



Inspiring Innovation and Leadership

KARATINA UNIVERSITY

The Inauguration Ceremony
**OF PROF ISAAC MUTHURE MACHARIA
THE 2ND CHANCELLOR OF
KARATINA UNIVERSITY**

On 16th October 2025 at Karatina University



THE GREEN ENTREPRENEURIAL UNIVERSITY : INSPIRING INNOVATION AND LEADERSHIP

KARATINA UNIVERSITY

Vision, Mission, Core Values

Vision:

To be a University of global excellence, meeting the dynamic needs and development of society.

Mission:

To conserve, create and disseminate knowledge through training, research, innovation and community outreach for posterity

Core Values:

Equity, Excellence, Mutual Respect, Good Governance, Academic Freedom, Accountability, Teamwork, Probity

Schools, Directorates and Department

Schools

Agriculture and Biotechnology
Business
Education and Social Sciences
Health Sciences
Natural Resources and Environmental Studies
Pure and Applied Sciences

Directorates

Board of Postgraduate Studies
Community Outreach
Information Communication Technology (ICT)
Open and Distance Learning (ODEL)
Quality Assurance and ISO
Research, Innovation and Extension
Resource Mobilization & International Programmes
Tea Institute
University Industry Linkages, Career Services & Alumni Relations
University Library
Dean of Students
Coordinator, University Timetable

Departments

Agricultural Sciences
Biological and Physical Sciences
Business and Economics
Clinical Medicine
Computer Science and Informatics
Curriculum, Technology and Management
Food Science and Nutrition
Human Resource Development
Humanities
Languages
Mathematics Statistics and Actuarial Science
Medical Laboratory Sciences
Nursing and Public Health
Psychology, SNE and Education Foundation
Social Sciences
Tourism and Hospitality Management

GAZETTE NOTICE No. 4653

THE UNIVERSITIES ACT (No. 42 of 2012) KARATINA UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENT IN EXERCISE OF the Powers conferred by section 38(1) (a) of the Universities Act. 2012, I, William Samoei Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces, appoints — ISAAC MUTHURE MACHARIA (PROF) to be the Chancellor of the Karatina University, for a period of five (5) years, with effect from 11th April 2025.

Dated the 11th April 2025,

WILLIAM SAMOEI RUTO

President.

The appointment culminates to his installation as the 2nd Chancellor of Karatina University inaugurated on 16th October 2025 preceding the 13th Congregation of Karatina University Graduation Ceremony.

PROGRAMME AND ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE 2ND KARATINA UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR

Prof Isaac Muthure Macharia



On 16th October 2025 at Karatina University

- 7.00a.m: All invited guests, Staff and Students take their seats at the Graduation Square.
- 7.00a.m: Arrival of the Chairperson of the University Council, Vice Chancellor, Council Members and the University Management in the University Boardroom.
- 7.30a.m: Arrival of the Chancellor at the reception (To be received by the Chairperson of the University Council, Vice Chancellor, Council Members and the University Management).
- 7.40a.m: The Chancellor signing of the visitors book at the Office of the Vice Chancellor accompanied by the Chairman of the University Council.
- 8.00a.m: The Chancellor plants a commemorative tree accompanied by Council Members and then, joins VIP Guests.

- 8.00a.m: Arrival of VIP Guests
- 8.30a.m: Robing of University Council Members and Invited Guests
- 9.00a.m: **Academic procession** moves to the dais in the following order:
- Students Representatives
 - Academic Staff
 - Members of Senate
 - Representatives of Other Universities
- 9.00a.m: All standing, **The Chancellor's procession** moves to dais in the following order:
- Mace Bearer
 - Registrars
 - Deans of Schools and Directors
 - University Librarian
 - Dean of Students
 - Deputy Principals
 - Principals of Constituent Colleges and Campuses
 - Deputy Vice Chancellors of other Universities
 - Vice Chancellors of other Universities
 - Members of Council, Karatina University
 - Deputy Vice Chancellors, Karatina University
 - Vice Chancellor, Karatina University
 - Chairman of Council, Karatina University
 - Principal Secretary, State Department of University Education, Ministry of Education
 - Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education
 - Chancellor, Karatina University
1. National Anthem and East Africa Community Anthem
 2. Prayer

3. Inauguration of the Chancellor.

- i. The Deputy Vice Chancellor, ARSA Invites the Vice Chancellor to Constitute Installation Assembly.**
- ii. The Vice Chancellor constitutes Installation Assembly and invites the Chairman of Council to preside over the Installation.**
- iii. The Chairman of Council invites the Chancellor for Installation.**
- iv. The Chancellor rises for Installation that begins with.**
 - Robing (gown, hood, and the cap)**
 - Passing over of Instruments of Power: The Chairman Council assisted by the Vice Chancellor present Instruments of power to the Chancellor (Mace, Universities Act, The Charter, The Statutes, The Logo, The University Seal, and the Strategic Plan (2023-2027)).**
- v. The Chancellor delivers his acceptance Speech.**
- vi. Prayer for the dedication of the Chancellor.**
- vii. Commemorative photographs with the following.**
 - Chancellor's Immediate Family.**
 - Chancellor, Cabinet Secretary and University Council Members.**
 - Chancellor, University Management.**
- viii. Vice Chancellor Citation at the end of The Installation Ceremony (Dissolving the installation).**

