



KARATINA UNIVERSITY

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## REIGNITING RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AT KARATINA UNIVERSITY

The Directorate of Resource Mobilization and International Programmes in collaboration with the Directorate of Research, Innovation and Extension is pleased to announce a transformative partnership with Academics Without Borders (AWB) Canada to implement an initiative titled “Reigniting Research Excellence at Karatina University.”

This initiative is designed to strengthen the University’s research capacity, enhance data-driven decision-making, and integrate emerging technologies into academic practice. The training will focus on two critical areas of contemporary research excellence:

- a) Data Analysis and Management
- b) Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

The sessions will be facilitated by Prof. Anna Koné, B-Eng, MSc, PhD, a distinguished scholar from Academics Without Borders (Canada), whose extensive experience in engineering, data systems, and applied research brings a global perspective to Karatina University’s academic community.

The programme will adopt a blended learning approach, combining both virtual and in-person sessions to accommodate diverse participants while ensuring hands-on engagement and practical learning outcomes.

Implementation of this strategic initiative is being spearheaded by Prof. Kellen Kiambati, Director of Resource Mobilization and International Programmes, and Prof. Michael Lokuruka.

## KARATINA UNIVERSITY SELECTED AS PARTNER INSTITUTION IN THE ASFI 5-10 PROGRAM 2026

Karatina University through its Directorate of Resource Mobilization and International Programmes is pleased to announce its selection as a partner institution in the African Science Frontiers Initiatives (ASFI) ASFI 5-10 Program 2026, a prestigious initiative dedicated to building sustainable research capacity and advancing scientific competencies across Africa.



**ASFI**  
AFRICAN SCIENCE  
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**KARATINA UNIVERSITY**  
joins Africa's Top Institutions in the  
**ASFI 5 - 10 PROGRAM 2026**  
Empowering Africa's Next Generation of Research Leaders

Karatina University is proud to partner in the **ASFI 5 - 10 Program 2026**, a continental initiative dedicated to building sustainable research capacity and advancing scientific competencies across Africa.

Through this partnership, **Karatina University** joins leading African universities to create clusters of next-generation research champions engaged in inter-regional and multidisciplinary collaborations that drive impactful scientific advancement on the continent.

**10** Academic Staff Members from Karatina University have been awarded **Full ASFI Scholarships** to participate in the one-year capacity building program.

Upon completion, participants will receive the **ASFI Consolidated Research Excellence Capacity Building Certificate**, recognizing them among Africa's emerging research leaders

*Together, we rise as a hub of innovation, collaboration, and excellence - shaping Africa's research destiny.*

An initiative of the Directorate of Resource Mobilization and International Programmes  
#Karatina University | #Empowering Scholars | #Advancing Science

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## KARATINA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SHINE AT THE 4TH KCA UNIVERSITY INNOVATION WEEK

Team Tax Consultants from Karatina University, led by Mary Kabura, a 4th-year Bachelor of Economics student, emerged third at the 4th KCA University Innovation Week. The other team members were Ruth Kulema (BSc Health Management Systems, 4th year), Victor Githae (BSc Computer Science, 3rd year), and Jimmy Kimunyi (BSc Computer Science, 4th year, Chuka University).

The team presented an innovation titled "Tax Literate" under the theme *Innovate! Elevate! Impact!*. The event, sponsored by the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), brought together students from various universities to showcase creative solutions aimed at enhancing tax compliance, efficiency, and inclusivity within Kenya's tax system. The judging panel comprised KRA officials, academicians, and tax experts from different firms, and the event was broadcast on KRA TV.



Jimmy Kimunyi (left), Mary Kabura (center) & Victor Githae (right).

The students attributed their success to the invaluable mentorship and support they received, which helped them refine their concept and strengthen their presentation. Their achievement not only highlights their creativity and teamwork but also reflects Karatina University's commitment to inspiring innovation, leadership, and practical solutions that address real-world challenges.

This milestone is a proud moment for the University as it continues to nurture future leaders who are shaping industries through innovation and excellence.





*The student innovators pose for a photo after the innovation competition where they emerged among the winners.*

## APPOINTMENT OF PROF. KELLEN KIAMBATI AS CHAIRPERSON,

**W**e 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.*