

# MksU CONNECT



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# **Machakos University Geers up to Transform Public Health Education**

Machakos University went through a comprehensive reinspection by the Public Health Officers and Technicians Council (PHOTC) on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>,2025. The evaluation represented a significant step towards a full professional accreditation of its Public Health programme, underscoring the University's unwavering commitment to academic excellence.

The high level inspection brought together a cross-section of the University leadership led by Prof. Mugendi M'Rithaa, DVC- Administration, Planning & Finance, DVC- Research, Innovation & Linkages Prof. Stanley Makindi, Registrar - ASA Mr Patrick Okemba,, Dr. Julius Nzeve, Dean, School of Agriculture, Environmental and Health Sciences (SAEHS) and staff from the mentioned school. A comprehensive analysis of the University's conformity with national training standards was carried out by John Karuki and his team from PHOTC. The review included an examination of the University's facilities, academic staffing, curriculum design, and student preparation with Kenya's ever-changing health care goals.

#### **Highlights from the PHOTC Evaluation Report:**

- Strong infrastructure with laboratories fully aligned with national standards
- Highly qualified and motivated faculty driving knowledge and innovation
- Well-structured field attachment programs offering vital hands-on experience
- Substantial improvements since the previous review, leading to PHOTC approval to index current and graduates- a key step towards formal professional recognition

Machakos University's through its esteemed leadership, remains a vital player in advancing healthcare education and delivery not only in Kenya but in the entire world.



PHOTC officials led by Mr John Karuki 2 nd Left (first row) with staff from Health Sciences Department led by the CoD Ms Jane Mbijiwe (2 nd left – at the back)

### Machakos University Partners with Equity Bank to Unlock Opportunities for Staff and Students

Machakos University hosted Equity Bank officials on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The high-leveled meeting brought together MksU top leadership to develop a bold plan that will alter the experience of employees and students. This was led by the Vice- Chancellor, Prof. Joyce Agalo;, DVC-Administration Planning & Finance, Prof. Mugendi M'Rithaa, DVC- Research, Innovation & Linkages Prof. Stanley Makindi, DVC – Academic & Student Affairs ,Prof James Muola and Registrar – RIL Prof.David Mulwa, while Ms. Mary Mungai and her associates represented Equity Bank.

In light of their common commitment to social and economic transformation, MksU and Equity Bank have developed a relationship based on confidence, excellent collaboration, and cooperation. This move ushers in a new chapter that will integrate education, financial stewardship, and technology to deliver great value to staff, students, and the wider community.

Key issues in the joint meeting included;

- Innovation & Financial digitalization
- Empowerment of staff
- Strengthen Scholarship & mentorship programs
- Driving innovation & Sustainability
- A shared vision of transformative growth

The two institutions are committed to the following as part of their agreed-upon plan:

- Signing a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to solidify the partnership
- Offering customized loan packages tailored for staff
- Introducing supplier financing solutions to improve liquidity
- Conducting financial literacy workshops for university staff

This collaboration marks a transformative step towards sustainable growth, ensuring that Machakos University remains at the forefront of education, innovation, and financial empowerment.



Vice - Chancellor Prof. Joyce Agalo center, Prof Mugendi M'Rithaa DVC RIL (right) receiving a gift from Ms. Mary Mungai Rep Equity Bank, as a symbol of partnership.

# Mksu Excels at the 2025 Machakos ASK Show, Earning Top Awards

Machakos University once again demonstrated its leadership in innovation, research, and community impact at the 2025 Machakos National Agricultural Society of Kenya (A.S.K) Show, held from June 4th to 8th at the Machakos Showground. With a strong focus on this year's theme, "Promoting Climate Smart Agriculture and Trade Initiatives for Sustainable Economic Growth," the university proudly clinched first place in several categories, competing among the country's top institutions.

