



### MUCE WEEKLY DIGEST

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MUCE Weekly Digest is a periodic newsletter that informs the community about the latest events that occurred at MUCE during the previous week. Those who want their entries included should submit their requests to the Head of Communication and Marketing Unit ([ponsiano.kanijo@muce.ac.tz](mailto:ponsiano.kanijo@muce.ac.tz)) or Public Relations Officer ([johari.burilo@muce.ac.tz](mailto:johari.burilo@muce.ac.tz)) by Friday noon.

### THE INTER-UNIVERSITY COUNCIL HELD ITS ACADEMIA-PUBLIC-PRIVATE-PARTNERSHIP FORUM FOR 2023

The Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) organized its 12<sup>th</sup> Academia-Public-Private-Partnership Forum for 2023 from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The event was attended by MUCE Principal, Prof. Esther W. Dungumaro.



MUCE Principal, Prof. Esther W. Dungumaro, with the Executive Secretary for Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU), Prof. Charles D. Kihampa



MUCE Principal, Prof. Esther W. Dungumaro, with the IUCEA Executive Secretary, Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona

This event offered an opportunity to intensify regional networks among academia, industry players, entrepreneurs, policymakers, innovators, entrepreneurship support organizations, research and innovation managers, researchers, university leaders and development parties. MUCE is one of the key players in training, research and innovation in the East African region. Thus, participation in this forum is very important.



# Training on how to take meeting minutes and matters arising

One way to improve the efficiency of an institution's Governing Board or Council Meeting is to take better minutes that are clear, concise and free from typos. Good minutes give members an understanding of the action to be taken and make the meeting short and attractive. It is not pleasant for Board/Council Members to spend time in the meeting correcting the minutes and other documents instead of focusing on their main goals, which are leading the management and supervising the institution's operations.

In this regard, the College organized a one-day training to enhance minute taking skills of the secretariats of MUCE's Governing Board committees and the preparation for matters arising from the previous meeting. The event was held at MUCE on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2023. It was attended by six secretariats of MUCE's Governing Board committees, namely the Students Affairs Committee, Appointments Committee, Audit Committee, Estates Committee, College Academic Committee, and Planning and Finance Committee. The event was organized by MUCE's Governing Board Secretariat and facilitated by Dr. Saudin Mwakaje, a Chief Corporate Counsel and Secretary to Council at the University of Dar es Salaam; and Dr. Mussa Hans, a senior Lecturer in the Department of Kiswahili language and Linguistics, Institute of Kiswahili Studies at the University of Dar es Salaam.

Attendees were trained on what to include in minutes of College board meetings, their quality and how to prepare matters arising. The College Principal, Prof. Esther W. Dungumaro, urged the attendees to take the training seriously and use the knowledge gained to impact the process of minutes taking in meetings positively. In his closing remarks, Prof. Deusdedit A. Rwehumbiza thanked the facilitators for visiting MUCE to facilitate this important training and assured them that the attendees will use the knowledge gained in writing good minutes.



The College Principal, Prof. Esther W. Dungumaro (second from left), with the facilitators of the training, Dr. Saudin Mwakaje (left) and Dr. Mussa Hans and MUCE's Deputy Principal - Academic, Research and Consultancy, Prof. Deusdedit A. Rwehumbiza (right)

# The visit of the UDSM Ag. Deputy Vice-Chancellor – Research at MUCE

On 14<sup>th</sup> march 2023, the Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor – Research of the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), Prof. Nelson M. K. Boniface, visited MUCE to learn about the opportunities and challenges of research at the College. During this visit, Prof. Boniface and his colleagues, Dr. Mathew Senga – Research Grant Coordinator and Ms. Finner Evarest – Administrative Officer, discussed with Directors and Heads of Academic Units/Departments and UDASA-MUCE representatives opportunities and challenges in research at MUCE.



Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor – Research, Prof. Nelson M. K. Boniface



Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor – Research, Prof. Nelson M. K. Boniface in a group photo with MUCE top Management and participants of the discussion

A number of challenges related to the research fund, publications vetting and promotion, research and innovation week and web-based management systems (Research Information Management Systems – RIMS) were discussed.

The event was also attended by the College Principal, Prof. Esther W. Dungumaro, who, in her opening remarks, suggested the office of DVC – Research to reevaluate the one-year duration of the implementation of some of the research projects, especially in science disciplines. This duration is unrealistic as many research

activities are affected by a number of factors, including climate change and experiments, which take time to send the samples abroad for laboratory testing.

The visit of Ag. DVC – Research to MUCE and other UDSM campuses is a continuous plan for his office to collect opinions from stakeholders and address them collectively.

