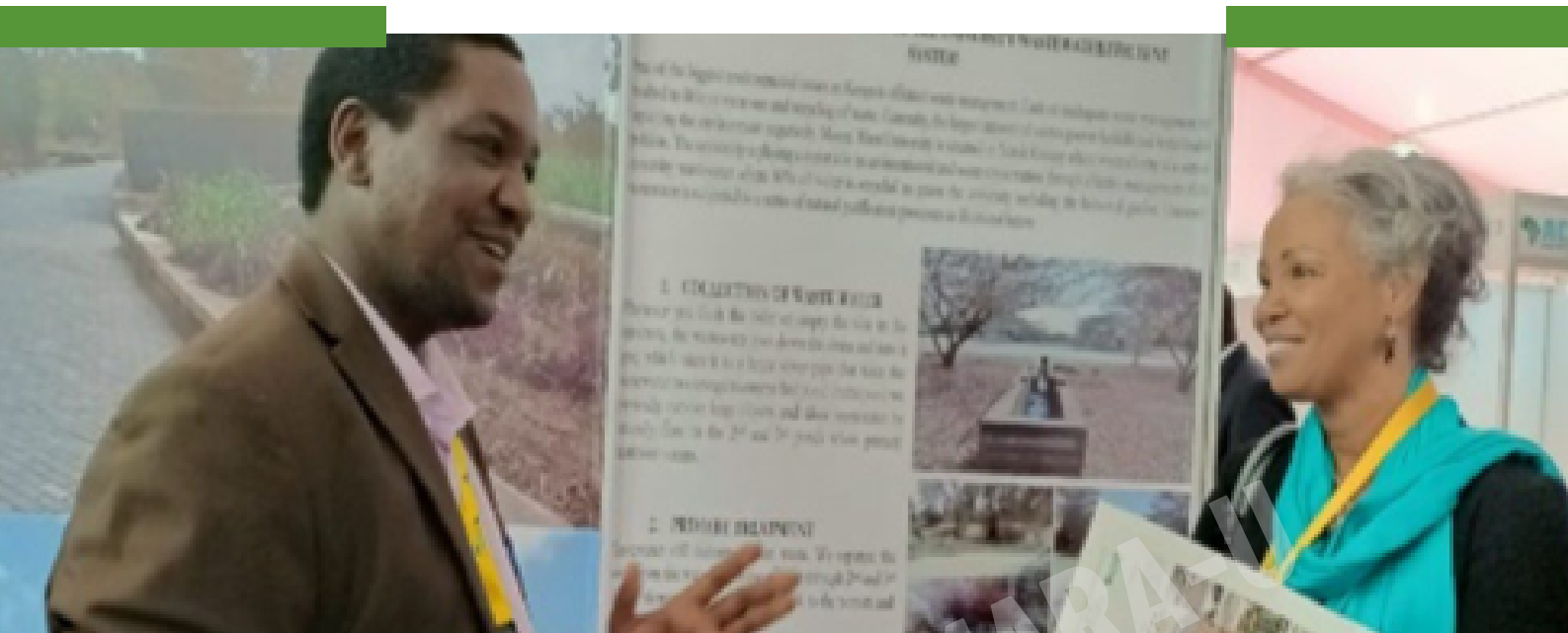




# MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

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## MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. VIMAL SHAH AS THE 2ND CHANCELLOR

Maasai Mara University, is thrilled to announce the appointment of Dr. Vimal Shah as its new Chancellor by His Excellency the President of the republic of Kenya, Dr. William Samoei Ruto, on Friday 8th September 2023, for a period of five years. The entire university community is grateful to the President of the Republic of Kenya for this milestone appointment.



**DR. VIMAL SHAH, A RENOWN INDUSTRIALIST IN EAST AFRICA AND THE CHAIRMAN OF BIDCO AFRICA, BRINGS A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE TO THE UNIVERSITY. HE WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE EAST AFRICAN ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR IN 2012 BY THE ALL-AFRICAN BUSINESS LEADERS AWARDS. IN 2011, PRESIDENT MWAI KIBAKI HONORED HIS CONTRIBUTION TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WITH A FIRST-CLASS CHIEF OF THE ORDER OF THE BURNING SPEAR, IN ADDITION TO MANY AWARDS.**

Dr. Kennedy Ole Kerei, the Chairman of the University Council, has extended his warmest congratulations to Dr. Vimal Shah, emphasizing the pivotal role his appointment plays in advancing the university's commitment to the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Plan (BETA). Under Dr. Vimal Shah's guidance, Maasai Mara University aims to support the growth of the manufacturing sector's contribution to GDP by 20% by the year 2030.

On her part, the Acting Vice Chancellor of Maasai Mara University, Prof. Peninah Aloo-Obudho, has expressed her delight at this significant development which comes as a bridge between Academia and the Industry. She stressed the importance of this appointment as the university embarks on the implementation of the 5M Community Impact Model in Narok County.



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The 5M Model is based on the strategic location of the university, is a comprehensive community impact initiative that touches upon various crucial aspects of Narok County and the South Rift region, including Mau Forest conservation, the rich Maa Culture, conservation efforts in the Maasai Mara National Game Reserve, sustainable management of the Mara River, and fostering peace and reconciliation through prayer.