Machakos University participated in eleven competitive categories, resulting in several prestigious awards:

#### **First Position**

- Best University Stand
- Best Stand in Hospitality and Catering Services
- Best Stand in Research and Development (Educational)

 Best Stand Embracing Information Technology and Communication System

#### **Second Position**

- Best stand in Demonstrating the application of Environmental Quality Standards
- Best Display and Services in The Health Sector and Pharmaceuticals Stand
- Best Tertiary Level Education Institution Stand than University

#### **Third Position**

- Best stand in Innovation and Intervention
- Best stand that promotes National Cohesion and Integration Development
- Most Striking Display (Demonstration of Locally Manufactured Products)
- The best interprets current Show Theme Education and/or Research

This impressive performance marks Machakos University's continuous excellence at this year's Machakos A.S.K. Show, solidifying its reputation as a hub of innovation and community-driven research.



Guest of Honour during the Annual ASK, the Machakos County, Deputy Governor Dr. Francis Mwangangi (Centre) with ASK Chairman Mr. Lawrence Matolo during their visit in the Machakos University stand.



CoD, Hospitality & Tourism Ms. Alice Nzioka (4th Right) with his counterpart, Dr. Elijah Muange, CoD, Agricultural Sciences, staff and students pose with the various Awards.

### Machakos University Partners in Pioneering Mars Habitat Simulation Research in Kenya.



Eng. Dr. Charles Mwaniki with officials from Kenya Science Agency pose for a photo during a Research project.

Machakos University is playing a crucial role in advancing Africa's space science and sustainability efforts through its partnership in the Mars Habitat Simulation Programme and Research Station. This initiative, led by Mars Society Kenya and supported by the Kenya Space Agency (KSA), aims to establish the Omni-Africa Space Exploration Analog Simulation (OASEAS) facility in Marsabit County's Chalbi Desert.

Eng. Dr. Charles Mwaniki, Dean of the School of Engineering and Technology at Machakos University, was part of this delegation and had previously conducted a site assessment for the facility in March 2025, together with Director General of KSA, Brig. Hillary Kipsosgey met with Hon. Wario Guyo Adhe, MP for North Horr Constituency to discuss the OASEAS facility.

The OASEAS facility will be a world-class research station designed to simulate Martian conditions, fostering studies in various fields, including:

- · Robotics
- Renewable Energy
- Water & Waste Management
- Sustainable Architecture
- Biotechnology
- · Agri-tech
- · Food Technology

Machakos University's involvement in this project aims to empower African students, researchers, and innovators to develop sustainable, space-focused solutions for both Earth and beyond.

# Machakos University Staff Showcase Talent and Unity in Kitikyumu Friendlies

Machakos University staff football team proudly honoured an invitation from Kitikyumu FC, On Sunday, 20th July 2025, participating in two exciting friendly matches that went beyond the game — blending sportsmanship, school marketing, and staff bonding.

The first match featured Machakos University Staff FC against Kitikyumu Legends FC. It was a display of experience and teamwork, ending in a 1-1 draw. Peter Kivindyo was the goal scorer for the university, finishing off a well-coordinated move that reflected the team's preparation and unity.

The second game was a thrilling encounter against a much younger and energetic Vision FC side. Despite putting up a valiant fight, Machakos University lost 4-3 in a closely contested battle. Goals for the university came from Kelvin Mbithi, Albert Kitaka, and Tony Kitonga.

More than just football, the event provided a valuable opportunity to market the university to the local community. Fans eagerly took photos next to the Machakos University team, showing admiration and curiosity about the institution. The visibility and interaction left a lasting impression.

These types of engagements help foster strong bonds among staff members, promote the university's brand, and connect the institution with the wider community. The Kitikyumu hosts were so impressed, they promised a return match — this time at Machakos University. The spirit of sportsmanship lives on, and so does the bond created through football.



Football soccer captain Mr. Thomas Kitheka (backrow on the right) together with teammates pose for a photo before start of the match.

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