

USIU-Africa signs MoU with Safaricom PLC to strengthen academic delivery and output at the School of Science and Technology

By CTW Team



USIU-Africa students at an IT lab. Through the partnership with Safaricom PLC, students will get a chance to build their hands-on skills in the field of information technology, and applying their classroom knowledge to practical situations.

USIU-Africa and leading telecommunications giant, Safaricom PLC, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that will see both organizations carry out mutually-beneficial knowledge transfers, trainings, and capacity building initiatives in telecommunications.

The MoU will see both institutions jointly work together to build capacity through undertaking joint career fairs, having symbiotic support in knowledge gathering and dissemination, carrying out joint CSR programs, youth upskilling, among others.

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The Incubation and Innovation Centre to host guest speaker series throughout the Spring semester

By Scott Bellows

This week's topics (Feb 10th):

"Emerging Legal & Tax Highlights for Kenyan Entrepreneurs"

This week's speakers:

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Days: Wednesdays **Time:** 6:00pm **Zoom Meeting ID:** 989 6372 7893 **Password:** incubator1

Charity Kamunya and Peter Kirugumi will kick off the session with a talk titled 'Emerging Legal & Tax Highlights for Kenyan Entrepreneurs'

Building off of our 'Women in Entrepreneurship' series last semester, the USIU-Africa Incubation and Innovation Center will be holding training, coaching, and guest speaker series for this Spring semester built around the theme of 'Business Venture Scaleup'. The upcoming speakers for February and March that include:

- **Wednesday, February 10, at 6:00pm:** Charity Kamunya and Peter Kirugumi, Partners at P & C Kamunya Advocates. Topic: *Emerging Legal & Tax Highlights for Kenyan Entrepreneurs*.
- **Wednesday, February 17, at 5:30pm:** Linus Gitahi, Board Chairman of Tropikal Brands Afrika Ltd and former Group CEO of Nation Media. Topic: *Scaling your Business Startup*.
- **Wednesday, March 3, at 5:30pm:** Vincent Rapundo, Chandaria Foundation. Topic: *Social Entrepreneurship and Linking with Foundations*.
- **Wednesday, March 10, at 5:30pm:** Max Musau, CEO of JIWE Studios. Topic: *Gaming Industry Startups in Kenya*.
- **Wednesday, March 17, at 5:30pm:** Stephen Ngigi, Founder and CEO of Matteh Limited. Topic: *An Entrepreneur's Journey: Pivot or Persevere*.
- **Wednesday, March 24, at 5:30pm:** Tom Kirengo, Co-Founder and Managing Director of Imara Mediplus. Topic: *County Outlook: Creating Large Scale Rural Businesses*.
- **Wednesday, March 31, at 5:30pm:** John Magambo, Managing Director of Capital Hill Securities. Topic: *Entrepreneur's Dilemma: Employment or Business Startup*.

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Upcoming event:

Emerging Legal & Tax Highlights for Kenyan Entrepreneurs-
Wednesday, February 10, at 6:00pm
by Charity Kamunya and Peter Kirugumi, Partners at P & C Kamunya Advocates.

Decision- Focused Impact Evaluation (DFE) training for media practitioners-
March 17-19, 2021.

Spoken Arts and Debate Society (SADS) wins American debate, sweeps six categories at the Global Unitalks awards

By Chantelle Mukabi



Chantelle Mukabi (SADS Chair-pictured above) and Joy Michelle (SADS Member-pictured below). Both students had a weekend filled with achievement, with Chantelle winning the Vanderbilt IV Open Tournament alongside her South African counterpart, while Joy was formally awarded the prize for winning the International English-Speaking Competition 2020 at the Global Unitalks awards at a virtual event held on January 31.



The last weekend of January has brought a fruitful end to the first month of 2021 for the Spoken Arts and Debate Society, who scooped an award at the annual Vanderbilt IV Open Tournament, which was held virtually on January 30 and 31. The tournament, based in the United States, was attended by 130 debaters from 31 universities, 6 countries, and 3 continents. The Tournament marked USIU-Africa's first appearance at the prestigious event.

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