The appointment represents a significant step towards enhancing the university's contributions to the economic development and cultural preservation of Narok County and the broader South Rift region. Maasai Mara University looks forward to a fruitful and collaborative partnership with Dr. Vimal Shah as its 2nd Chancellor, and together, we will work towards a future of innovation, education, and economic progress. The Council, the University Management, Senate and the entire Maasai Mara University fraternity congratulates and welcome the Chancellor, Dr. Vimal Shah to the University.



## UNIVERSITY ACTION >>>



*The Ag. Vice Chancellor Prof. Peninah Aloo Obudho with the First Lady's Mazingira Awards for students who participated in Mama Doing Good Initiative.*

His Excellency President William Samoei Ruto is the driving force behind the first-ever [Africa Climate Summit \[ACS23\]](#) that ran from 4th-6th September, 2023, which has come out strongly to address the continent's growing vulnerability to climate change and its costs on a worldwide scale as well as specifically in Africa. As climate crises are predicted to become more frequent and intense, immediate action is needed to lessen these difficulties.

The Nairobi Declaration has been developed, amendments done and finally adopted by African leaders present in the Summit as a forum to inform, frame, and influence commitments, pledges, and outcomes.

Maasai Mara University was at the forefront to present her Climate Action Activities during this crucial summit that attracted parastatals, investors from the global community as well as developing stakeholders in the climate and environment sector. Maasai Mara University was the Only University in the summit to showcase her Climate Action Activities that entailed five (5) items namely:



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Maasai Mara Climate action activities to participants during the summit



1. Briquette fuel manufacture from biomass waste
2. Biogas production
3. Model Tree Nursery
4. African Medicinal Botanical Garden [AMBG]
5. Recycling & Management of University Wastewater/Effluent Unit



The institution has made strides to have inclusive partnerships with relevant stakeholders, the National government as well as Community Based Organizations as part of her strategic plan in ensuring the objective of the Africa Climate Summit is adopted for development.



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Maasai Mara University is currently making a significant impact at the Africa Climate Week & Summit 2023. Their exhibition is drawing widespread attention for showcasing innovative solutions and their commitment to addressing climate change challenges. The university is highlighting renewable energy projects, biodiversity conservation efforts, sustainable agriculture practices, and robust research and education programs. They actively engage with local communities and collaborate with various partners to amplify their impact, positioning themselves as leaders in the fight against climate change



## WHAT WE ARE DOING!

The Ag. Vice chancellor making her visit to Her Excellency Mama Rachel Ruto Pavilion to appreciate and commit support to the President's 15 Billion tree call by 2032 by initiating 100 Environmental clubs, tree nurseries and woodlots within schools in Narok county. This is a follow-up on the pledge made by Maasai Mara University on climate action activities during the launch of Mama Doing Good Model Tree Nursery launch at Maasai Mara University on 7th August, 2023.



## MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY IS DUE FOR REGULAR INSTITUTIONAL QUALITY AUDIT BY THE COMMISSION FOR UNIVERSITY EDUCATION



The Commission for University Education is mandated under the Universities Act, No. 42 of 2012, Section 5 (1) to undertake regular inspections, monitoring, and evaluations of universities to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Act. As a result, the Commission for University Education has issued a notice of Regular Institutional Quality Audit to Maasai Mara University. The broad objectives of the Institutional Quality Audit are to assess the extent to which the University has:

1. Continued to uphold its goals and objectives for which it was established in the charter;
2. Implemented recommendations of the Commission awards of the charter and or previous audit;
3. Continued to enhance quality of the expected outcomes; and
4. To assess any other institutional achievements.

In preparation for the Institutional Quality Audit, the University is required to prepare a Self-Assessment Report (SAR) of the University. The Regular Institutional Quality Audit will be based primarily on the University's Self-Assessment Report, interview with different constituents of the University namely; Students, Academic Staff, Administrative Staff, Alumni, Management Staff, Management Board, Senate, The University Council; and a site visit to audit adequacy and quality of available facilities at the University. The University underwent the last Regular Institutional Quality Audit in July 2018 and is due for another this October 2023.

In readiness for the Regular Institutional Audit, by the Ag. Vice Chancellor appointed a Self-Assessment Committee whose mandate was to Conduct Institutional Self-Assessment; prepare a Self-Assessment Report (SAR) based on Commission for University Education (CUE) guidelines for Self-Assessment for Institutional Quality Audit (August 2017 Ed); and furnish the Commission with the Report. The Self-Assessment Committee Chaired by Prof. Beatrice Manyasi as concluded the Self-assessment. The SAR was adopted by the University senate on 26th September 2023. Maasai Mara University, is dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of quality in all aspects of operations.



## MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY REDCROSS CHAPTER (MMUREC) TAKES PART IN THE ANNUAL NATIONAL FIRST AID COMPETITION



Maasai Mara University Redcross Chapter participated in the National First Aid Competition at Boma International Hospitality College on 8th September, 2023 under the theme "First Aid in Digital World". This year's theme aims to equip all to embrace the digital pathways for vital first aid knowledge and competencies. MMUREC was represented by five participants and accompanied by the Chapter Patron, Dr. Kennedy Karani Onyiko. Out of nine University category chapters that participated in the Annual National First Aid Competition, MMUREC demonstrated great first aid knowledge and skills and managed to scoop an overall fourth position and second best in the theory exam.







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