



KARATINA UNIVERSITY

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## KARATINA UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC STAFF UNDERGO TRAINING ON CBC

From 29<sup>th</sup> February to 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Karatina University academic staff underwent training in Competency Based Curriculum (CBC). This was in readiness for the implementation of the new curriculum at the University which is scheduled to start in the year 2029 when the first cohort of CBC high school graduates is expected to join university. The training was held at RCH 18 hall. In attendance were the Vice Chancellor Prof. Linus M. Gitonga, the Ag. DVC P,F&A, Prof. Richard Kiai, Ag. DVC AR&SA Prof. Hellen W. Kamiri, Registrar AA, Deans of Schools and lecturers.

The training was opened by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Linus M. Gitonga. He urged members of staff to be keen during the training. He noted that the aim of the training was to help the staff and the University at large to re-examine their pedagogical approaches and ensure that they are CBC compliant. There was need for the academic staff to update themselves on the new trends in education that have been occasioned by the implementation of the new curriculum. The VC further said that the training was part of the University's staff capacity building mandate. It was also a requirement by the Commission for University Education (CUE) that in future one will be required to show evidence of CBC compliance for one to be allowed to teach at university. Universities must also show evidence of staff training and preparation for the new curriculum.



*From left the Ag. DVC ARSA Prof. Hellen Kamiri, The Vice Chancellor Prof. Linus M. Gitonga and the Ag. DVC P,F&A Prof Richard Kiai following the training proceedings.*

The VC further advised the dons to make the best of the training which would enable them adopt to the new changes if they were to remain relevant. This was one in many more series of training that the University will be organizing from time to time and he therefore called upon the dons to turn up whenever required to do so. In addition, the VC promised that the University will sponsor at least five lecturers to train further on CBC so that they could become CBC champions and even train others.

The training was conducted by Prof. Fredrick Ngala, an Education specialist who is also the Dean, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences at Kararaka University, Nakuru

## Chief Guest Prof. Fredrick Ngala Remarks:

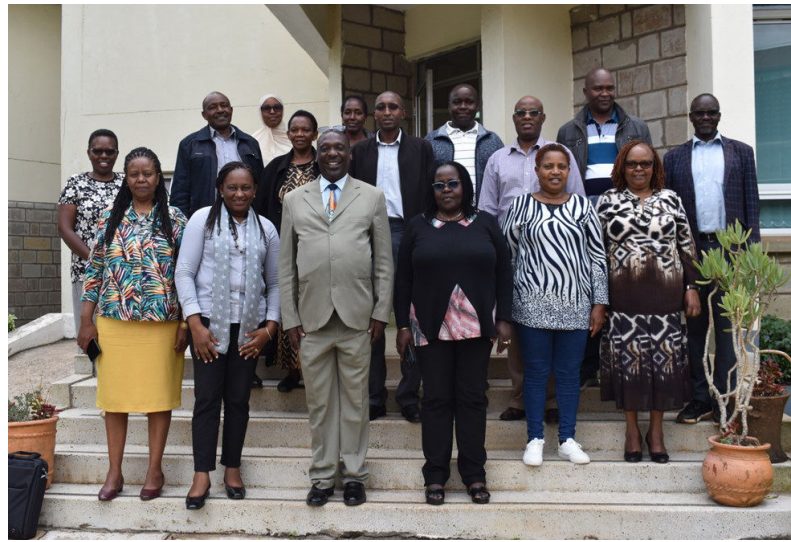
In his introductory remarks, Prof Ngala explained that the Commission for University Education (CUE) is in the process of conducting a survey to ensure that all the universities in Kenya have a curriculum that aligns with the Vision 2030, the country's Big Four agenda and the National values. He therefore encouraged the lecturers to update themselves from time to time on CBC through training such as the current one.



### Members of academic staff during training on CBC

Prof. Ngala first took the lecturers through the various components of the current Knowledge Based Curriculum (KBC) of the 8-4-4 system of education so that they could later appreciate the differences between the old and the new curricular. He later took them through the various aspects of CBC.

The trainer used various approaches that included lectures and practical tasks that made the training quite stimulating. At the end of the training, the lecturers were satisfied that the session was worth their time as it was quite informative and an eye opener on the new curriculum.



