

MAZINGIRA WEEK EDITION

Karatina University through the School of Natural Resources and Environmental Studies supported by the Directorate of Career Services planted and distributed 6,500 tree seedlings during Mazingira Week 2026, extending its environmental conservation efforts to schools, local communities, market centres and forest landscapes across Nyeri County. Observed from 5 to 10 October 2026 under the theme “Growing a Greener Future: Grow, Protect, and Care for Our Environment,” the initiative brought together University staff and students, student clubs, community members, development partners and government agencies to promote tree growing, environmental restoration and sustainable environmental practices.

two schools and planted multipurpose fruit trees to promote environmental conservation and support learners'



Water Tank Donation to Macharia Comprehensive School and Kiboya Schools during Mazingira Week

Highlights of the tree planting activity.



Dr. Flora Namu, Dean School of Natural Resources and Environmental Studies and the Team lead addressing the pupils at Macharia Comprehensive School.

On 6 October 2026, the University, in partnership with the Pioneer Child Development Programme (PCDP), conducted tree-planting and school-greening activities at Macharia and Kiboya Comprehensive Schools in Naromoru.

The University also donated water-storage tanks to the



CHAKA TOWN CLEAN UP

On the other hand, the team comprising of our students and staff members in partnership with the Nyeri County Government and Pioneer Child Development Fund extended its outreach to Chaka Market Centre, where they participated in an environmental clean-up and distributed free tree seedlings to traders and residents. The exercise encouraged responsible waste management, cleaner public spaces and greater community participation in tree growing.



The team at Chaka Market prepping for the market and town clean up exercise



Chaka town and market clean up

MAZINGIRA DAY AT HOMBE FOREST

On 10 October 2026, as the nation marked Mazingira Day, the University joined the national Presidential Green Challenge at Hombe Forest in Nyeri County, in collaboration with the National Government Administration Officers, Nyeri County, the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) and other stakeholders. The event brought together partners in support of national efforts to increase tree cover and restore forest landscapes. The Principal Secretary for the State Department for Energy, Mr. Alex Kamau Wachira, who was the chief guest, also participated in tree planting alongside students.



The team poses for a group photo with the Principal Secretary State Department for Energy Hon. Alex Wachira during the tree planting exercise at Hombe Forest.



Tree planting at Hombe Forest led by Dr. Namu the Dean, School of Natural Resources and Environmental Studies joined by the PS Energy Hon. Alex Wachira

The initiative reinforces Karatina University's commitment to environmental sustainability, climate action and community engagement. The University will continue to encourage stakeholders to nurture and protect planted trees to enhance seedling survival and ensure lasting environmental benefits.

Through collaborative efforts in tree growing, environmental education and community outreach, Karatina University continues to contribute to a greener and

The University further distributed tree seedlings to residents of Gitunduti on the same day, encouraging households to take an active role in environmental conservation beyond organised planting events. The Mazingira Week activities were coordinated by the School of Natural Resources and Environmental Studies and the Directorate of University Industry Linkages, Career Services and Alumni Affairs, with support from the Office of Corporate Communication and student club editorial offices in documenting and publicising the activities.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Directorate of Career Services, University-Industry Linkages and Alumni Affairs is calling on students to register for the 6th Start-Up Expo 2026! This annual innovation and entrepreneurship event brings together students from Karatina University and other invited universities to showcase their innovative ideas and develop creative solutions.

The Start-Up Expo provides a platform to turn your ideas into viable solutions and present them to industry leaders, potential investors, mentors, coaches and judges. You will gain exposure, networking opportunities and new skills, with a chance to have your innovations recognised and rewarded.

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 Team size: 3 – 5 members

 Deadline: 6th November, 2026

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