



KARATINA UNIVERSITY

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## KARATINA UNIVERSITY HOSTS KENIA TEAM FOR STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT

Karatina University recently hosted a team from the Kenya National Innovation Agency (KeNIA) for a strategic engagement session aimed at strengthening innovation, commercialization, and entrepreneurship within the University. The session was led by Prof. Kellen Kiambati, Director Resource Mobilization and was accompanied by Director QA & ISO Dr. Charles Wahogo, Director Research, Innovation and Extension Prof. Michael Lokuruka among some members of staff to reflect on the institution's innovation journey and explore opportunities for growth. Participants engaged in a structured self-evaluation using the Entrepreneurial Institution Maturity Framework (EIMF), which enabled the University to assess progress and chart the way forward in building an entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Speaking during the session, the Director Resource Mobilization and international Programmes, Prof. Kellen Kiambati, reaffirmed the University's commitment to fostering innovation and research that address real-world challenges. She emphasized that Karatina University seeks to nurture an environment where students and staff can translate knowledge into solutions that contribute to national development and global competitiveness. The other members of the team echoed this commitment, highlighting the importance of aligning the University's research and academic outputs with industry



*The Director Resource Mobilization and International Programmes Prof. Kellen Kiambati addressing the audience during the engagement.*

*A section of participants keenly following the discussions during the engagement session with KeNIA at Karatina University.*



On other hand the KENIA team leader Mr. Lugwiri , In his opening remarks, highlighted the importance of commitment and intentionality in driving transformation within universities. “The entrepreneurial journey for universities takes time, consistency, and intentionality but once momentum builds, transformation becomes faster and sustainable,” he noted.

The KeNIA team commended Karatina University’s efforts and engaged faculty members in discussions on how to strengthen institutional capacity for innovation and commercialization.

This engagement underscores Karatina University’s determination to position itself as a hub for innovation, research excellence, and entrepreneurial growth.



*The Karatina University team poses for a group photo with KeNIA officials after the strategic engagement session.*

## **VICE CHANCELLOR HOLDS INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATICS**

On Wednesday, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Linus M. Gitonga, accompanied by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Planning, Finance & Administration), Prof. Richard Kiai, and the Registrar (Planning & Administration), Mr. Richard Ruhiu engaged members of the Faculty of Computer Science and Informatics in an interactive session to chart the way forward for the faculty.



*The Vice Chancellor Prof. Linus M. Gitonga addressing the faculty of Computer Science and informatics during the interactive session held at the Boardroom.*

The meeting created space for dialogue on growth, innovation, and the faculty’s contribution to the University’s strategic vision. Discussions focused on strengthening academic programs, enhancing research and innovation, and the long-term plan of establishing a state-of-the-art computing complex to anchor the University’s leadership in digital transformation.

In his remarks, the VC encouraged faculty members to grow both personally and professionally, urging them to define their niche areas and create a clear roadmap of where they want the faculty to be in the coming years. “Build your dream structure. Walk and work together for growth. The journey towards your destination rests upon all of us -not only for yourselves, but also for the students you serve,” he said.

The Vice Chancellor emphasized the importance of future-fit solutions, stronger industry alignment, and nurturing talent that can play a leading role in Kenya’s digital transformation. He further noted that Management is committed to supporting the growth of the faculty and encouraged continuous engagement to keep shaping the faculty’s future.

This session reflects Karatina University’s continued commitment to inclusive leadership, academic excellence, and institutional growth.



## **THE VC REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO GROWTH AND STUDENT FACILITIES**

Earlier this week, Karatina University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Linus M. Gitonga, inspected the ongoing sports field development project. During the visit, he interacted with students and assured them that the project is progressing well and will soon be ready for their use. The VC emphasized the University’s unwavering commitment to improving student welfare and enhancing facilities to match the growing needs of the KarU community. He encouraged students to look forward to the many positive changes underway, noting that every effort is geared toward creating a conducive environment for learning, growth, and holistic development.



*The VC interacts with a group of students during the sports field inspection.*

At Karatina University, we remain dedicated to growth, excellence, and ensuring our students have the best possible experience both inside and outside the classroom.