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NAIROBI INNOVATION WEEK 2023

17- 19 MAY 2023

**MAIN CAMPUS
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Innovation and Commercialization for Sustainable Development



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Our Vision

A world-class university committed to scholarly excellence

Our Mission

To provide quality university education and training and to embody the aspirations of the Kenyan people and the global community through creation, preservation, integration, transmission and utilization of knowledge.

Our Core Values

Freedom of thought & expression

Excellence

Care

Good governance

Innovativeness & creativity

Partnership and teamwork

At a Glance

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Wednesday 17th May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Ceremony • Italy-Kenya Partnerships for Innovation 	Career Fair Hackathon Food Safety Conference
Innovations Exhibitions		
Thursday 18th May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation and Entrepreneurship Experiences from Different Countries • Problem-Based Learning (PBL) and Innovation and Startups Summit • The DNA of a n Innovator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making of a Startup • Research to Innovation Summit (R2I) • Women Innovators • Launch of Education Scholarships for Learners with Disabilities by NCPWD
	Hackathon Pitching & Judging	
Innovations Exhibitions		
Friday 19th May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masterclass on IP and Commercialization of Innovations • Stories on Innovation and Commercialization 	From an Idea to a Venture Career Mentorship Awarding
	Hackathon Pitching and Judging for UoN Innovators	Announcements
	Closing Ceremony	
Innovations Exhibitions		



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Master of Ceremony:
 Prof. Mary Kinoti Director IPMO &
 Prof. Justus Munyoki, Director, Research & Enterprise

ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
Arrival and Registration	Taifa Hall	8.00-8.45am
Entertainment: University Choir, UoN Student Orchestra & Chinese Dance Club		
Anthems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National ● East African Community ● University of Nairobi Prayer: Fr. Peter Kaigua		8.45–10.30am
Remarks & Speeches Prof. Mary Kinoti, Director, IPMO Dr. Bimal Kantaria Managing Director, Elgon Kenya Presentation on: <i>Harnessing the Power of Synergy between Academia and Industry to Drive Innovation and Commercialization</i> Ms. Monica Malith, UNSA President Prof. Margaret J. Hutchinson Deputy Vice-Chancellor, UoN		
Entertainment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● University Choir, ● UoN Student Orchestra ● Chinese Dance Club 		

ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
<p>Remarks & Speeches</p> <p>Prof. Stephen G. Kiama Vice-Chancellor, UoN</p> <p>Ms. Angela Mwirigi Director Digital Financial Services KCB Bank Group</p> <p>Dr. Vijoo Rattansi Chancellor, UoN</p> <p>Chief Guest: Hon. Ezekiel Machogu Cabinet Secretary Education</p> <p>Official Opening of NIW and Exhibitions</p>	Taifa Hall	
<p>Photo Session Guest Tour the Innovation Exhibitions</p>		10:30–11:00am
<p>Health Break</p>		11:00–11:40am
<p>Italy-Kenya Partnerships for Innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Luca Alinovi – Afrazero Representative ● Mario Molteni – CEO, E4Impact ● Luigi Grandi – Director, AICS Kenya ● Prof. S.G. Kiama – Vice Chancellor ● H.E. Roberto Natali – Ambassador of Italy ● Dr. Beatrice Inyangala – PS Higher Education and Research <p>Moderator and Convener: Prof. Margaret J. Hutchinson, DVC RIE</p>	Taifa Hall	11:40–12.50pm
<p>Q&A</p>		12:50–13.00pm
<p>Lunch Break</p>		13:00–14:00pm
<p>Entertainment: University Choir & Student Orchestra – FOBMS</p>		14.00– 14.10pm



The University of Nairobi Women Economic Empowerment Hub (WEE Hub) is a research and evidence based hub, with the aim of strengthening the generation and use of evidence to advance women's economic empowerment (WEE) and gender equality in Kenya.



UON WEE HUB WORK/THEMATIC AREAS

- 1. Entrepreneurship & Affirmative Action Funds**
Evaluating the effectiveness of business incubation on women's enterprises & Making AGPO work
- 2. Women in formal & informal employment**
Evaluation of employment Act, Women in the Labour Force, Employment and Entrepreneurship
- 3. Care economy & women's work**
Childcare centre; GRB evaluation of County and National budgets, Gender analysis of EAC Regional policy frameworks
- 4. Women movement & mobilization**
Networking and Alliance Building for Women's Economic Empowerment (NABWEE) & Policy advocacy

