations."

"For this reason, I am indebted to all my co-authors, my employer, the University of Nairobi, the WTO, AERC, AFEA, and organizations that have offered me opportunities in different roles. NRF, thank you very much for the recognition."

The awards highlight the importance of research and innovation in driving Kenya's socio-economic development.





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71st
GRADUATION
CEREMONY

Friday
20TH SEPTEMBER 2024

CHANCELLOR'S COURT

THEME:
“Transforming society with adaptive and innovative graduates”

#UoN71graduation
#UoNclass2024
#SiniUoN

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INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL GRADUANDS

The University of Nairobi is in the process of updating the graduands information. The 71st Graduation Ceremony will be held **PHYSICALLY** on **Friday 20th September 2024** starting at **7.30 a.m.** Graduands should be assembled by **7.00 a.m.**

- 1) Confirm that all marks entered in the SMIS are correct and all required units are complete.
- 2) All fees should be cleared at least one month before graduation.
- 3) Convocation fee should be paid before filling an Application for Graduation:

(i) Convocation fee Ksh. 1,000.00

(This payment is compulsory whether one attends the graduation ceremony or not)

(ii) Congregation fee Ksh. 2,500.00

(iii) Hire of graduation gown:

PhD Ksh. 4,000.00

Masters Ksh. 4,000.00

Post Graduate Diploma Ksh. 4,000.00

Bachelors Ksh. 4,000.00

Diploma Ksh. 4,000.00

All graduands are expected to attend the graduation ceremony physically. Payments should be made to the following account:

Bank: ABSA KENYA PLC

Branch: ABSA Towers

Account Number: 2032770838

Account Name: UON MODULE I COLLECTION ACCOUNT

- 4) A student who has not satisfied all the requirements for graduation will not be awarded the corresponding diploma or conferred with the corresponding degree/fellowship.
- 5) Once the diploma is awarded or degree/fellowship conferred during the graduation ceremony, no changes will be made.
- 6) Only those students who have completed the Application for Graduation by the stipulated time will be included in the graduation list.

All Graduands who have fulfilled the above requirements should complete the following application form on or before 6th September, 2024.

Application link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe9qgn2CyKeVB5vqac-8SvTA2JNLIYNp7eqQoLcF2zq8RoVYw/viewform?usp=sf_link



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11:30 am to 3:30pm

University of Nairobi Towers, Chandaria Auditorium,
6th Floor

Walk-Ins Welcome!



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50TH PROFESSORIAL INAUGURAL LECTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

BY

JANE AMBUKO, PhD

PROFESSOR OF HORTICULTURE

TOPIC:

'From the Lab to the Land: Solutions for
Food Loss & Waste Reduction for the
People and the Planet'



Taifa Hall, Main Campus



Friday, 27th September 2024



2.00 PM (EAT)

Virtual Link: <https://youtube.com/live/cz-q2CNG8fi?feature=share>

All the staff and students of the University of Nairobi and members of the public are welcome to the lecture.
Guests are requested to be seated by 1.30 p.m.

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