In his closing remarks, Prof. Deusdedit A. Rwehumbiza, MUCE'S Deputy Principal – Academic, Research and Consultancy and Chairperson of the University of Dar es Salaam Publication Assessment Committee (UPAC), thanked the Ag. DVC – Research and his team for the initiatives they have taken to visit MUCE and other University Campuses, i.e., colleges and constituent colleges to get their opinions on improving research at the University of Dar es Salaam.

# HEET Project is speedily implemented as MUCE strives to turn the vision into reality

Mkwawa University College of Education (MUCE) is one of the higher learning institutions in the country that implement the Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) Project. MUCE, through HEET, will construct new infrastructure, rehabilitate its facilities and install modern digital infrastructure for learning and administration. It will also review its degree programmes by engaging private sector collaborations, improving institutional management and gender-related issues and inclusive education.

## Construction of new infrastructure

The overall implementation of the project is very satisfactory. Regarding the construction of new infrastructure, MUCE is currently finalizing the tender processing with consultants and procurement of goods and ICT facilities. On 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023, MUCE HEET Project committee and user departments (Deans of faculties and the Director of Student Services) visited the sites where construction will take place. MUCE, through HEET project, will construct four (4) new buildings: **Science Building**, built on the site opposite Hall Six dormitories (Blocks), close to the football grounds near the Estates Department; **Multimedia and Special Needs Building**, built behind the new Biology Laboratory across the new tarmac road; **Physics Laboratory**, built between New Biology laboratory and Chemistry Laboratory; and a **student hostel**, built behind Hall Five dormitories opposite CDF Lecture Hall.



MUCE HEET Project committee, user departments and MUCE management visit sites where new infrastructure constructions through the HEET project will occur.

## Curriculum review and gender and inclusive education

Reviewing the existing degree programmes and introducing new ones are core activities in the HEET project. Currently, the team is conducting a min-tracer study which is specifically geared towards soliciting opinions from special needs groups of MUCE alumni and their employees to supplement the data collected in August 2022 in other groups.

Regarding the development of modules for inclusive education, the team has prepared a report of training needs assessment, which will inform the development of training modules for training on inclusive education at the College. Besides, the team has organized a number of seminars to highlight various matters related to gender and inclusive education for both students and staff.



## Education technology and digital infrastructure

The establishment of the state-of-art ICT infrastructure is also well progressing. The College has increased bandwidth from 40 Mbps to 140 Mbps. This means users will be able to achieve a higher data transfer rate, leading to shorter download times. In addition, the team has submitted a schedule to review the College website, which is planned to start in two weeks, i.e., from 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

## Capacity building for academic and administrative staff

Through HEET, the College will build the capacity of academic staff and university leaders. Currently, there are 14 members of academic staff enrolled in PhD programmes supported by HEET. Moreover, the team has planned to conduct a workshop to strengthen university leaders' management capacity on procurement and contract matters.

## Private sector and industrial engagement

Engaging public sectors and industries is one of the main focuses of the HEET project. In this activity, the College has identified members of the committee who will work to enhance and strengthen the linkage between MUCE and private sectors and industries. This will help the College improve its degree programmes, enhance the practical skills of its graduates, create employment opportunities, strengthen community relationships, solicit funds and increase the College's visibility.



# Announcement

## RESEARCH AND INNOVATION WEEK 2023

MUCE is pleased to announce the 8<sup>th</sup> University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) Research and Innovation Week at the College level, which will be held at **MUCE** from **19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023** from **08:00am to 04:00pm** each day.

**THEME**  
**"IMPACTFUL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FOR SOCIOECONOMIC WELL-BEING IN TANZANIA"**

All staff and students are cordially invited to exhibit research and innovation projects demonstrating visible socio-economic effects on society at various levels. Winning researchers will be included in the innovation hub to nurture their ideas and prototypes into products.



During this year's Research and Innovation Week, nine (9) categories will be assessed for various awards.

| No. | Category   |
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| 1   | Best multidisciplinary impact research group project                               |
| 2   | Units/Departments that have excelled in attracting large amount of research funds  |
| 3   | Units/Departments that have excelled in attracting large amount of innovation fund |
| 4   | Researchers who have attracted large amount of research funds                      |
| 5   | Best impact researcher of the year   |
| 6   | Best impact innovator of the year  |
| 7   | Best postgraduate innovation project   |
| 8   | Best undergraduate innovation project  |
| 9   | Best outreach project of the year  |

# Weekly SCHEDULE

MON  
20  
MARCH

- Compilation of Semester I Examination Results Begins

SAT  
25  
MARCH

- Inter-Semester Break Ends

MON  
27  
MARCH

- Semester II Lecture Sessions Begin