 <p>Research "What Works for WEE"</p>	 <p>Incubation/interventions to Promote Enterprises Growth</p>	 <p>Evidence Based Policy Advocacy</p>
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ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
<p>Career Fair</p> <p>Panel Discussion 1: <i>Innovation and Job Opportunities in Chinese Companies for Sustainable Development</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Johnson Kinyua – Dean of Students ● Prof. Julius Ogengo – DVC AA ● Mr. Mathew Kiptoo – Recruitment Specialist HUAWEI Technologies (Kenya) Company Limited ● Mr. Wang Desheng – Manager of Unique Brilliant Human Resources Group ● Mr. Wang Jiamin – Commercial Manager of Sinoma ● Mr. Tang Wenyong – Assistant to General Manager, Zhongwu E-commerce (Kenya) <p>Moderator & Convener: Prof. Wang Shangxue, Director Confucius</p>	Taifa Hall	14:10–15.00pm

ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
<p>Panel Discussion 2: Technology & Innovation in the Evolving Job Market</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Digital Marketing – Jackeline Wangeci, Head of Marketing, MoonSun Pictures International ● Personal Branding for Employment in the Digital Space – Livingstone Makori, Bancassurance Manager, Jubilee Insurance ● Digital Freelancing and how it is shaping the perception around the gig Economy – Center for Women Information Communication and Technology (ACWICT) ● Careers at Teach for Kenya, Brian Bosire, Teach for Kenya ● Mr. Joy Kiptim – KEMRI Welcome Trust <p>Moderator & Convener: Mr. Johnson Kinyua - Deans of Students</p>		15.00–16.00pm
Q & A		
<p>Music Extravaganza</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● University Choir ● Student Orchestra ● Theatre of the Absurd ● Confucius Institute Singers and Dancers <p>Coordinator: Muchemi/ Main Campus Governor</p>		16.00 –17.00pm
HACKATHON COMPETITION		9.00am–16.00pm
<p>Innovation Exhibitions In charge John Maina - IPMO</p>		9.00am–16.00pm

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2nd Day: Thursday 18th May 2023

ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
Arrival and Registration	Taifa Hall	8:00 – 9.00am
<p>Topic: <i>Innovation and Entrepreneurship Experiences from Different Countries</i></p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Guilherme Fitzgibbon Alves Pereira - Head of the Political Section and Trade Promotion, Embassy of Brazil in Nairobi ● Mr. TIAN Zhong - First Secretary, Chinese Embassy ● Prof. Marc Zolver - France representative ● Country Director - British Council Kenya ● Embassy of Italy - Representative ● Dr. Tony Omwansa - CEO KeNIA <p>Moderator: Monica Blagescu Head of Education British Council</p> <p>Convener: John Kimenju</p>		9.00 –10.00am
Q&A		10.00 – 10.10am
<p>Problem-Based Learning (PBL) Challenge Summit</p> <p>Talk: <i>The Promise of PBL for Learning and Tackling Difficult Industry Problems.</i></p> <p>Dr. Eija Laitinen - PBL-BioAfrica PI, and Senior Lecturer - Hame University of Applied Sciences, Finland</p> <p>Student Challenge Pitching by teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - University of Nairobi - Egerton University - South Eastern Kenya University <p>Convenor: Dr Sam Ruhiu</p>	Taifa Hall	10.10 – 11.10am
Q&A		11.10 – 11.20am

ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
Health Break		11:20 – 11:50am
<p>Topic: <i>The DNA of an Innovator: The Nurturing of an Innovator</i></p> <p>Keynote Address: Jack Ngare Director CTO Office Google.</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Jack Ngare - Google ● Tesh Mbaabu - Market Force Co-founder ● Mesongo Sibuti - Market Force Co-founder ● Grace Kamau - Former UoN Hult Prize Campus Director ● Alex Odhiambo - Solutech Founder <p>Convener & Moderator: Dr. Samuel Ruhiu</p>	Taifa Hall	11.50am–12:50pm
Q&A		12:50 – 13:05pm
Health Break		13:05 – 14.00pm
<p>Keynote Address: <i>Making of a Startup</i></p> <p>Dr. Stanley Mukasa, Senior Manager Entrepreneurship & Industry Partners Carnegie Mellon University Africa</p> <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Peter Ndiangui – GOBEBA Co-founder & CEO ● Christine Namara – Head of Ventures at Baobab Networks ● Paul Kimani – Workpay Founder and CEO, ● Alice Michira – Nailab Program Manager ● Dr. Kamau Gachigi – Gearbox Founder and CEO ● Mr Ruiqin Li – Managing Director, Keda Ceramics Company Ltd. <p>Moderator: Favour Chananel, Startinev Co-founder Convener: Sam Ruhiu</p>	Taifa Hall	14.00 – 15.00pm
Q&A		15.00- 15.10pm

ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
Hackathon Pitching and Judging	Taifa Hall	15.10 – 17.00pm
<p>Music extravaganza</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● University Choir ● Student Orchestra ● Theatre of the Absurd ● Confucius Institute Singers and Dancers <p>Coordinator: Muchemi Muriithi/Main Campus Governor</p>		17:00 – 17:30pm
Hackathon Competition		9.00am– 16.00pm
Innovations Exhibitions		9.00am – 16.00pm