PROF. ISAAC MUTHURE MACHARIA (EBS)

PROFILE



A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Professor Macharia's illustrious journey is a powerful testament to the transformative impact of scholarship and service. An alumnus of Thika High School and the University of Nairobi, he distinguished himself early, earning a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery and later a Master of Medicine in Surgery, specializing in Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery (ENT). His ascent to the pinnacle of his profession was marked by his recognition as a Fellow of the College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa, cementing his status as a leading surgical authority.

For over three decades, Professor Macharia has been a pillar of the medical community. As a Consultant ENT Surgeon at Kenyatta National Hospital and a Professor at the University of Nairobi, he has been a healer, a teacher, and a mentor to generations of medical professionals both local and international. His clinical work is matched by a prolific research career focused on addressing pressing public health challenges, particularly in diseases of the ear and hearing impairment, pediatric neck masses, and otorhinolaryngological manifestations of HIV/AIDS. His groundbreaking work, including a landmark randomized controlled trial on treatment of chronic suppurative otitis media published in *The Lancet*, has changed clinical practice and improved countless lives across the world and especially in developing countries. As a pioneer lecturer in the Masters of ENT, Head and Neck Surgery programme at the University of Nairobi, he developed a training programme that soon became the leading ENT programme in Sub-Saharan Africa and consistently attracted trainees from all over Africa.

Prof Macharia's commitment to public service has been exemplified by his work with not-for-profit organisations including Operation EarDrop Kenya and Impact East Africa both of which he was a co-founder and for which he continues to dedicate his time and resources. He has been a member of various Technical working groups at Kenya's Health Ministry and The World Health Organisation through which he has had the opportunity to shape health Policies both locally and globally. In recognition of his contribution to the field of Medicine and beyond, he was awarded the Elder of the Burning Spear(EBS) by His Excellency The President of the Republic of Kenya in 2021.

Yet, his influence extends far beyond the operating theatre and the lecture hall. Professor Macharia is a visionary institution-builder. He is the founding Chairman of the Cochlear Implant Group of Kenya and the Allergy Society of Kenya, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to championing specialized care for those in need. His leadership has shaped the Kenya ENT Society (KENTS), Pan African Federation of Otorhinolaryngological Societies (PAFOS), where he served as President, and the International Federation of Otorhinolaryngological Societies (IFOS), where he served as a member of the Executive committee and as Regional Secretary for Africa & Middle East, fostering international collaboration and elevating African medical expertise on the global stage.

Remarkably, he has paralleled this immense medical contribution with transformative leadership in the corporate world. As the Non-Executive Chairman of Equity Group Holdings Plc, he has provided strategic guidance and steadfast governance to one of Africa's most influential financial institutions, championing financial inclusion and sustainable development. This unique dual expertise in academia and high-level corporate governance makes him exceptionally equipped to guide a modern university.

Professor Macharia embodies the core values we hold dear at Karatina University: Excellence in his scholarly pursuits, Equity in his drive for accessible healthcare, Accountability in his leadership roles, and Teamwork in his collaborative approach to solving complex problems. He is a man of impeccable probity, whose character and intellect represent the very finest qualities we aspire to instill in our graduates.

Therefore, as we install him as the Chancellor today, we do not merely welcome an administrator; we welcome a beacon. We are confident that his wisdom, his unwavering ethical compass, and his vast experience will be invaluable assets as Karatina University continues its trajectory towards global excellence and relevance. He represents the ideal synergy of knowledge and its application for societal transformation.

CURRENT LEADERSHIP ROLES

Prof. Macharia holds several significant executive and advisory positions, including:

- Non-Executive Chairman, Equity Group Holdings Plc
- Chairman, Jadala Investments
- Chairman, Otolaryngology Associates
- Chairman and Co-Founder, Nairobi ENT Clinic
- Chairman, Savannah Informatics Ltd.
- Regional advisor for East Africa, CBM
- Member, Muranga County Budget and Economic Council
- Chairman, Cochlear Implant Group of Kenya

PREVIOUS LEADERSHIP ROLES

His past distinguished appointments include:

- Non-Executive Chairman, Equity Bank (Kenya) Ltd.
- Chairman, Allergy Society of Kenya
- Chairman, Kenya ENT Society (KENTS)
- President, Pan African Federation of Otorhinolaryngology Societies (PAFOS)
- Regional Secretary, Africa and Middle East, International federation of Otorhinolaryngological Societies (IFOS)

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Prof. Macharia's educational background includes:

- Fellow of the College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) in 2004.
- Master of Medicine in Surgery (ENT) from the University of Nairobi in 1990.

- Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MB, ChB) from the University of Nairobi in 1984.
- He also completed his O Level (1972-1975) and A Level (1976-1977) at Thika High School.

CAREER PROGRESSION

Prof. Macharia has a distinguished career trajectory, primarily at the University of Nairobi and Kenyatta National Hospital, alongside private practice and district hospital roles:

- Professor, Department of Surgery, University of Nairobi (2014-2024)
- Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, University of Nairobi (2001-.2014)
- Senior Lecturer, Department of Surgery, University of Nairobi (1997-2001).
- Lecturer, Department of Surgery, University Of Nairobi (1991-1997).
- Consultant ENT Surgeon, Kenyatta National Hospital since 1991-2024.
- Part-time private practice at Nairobi ENT clinic since 1993.
- Consultant ENT Surgeon, Machakos District Hospital (1990-1991).
- Senior House Officer, ENT Department, Kenyatta National Hospital (1987-1990).
- Medical Officer In Charge, Moyale Sub-District Hospital (1986-1987).
- Medical Officer, Meru District Hospital (1985-1986).
- Medical Officer (Intern), Provincial General Hospital, Nakuru (1984-1985).

FURTHER TRAINING

In addition to the Postgraduate training at the University of Nairobi, Prof Macharia has attended numerous international courses and workshops and has had clinical attachments at the University of Cape Town, KEM Hospital Bombay, Utrecht University, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Hospital and Harvard Medical School, Manchester University, Freiburg University Hospital, University of Nijmegen, and University of Liverpool.



Prof. Isaac Muthure Macharia is a highly accomplished medical professional specializing in Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) surgery, with extensive experience in academia, clinical practice, and leadership within various medical, educational, and corporate institutions.

UNIVERSITY RESPONSIBILITIES

He has held numerous key administrative and academic roles within the University of Nairobi:

- Coordinator, Academic link between University of Nairobi and University of Colorado at Denver (2012).
- Coordinator Academic link between University of Nairobi and Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (2010).
- Vice Chairman, University of Nairobi Institute of Head and Neck Surgical Sciences (UNiHANSS) Development Committee (2009-to date).
- Acting Chairman, Department of Surgery (Dec 2009-Feb 2010).
- Thematic Head, Section of ENT (2006-2010).
- Chairman, School of Medicine Library Committee (2005)
- Link coordinator, academic link between University of Nairobi and University of Manchester (1995-2001).
- Coordinator for ENT clinical teaching for Undergraduate medical students (1994-1999).
- Coordinator ENT postgraduate teaching (1994-2010).

OTHER POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Prof. Macharia has also taken on significant leadership roles in various national and international organizations:

- Chair, Technical sub-committee, Health Committee, Covid-19 Emergency National Response Fund (2020)
- Member World Hearing Forum executive committee (2019)
- Member, Global Advisory Board, Starkey Hearing Foundation(2014)
- Member, Advisory working group (AWG), Ear and Hearing Care-CBM (2012).
- Member GSK Advisory Panel on Chronic Suppurative Otitis Media (2011).
- Member, Board of Governors, Njumbi High School (2010).
- Chairman, Starkey Mission to Kenya organizing consortium (2009).
- Chairman, Kenya National Committee on Prevention and Management of Hearing Impairment (2008).

- Counsellor – Pan African Federation of Otorhinolaryngological Societies (PAFOS) (2000).
- Member, Board of Operation Ear Drop Kenya and Chairman, Technical and outreach committee of Operation Ear Drop Kenya (2000).
- Member, Board of Trustees, Impact East Africa (2000).
- Member, Board of Governors, Thika High School (2000).

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

He has been a member of several local and international professional societies:

- InterAmerican Association of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology (2010).
- American Academy of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery (2008).
- Allergy Society of Kenya (2007).
- Kenya Surgical Society (2000).
- European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (1999).
- New York Academy of Sciences (1998).
- European Society of Rhinology (1997).
- Kenya Ear, Nose and Throat society (1988).
- Kenya Medical Association (1985).

PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Prof Macharia has been a regular attendant of both local and international scientific conferences where he has made various presentations in addition to have published extensively in peer reviewed scientific journals. He has in addition supervised more than 30 Masters of Medicine dissertations.

EXTERNAL EXAMINER

He has also served as an External Examiner for M. Med (ENT) for Makerere University, Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences, Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College, Tumaini University, University of Zimbabwe, University of Malawi and The College of Surgeons of East Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA).

Congratulations
Prof Isaac Muthure Macharia
for being inaugurated
The 2nd Chancellor of
Karatina University

Welcome!

