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SPU Leadership shares SPU Strategic Plan 2025–2030 Progress with the University Chancellor



Prof. Margaret Kobia, EGH having a meeting with University Management Board members and Strategic Plan Consultants at the VC's Boardroom

By Vivian Asiko

St. Paul's University Chancellor, Hon. Prof. Margaret Kobia, PhD, EGH, held an early morning briefing meeting with the university's leadership on 19th May 2025, led by the VC Rev. Canon Prof. James Kombo, to review the progress of the institution's upcoming Strategic Plan (2025–2030).

During the session, Dr. Stanley Karanja, the lead consultant from Stan Consulting Group, presented the current draft of the Strategic Plan to the Chancellor for feedback and input.

The engagement aimed to ensure alignment with the university's vision and mission as the final stages of the strategic planning process are undertaken.

Prof. Kobia emphasized the importance of strategic foresight and inclusive planning in guiding the university's next chapter of growth, innovation, and academic excellence.

The Strategic Plan (2025–2030) is expected to serve as a guiding framework for institutional development, research advancement, global engagement, and student-centered transformation at St. Paul's University.

Dr. Mwirigi Kiula appointed DVC – Finance and Administration



VC Rev. Canon Prof. James Kombo and other University Management Board members officially welcome Dr. Mwirigi Kiula (Centre), the new DVCFA at the Executive Boardroom in Limuru campus.

By George Kiplagat

St. Paul's University welcomed a new force at the helm of its financial and administrative engine: Dr. Mwirigi Kiula. The Vice Chancellor, Rev. Canon Prof. James Kombo, alongside senior university leadership, officially ushered in Dr. Kiula as the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration (DVC-FA) on Tuesday, June 3, 2025. This appointment is a strategic move to deepen the university's operational excellence, financial prudence, and digital innovation.

With over two decades of experience woven through academia, healthcare, research, and government partnerships, Dr. Kiula is not your typical finance executive. He is a scholar, a tech-savvy innovator, and a seasoned leader who brings a rare blend of digital transformation prowess and institutional governance to the table.

Before his appointment to St. Paul's, Dr. Kiula served as the Director of ICT & Innovation at the Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital (KUTRRH), where he led a bold digital transformation agenda. From information security systems to medical innovation infrastructure, he helped modernize one of Kenya's leading health institutions, proof that his impact is felt wherever systems need

structure, vision, and change.

His track record stretches further back, with previous roles as ICT Director at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), where he played a central role in steering the university's digital journey. His public service includes project management roles under the County Government of Nandi and NACADA, with a specific focus on citizen experience transformation.

At a national level, Dr. Kiula is no stranger to governance. He serves as a Member of Council at KCA University, contributing to strategic decisions in academic, student affairs, risk management, and audit oversight. He also serves as a trustee at KUTRRH's staff retirement benefits scheme, reflecting his deep involvement in fiduciary responsibility and institutional welfare.

Beyond the titles, Dr. Kiula is a thinker and mentor. He holds a PhD in Leadership and Governance (2018), a Master of Science in ICT Policy and Regulation (2010), and a Bachelor's in Computer Science (2004) all from JKUAT. He also volunteers as a senior lecturer at SALT University College in Ghana, where his global outlook meets grassroots mentorship.

SPU Management Board and Senate Attend Corporate Governance Training



University Management Board and Senate members pose for a photo after attending a one-day training on Corporate Governance in Limuru campus.

By Moses Kariuki

On 30th May 2025, The University Management Board and Senate member attended a one-day comprehensive Corporate Governance training session. The training was facilitated by the Institute of Certified Secretaries (ICS) Kenya, a key stakeholder in promoting ethical and effective governance practices.

The first session focused on Corporate Governance; where it explored the role of boards in strategic oversight, the importance of boardroom dynamics, effective decision-making processes, and the relationship between board committees and the main board. Discussions emphasized the need for boards to provide strategic insight, oversight, and foresight in driving institutional success. The second session delved into the development and presentation of board papers, accurate documentation of board resolutions, and effective communication of these resolutions.

Facilitators FCS Jacqueline Waihenya (Chartered Arbitrator and Mediator, and Chairperson of the Institute of Certified Secretaries), FCS Jane Muthaura, and CS Helen Mungania led the training.

They emphasized the importance of ethical leadership and the evolving expectations placed on boards in today's dynamic governance environment. "We applaud St. Paul's University for its commitment to nurturing transformative governance across sectors," said FCS Jacqueline Waihenya.