3rd Day: Friday 19th May 2023

ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
Arrival and Registration	TAIFA HALL	8:00 – 9.00am
Entertainment Choir/Orchestra		8.30 – 9.00am
Recap		9.00 – 9.10am
Session 1: Plenary: Masterclass on Intellectual Property and Commercialization of Innovations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Edward Sigei – Managing Director KECOBO ● Mr. John Onyango – Managing Director KIPi 		9.10 – 10.50am
Session 2: Topic: Stories on Innovation and Commercialization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Samuel Muhingo – Business Head Building Systems - Safal Group ● Mr. Murcus Ngugi – MEA Ltd. BIOFIX Fertilizer ● Prof. Omu Anzala – Vaccine Manufacturing ● Prof. Richard Mibey (Professor Emeritus) – FST ● Dr. Duke Gikonge – Pera Foods, University of Nairobi ● Ms Maureen Mwaniki – Director of public Affairs, Huawei Company 		
Q&A		10.50 – 11.00am
Health Break		11.00 – 11.30am
Pitching and Judging for UoN Innovators	Taifa Hall	11.30am– 13.00pm
LUNCH BREAK		13:00 – 14:00

ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
Closing Ceremony	Taifa Hall	14:00 – 15:45pm
Anthems, Prayer & Entertainment		
Innovation Awarding		
<p>Remarks</p> <p>Prof. Margaret J. Hutchinson Deputy Vice Chancellor RIE</p> <p>Prof. Julius Ogeng'o Deputy Vice Chancellor AA</p> <p>Closing: Prof. Stephen G. Kiama Vice-Chancellor: UoN</p> <p>Closing Prayer: Rev. Hosea Mitei</p> <p>Master of Ceremony: Prof. Mary Kinoti</p>		
Innovations Exhibitions		9.00am – 13.00pm

PARALLEL EVENTS

ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
Wednesday 17th May 2023		
<p>Conference on Food Safety</p> <p>TradeMark Africa/AFLAZERO Technology group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr Luca Alinovi - Chairman, Aflazero Team ● Mr Fabrizio Cardillo - CEO Aflazero Company ● Prof. John Kimenju - Faculty of Agriculture ● Dr. Andrew Edewa - TradeMark Africa 	RM 1002 UON Tower	14.00-17.00pm
Thursday 18th May 2023		
<p>Research to Innovation Summit (R2I)</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr John Onyango - Managing Director, KIPI ● Mr. Edward Sigei - Executive Director, KECOBO ● Prof. Dickson Andala - Chief Executive Office, NRF <p><i>Research to innovation stories opportunities for commercializabe innovations for sustainable development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prof. Wanjiku Kabira - WEE HUB ● Prof. Walter Jaoko ● Prof. Faith Karanja ● Dr. Jared Mecha ● Dr. Loice Ombajo ● Dr. Betty Karimi Mwiti ● Prof. Richard Mulwa <p>Convener & Moderator: Prof. Justus Munyoki</p>	RM 1001 UON Tower	11.00am-12.30pm
Q&A		12.30-13.00pm

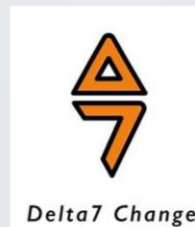
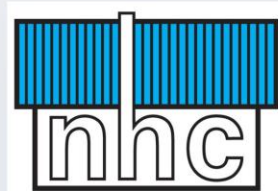
ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
LUNCH BREAK		
<p>Panel Discussion: Women Innovators</p> <p>Keynote: Priscilla Muhia, Country Manager of MyDawa</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Sarnoline Wasike: KWAL ● Pamela Rita: KEPSA ● Esther Mwaniki - Lapid Leaders Africa ● Mr Ma Jie (Brion) - Sales Director of Softcare Company Ltd. ● Mr Frankline Siele Sang - Sales Manager of Softcare ● Njoki Riguga - Program Manager Wavumbuzi Organization: Jasiri/ AGGP - Kenya <p>Convener & Moderator: Prof Jane Ambuko</p>	RM1002 UON Tower	14.00- 15.00pm
Q&A		15.00-15.10pm

ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
Launch of Education Scholarships for Learners with Disabilities by NCPWD	Chandaria Auditorium	9.00am -13.00pm
Career Mentorship Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cybersecurity, Blockchain Technology, Artificial Intelligence – John Matogo, IBM ● The Digital Accountant: Digital Skills in a Transformed World – George Ngari, ACCA ● CV Writing, Interview Etiquette, Introduction Letters and Emails – Nancy CVs ● Career Guidance on Course selection for High School Students, KUCCPS Moderator: Muriithi Muchemi , Office of the Dean of Students		14.00 – 17.00pm
Friday 19th May		
Topic: <i>From an Idea to a Venture - an Innovator's Journey</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Talk - Nick Dodonov ● Case Presentation: Food Advice Convener:	RM 1001 UON Tower	11.00am - 13:00pm
Q&A		
Health Break		

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