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Vice-Chancellor of The Co-operative University of Kenya, Prof. Kamau Ngamau (3rd right), flanked by the University staff and student participants of the 22nd Edition of the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon (SCNM) held at Uhuru Gardens, Nairobi, on 26th October 2025.

CUK Participates in the SCNM 2025

By Victor J. Njogu, MPRSK | October 26, 2025

CUK participated in the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon (SCNM) 2025 held on Sunday, 26th October 2025 at Uhuru Gardens. Led by Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kamau Ngamau, a total of 50 staff and students took part in Kenya's biggest race, which is a celebration of sport, culture, and adventure.

The marathon's route was set against the breathtaking backdrop of the Southern Bypass where over 30,000 runners enjoyed the stunning serenity of the Nairobi National Park.

Since the SCNM was inaugurated in 2003, it has transformed lives, first through "Seeing is Believing" and presently through Futuremakers initiative that has impacted over 1 million young people by supporting education, employability, and entrepreneurship.

CUK shares deeply in the dream and the vision of the Futuremakers programme of the Standard Chartered Bank through its deliberate effort to support this annual corporate social responsibility (CSR) activity in making a real difference in communities across Kenya and empowering them.

The Marathon saw over 1,00 international participants from over 90 countries globally.



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Varsity hosts KeNIA's Experts for the ICS Program Self-Evaluation

By Meshack M. Ngangi, MPRS | October 23, 2025

The Co-operative University of Kenya (CUK) recently welcomed a five-member delegation from the Kenya National Innovation Agency (KeNIA) for a self-evaluation exercise under the Institutional Commercialisation Support (ICS) Programme. The team, led by Senior Innovation Officer Francis Okwara, was received by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kamau Ngamau, and other senior officials of the university.

The visit aimed to evaluate CUK's progress in strengthening its research and innovation ecosystem using the Entrepreneurial Institutions Maturity Framework (EIMF). This framework helps universities assess their capacity for innovation, entrepreneurship, and commercialization, and identify areas for strategic improvement. Among those present were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic, Co-operative Development, Research and Innovation), Prof. Isaac Nyamobgo; Director of the Directorate of Research and Innovation, Prof. Kennedy Waweru; Mr. Silas Maiyo; and Ms. Yvonne Njeri, a Venture Growth Catalyst Expert from KeNIA.

The Institutional Commercialisation Support (ICS) Programme is a national flagship initiative facilitated by KeNIA in collaboration with the British Council and UKAid. This programme

seeks to empower universities and research institutions to effectively translate their research outputs into market-ready innovations and commercial ventures.

Through the ICS Programme, KeNIA works with selected universities to review and strengthen their innovation structures, policies, and linkages with industry. The goal is to develop robust commercialization ecosystems



that support technology transfer, intellectual property management, and entrepreneurship development within academic institutions.

The Entrepreneurial Institutions Maturity Framework (EIMF) serves as the main evaluation tool for the ICS Programme. It provides a structured approach to assessing a university's innovation and commercialization capacity across key domains.



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(Seated) Our Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kamau Ngamau (Centre), Deputy Vice Chancellor (ACDRI), Prof. Isaac K. Nyamongo (3rd right), SEREK Patron, Prof. Paul Ogula (3rd left), the SEREK Chairperson, Prof. Paul Maithya (2nd right), and School of Co-operative and Community Development Dean, Dr. Lucy Ngare (right), flanked by the participants of the International SEREK Conference held on 23rd October 2025 at The Co-operative University of Kenya, Main Campus, Karen-Nairobi.

SERЕК–CUC International Conference: Turning Challenges into Opportunities

By Victor J. Njogu, MPRSK | October 23, 2025

The Society of Educational Research and Evaluation in Kenya (SERЕК) partnered with The Co-operative University of Kenya (CUC) to host an international conference under the theme “Turning Challenges to Opportunities: Implications in the 21st Century,” bringing together scholars, postgraduate students and practitioners in a blended format that combined predominantly in-person participation with virtual contributions where travel was not feasible.

Under the guidance of Dr. Lucy Ngare, the Dean of the School of Co-operative and Community Development, the preparations and hosting with active involvement from the School of Business and Economics and the School of Computing and Mathematics, while Prof. Paul Maithya of SERЕК chaired the overall organising committee.

There were subcommittees established to handle abstracts and programme development, hospitality and logistics, security and health, publicity and promotion, and budget, finance and registration, and the university’s Co-operative Retreat and Conference Centre, ICT and Corporate Communication and Marketing Departments provided additional administrative and technical support and media coverage.

Participants from Kenya and abroad presented peer-reviewed papers across plenary addresses, parallel paper sessions and panel discussions, and the proceedings were compiled with encouragement for authors to convert their presentations into full manuscripts for submission to peer-reviewed journals, including outlets associated with The Co-operative University of Kenya.



Speaking at the official opening ceremony, the CUC’s Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kamau Ngamau, expressed that the conference augmented the University’s research output, offered capacity-building opportunities for postgraduate students and academic staff in presenting and publishing at an international forum, and enhanced institutional visibility by strengthening partnerships with educational researchers.



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The University's Head of Corporate Communication and Marketing Department, Mr. Victor J. Njogu, MPRSK, (centre seated) flanked by M(s). Christine Nzyimi (seated 4th left), the Head of Business Studies at Wote Technical Training Institute, takes a group photo with students and staff during an Educational Tour on 22nd October 2025, at The Co-operative University of Kenya, Main Campus, Karen, Nairobi.

Wote TTI Visits CUK for an Educational Trip

By Meshack M. Ngangi, MPRSK | October 22, 2025

The Co-operative University of Kenya (CUK) hosted 92 Students and 8 teachers from Wote Technical and Training Institute (WTTI) for an educational trip. The visit was aimed at exploring the practical application of the institution-based training in today's dynamic work environment. The University cuts the niche as not only an educational institution of higher learning but a center of excellent co-operative training and innovation.

Mr. Victor J. Njogu, the Head of Corporate Communication and Marketing Department, took the students through the University's history and highlighted its increasing adoption of structured operational systems that have enhanced service delivery, ensure transparency, and promote a culture of excellence.

Wote TTI learners were engaged in key functional areas such as customer care, human resource management, procurement, and financial operations that play an integral role in achieving this objective.

Ms. Susan Wanjiru represented the Principal Human Resource Manager and presented on human resource operations which form a cornerstone of institutional administration. She explained that the human resource department

oversees critical functions such as recruitment, employee relations, and payroll management. The head of Procurement Department, Mr. Micah Nyaenya took the learners through the practical application of the procurement and material management processes that further reinforce institutional accountability and operational efficiency.



The University's Marketing Officer, Ms. Lilian Nkatha, did a presentation on effective customer care within an educational institution that begins with the professional handling of visitors, students, parents, and other stakeholders.

The Finance Department was represented by Mr. Linus Muthinga who expressed that sound financial management underpins all University activities, ensuring that resources are utilized efficiently and transparently.



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