



Inspiring Innovation and Leadership

KARATINA UNIVERSITY

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ACCESS 2.0 STUDENT CLUBS BUSINESS INNOVATION CHALLENGE 2025 BOOTCAMP KICKS OFF

Today marks the official commencement of the ACCESS Student Clubs Business Innovation Challenge 2025 Boot camp, taking place from October 19th to 24th, 2025, at The Marvel Hotel, Embu. The team is led by ACCESS 2.0 Project Coordinator Prof. Kellen Kiambati and Prof. Lucy Ndegwa and we are delighted to share that six (6) outstanding students from Karatina University are participating in this

transformative boot camp under full sponsorship from DAAD. Their participation is a testament to the University's growing reputation as a hub for creativity and transformative innovation.

The group of students representing Karatina University pose for a photo during the boot camp



This intensive week-long programme brings together young innovators from across institutions to co-create solutions that address real-world challenges, strengthen the innovation and commercialization agenda, and contribute to the expansion of Karatina University's innovation ecosystem.

At the heart of this initiative is co-creation ensuring that every innovation pitched emerges from collaboration, inclusivity, and practical relevance. Through mentorship, design thinking sessions, and business development coaching, participants will refine their ideas into viable, scalable ventures that have social and economic impact.

We commend our students for representing Karatina University with excellence and creativity.



Participants of the boot camp pose for a group photo

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP MEETING BETWEEN KARATINA UNIVERSITY AND EFAC TO ENHANCE STUDENT EMPLOYABILITY

On the sidelines of Karatina University's 13th Graduation Ceremony, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic, Research and Student Affairs) Prof. F.Wabwoba and the Director of Resource Mobilization and International Programmes Prof. Kellen Kiambati held a strategic meeting with Ms. Mary Kiguru, one of the Directors from Education for All Children (EFAC).

The meeting focused on deepening the already existing partnership agreement between KaRU and EFAC through implementing an employability programme, an initiative designed to equip students with essential 21st-century skills. A key highlight of the discussion was the upcoming training on developing e-portfolios, aimed at helping students connect their academic pursuits with their personal purpose, career goals, and leadership potential. By learning to articulate their competencies and achievements, students will be better positioned to become change makers and future-ready professionals.

The EFAC team also had the opportunity to interact with EFAC Scholars currently studying at Karatina University, reaffirming the shared commitment to empowering young people through holistic education. This engagement marks another milestone in strengthening partnerships that bridge academia, employability, and personal transformation ensuring Karatina University graduates are not only academically competent but also purpose-driven leaders prepared to



The DVC (ARSA), Prof. Franklin Wabwobwa (centre), poses for a photo with the Director of EFAC, Ms. Mary Kiguru (left), and the Director of Resource Mobilization and International Programmes, Prof. Kellen Kimabati, during the strategic meeting.

CELEBRATING STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS: REGIONAL AMBASSADOR AND PRESTIGIOUS PHD RESEARCH HUB SELECTION



Ms. Sally Chepchirchir

1. Appointment as a Research4Life Regional Knowledge Ambassador

We are immensely proud to share that **Mr. Peter Otuoma**, Senior Assistant Systems Librarian & Head of Library Systems at KarU Library, has been appointed as a **Research4Life Regional Knowledge Ambassador** by the Kenya Libraries and Information Services Consortium (KLISC) and Research4Life.

This distinguished ambassadorial role recognizes Mr. Otuoma's expertise and dedication. In this position, he will represent our region, champion the use of critical research resources, and foster capacity building among libraries and research institutions. His appointment reflects both his personal excellence and Karatina University's commitment to advancing research and scholarship.

2. Selection for the Kenya Open Education Knowledge Exchange (KOEKE) Hub

In a parallel achievement that further strengthens our ties with KLISC, **Ms. Sally Chepchirchir**, Senior Assistant Librarian & Head of Resource Acquisitions at KarU Library, has been successfully accepted into the prestigious **Kenya Open Education Knowledge Exchange (KOEKE) Project**.

This competitive program – a partnership between the Global OER Graduate Network (GO-GN) and



Mr. Peter Otuoma

KLISC – selects PhD students and researchers from Kenyan universities to advance open educational resources (OER).

As a member of the program, Ms. Chepchirchir will participate in mentorship sessions, webinars, and an in-person workshop, enriching her doctoral research and directly enhancing our library's ability to support open education and innovative teaching practices across the University.

These twin honours for **Mr. Peter Otuoma** and **Ms. Sally Chepchirchir**, both facilitated through our active collaboration with KLISC, bring immense pride to the Department of Library Services. We remain committed to fostering professional development and contributing meaningfully to the wider academic ecosystem.

Please join us, together with the University leadership, in congratulating Peter and Sally on their outstanding accomplishments.

APPOINTMENT OF PROF. KELLEN KIAMBATI AS CHAIRPERSON,

We are pleased to announce that Prof. Kellen Kiambati, Director, Directorate of Resource Mobilization and International Programmes, has been appointed as the **Non-Executive Chairperson of the Board of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority (TVETA)**. Her appointment, published under **Gazette Notice No. 15212** by the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Hon. Julius Migos Ogamba, is effective from the 24th October 2025.

At Karatina University, we celebrate and support every opportunity for individual growth both within and beyond the University. This appointment is a testament to Prof. Kiambati's exemplary leadership, commitment to national development, and dedication to advancing technical and vocational education in Kenya.

Please join us in congratulating Prof. Kiambati on this remarkable achievement and in wishing her every success in her new role.



GAZETTE NOTICE NO. 15212

THE TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND
TRAINING ACT

(Cap. 210A)

TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING
AUTHORITY

APPOINTMENT

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 8 (1) (a) of the
Technical and Vocational Education and Training Act, the Cabinet
Secretary for Education appoints—

KELLEN KATHURE KIAMBATI (PROF.)

to be the Non-Executive Chairperson of the Board of the Technical
and Vocational Education and Training Authority, for a period of four
(4) years, with effect from the 24th October, 2025.

Dated the 24th October, 2025.

JULIUS MIGOS OGAMBA,
Cabinet Secretary for Education.