*Front row from left, the Dean SESS Prof. Lucy Ndegwa, Ag. DVC ARSA Prof. Hellen Kamiri, the guest speaker Prof. Fredrick Ngala , Registrar ARSA Dr. Wangari Gathuhi and the academic staff members pose for a group photo after the official closing of the training.*

## MEETING WITH HOSTEL OWNERS

On 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024, the Dean of Students and the Hostels Officer held a consultative meeting with the owners of hostels around Karatina University. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues related to students' accommodation and chart the way forward.

The Ag. DVC PF&A, Prof. Richard Kiai, Ag. DVC ARS&A Prof. Hellen W. Kamiri, the area MCA Hon. Jackson Kabingu, Assistant County Commissioner Ms. Lillian, area chiefs, sub-chiefs and hostel owners also attended the meeting.



The Students' Governing Council, led by the Chairperson Mr. Rono Kimutai Elijah, appreciated the University and the landlords for working together to ensure that there is an amicable solution to the students' accommodation.

During the meeting, the Dean of Students Dr. Peter Ngugi expressed his gratitude to the hostel owners for attending the meeting. He stated that the aim of the meeting was to discuss issues relating to students' accommodation and address capacity building. He encouraged the hostel owners and landlords to work together and continue partnering with the University for the benefit of all. He also stated that the University is keen in fostering community engagement and wants to be part of the community by having a partnership for mutual benefit.

On her part, Prof. Hellen Kamiri, expressed her gratitude to the landlords for opening their doors to the University and hosting the students. . She noted that there was a need to create a database of all hostel owners so that when issues arise, the University can have an easier way of helping address the matters.



*The Ag. DVC ARSA Prof. Hellen Kamiri addressing the hostel owners during the engagement*

Prof. Richard Kiai, who spoke on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, emphasized on the importance of capacity building and work together to ensure that the students are comfortable so that they can achieve academic excellence. He further stated that the University plans to work with the community for the betterment of the students' welfare.



*The Ag. DVC ARSA Prof. Richard Kiai addressing the hostel owners during the engagement*

## MATHIRA WEST EDUCATION DAY

On 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, a team from Karatina University led by Dr. Flora Runji attended the Mathira West Education Day, on behalf of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Linus M. Gitonga, at Kaiyaba Stadium. The theme of the event was "Re-awakening Academic Excellence in Mathira West." The aim of the event was to celebrate academic achievements in the learning institutions in Mathira West. Karatina University had been invited as an academic centre for excellence. The chief guest of the event was the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Honorable Ezekiel

## MATHIRA WEST EDUCATION DAY



*Dr. Runji Flora exchanging pleasantries with the CS Hon. Machogu addressing the audience*

Speaking during the event Hon. Machogu appreciated the efforts that the education stakeholders have put in place to ensure that academic excellence throughout the region.



*The CS Hon. Machogu addressing the audience*

## CAREER TALK AT KANJURI HIGH SCHOOL

On Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 a team from Karatina University visited Kanjuri High School for a career choice talk following an invite from the School's management. The Directorate of Career Services and University Industry Linkage in collaboration with the Directorate of Postgraduate Studies facilitated the event. The aim of the career talk was to enable the students to pick a contemporary career field, set goals and create an action plan to achieve the goals that they have set. In attendance was Prof. Joseph Maitaria, Dr. Everlyne Anduvare, Mr. Mugo James, Dr. Stephen Macharia among others. The career talk team had a fruitful talk with the form 2 students who were guided on how to choose subjects wisely that would lead to their future career choices.



*Dr. Stephen Macharia addressing the Form 4 students of Kanjuri High School on Career Choices*

The students were encouraged to work smart and to discover their interests and strengths to guide their subject choices that would lead to career choices. The team also had an opportunity to talk to the form 4 students, the students were guided on the requirements of the various programmes offered at Karatina University. The School Principal, Mr. Paul Gachoka, appreciated the University team and the University management for their dedication and immense support provided to the School





*The Karatina University Career Talk Team pose for a photo with the Kanjuri High School students.*