The training underlined St. Paul's University's ongoing efforts to uphold good governance and leadership excellence as a pillar of institutional growth and sustainability.

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SPU Management Board members Hold a Session with ERP systems Upgrade Consultants



University Management Board members having a session with DSL Consultants at the Senate Boardroom in Limuru campus

By George Kiplagat

The University Management Board held an intensive meeting with IT Consultants on Monday, 9th June 2025 at the Limuru main campus to review the current university's ERP system.

The Board approved an upgrade of the system to the MS Dynamics 365 Business Central, a globally known business solution that supports indus-

try-specific and operational business processes, along with comprehensive, core ERP functionality for seamless automation.

Through MS Dynamics 360 Business Central, the University seeks to enjoy flexible work spaces, user friendly interface, robust integration, data visibility and system scalability amongst other benefits.

SPU Nairobi Campus Hosts Interfaith Dialogue

By Moses Kariuki



Rev. Dr. Joseph Mutei poses for a photo with interreligious leaders, staff and students

SPU Nairobi campus in conjunction with the Network of Centres for Christian Muslim relations hosted an interfaith dialogue titled, "Breaking Barriers: Building Trust across Faith Lines" on Monday, 9th June 2025 at the Basement in Nairobi campus. The participants included a host of religious leaders, students, and organizations.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Abdulkadir Hashim, an advocate and senior lecturer at the Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies, University of Nairobi (UON).

The dialogue is one of a series of four in the 'Pathways to Peace project', an initiative that aims at fostering mutual understanding and respect among Christians and Muslims in Nairobi.

SPU Holds Memorial Service for the Late Mrs. Winnie Thegu



The Late Mrs. Winnie Thegu's family share their tributes during the special memorial service held at the Main Hall in Limuru campus.

By Vivian Asiko

In a heartfelt tribute, St. Paul's University held a special memorial service on 22nd May 2025 at the Main Hall, Limuru campus, in honor of the late Mrs. Winnie Thegu. The solemn occasion brought together the entire university leadership, staff, students, and friends to celebrate her life and legacy. The VC Rev. Canon Prof. James Kombo led the university community in paying their last respects, reflecting on Mrs. Winnie Thegu's remarkable 32 years of dedicated service to the institution. He acknowledged her invaluable contributions to the growth and development of the departments she served in, noting that her absence leaves a significant void within the university family.

The service was graced by The Rt. Rev. Dr. Thegu Mutahi, Moderator of the 24th Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) and Chairperson of the SPU Board of Trustees, who is also the husband of the late Mrs. Winnie. Accompanied by his immediate family and close friends, Dr. Thegu expressed profound gratitude to the university for the support shown to his family and the special memorial organized in her honor. "I have been touched by the kind gesture from this special university. I can confirm that my late wife Winnie worked in an institution that cared for her and had friends that treasured her deeply," he shared.

The university community remains grateful for Mrs. Winnie Thegu's unwavering commitment and the legacy she leaves behind one of service, compassion, and excellence.

SPU Signs MOU with the Cultural Council of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran



The VC Rev. Canon Prof. James Kombo and other university leaders pose for a photo after signing an MOU with Cultural Council of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran

By Moses Kariuki

St. Paul's University under the leadership of the VC Rev. Canon Prof. James Kombo, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Cultural Council of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran on Wednesday, 29th May 2025 in Limuru campus. This strategic partnership aims to foster collaborative academic research, promote interfaith dialogue, and open avenues for student and faculty exchange programmes.

The MOU also paves the way for increased academic and cultural cooperation through linkages between Iranian institutions of higher learning and religious institutions with St. Paul's University. Additionally, the collaboration will see the establishment of an Iranian Corner at SPU and the introduction of Persian language studies, enriching the university's multicultural learning environment.

This partnership underscores SPU's commitment to global engagement and promoting mutual understanding across diverse cultures and faiths.

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St. Paul's University Nursing Students Celebrate International Nursing Week in Kiambu County



SPU Nursing students pose for a photo during International Nursing Week celebrations

By Vivian Asiko

St. Paul's University Nursing students joined hands with the County Government of Kiambu to commemorate International Nursing Week that happened from 6-12th May 2025.

The week-long celebration honored the vital contributions and unwavering dedication of nurses worldwide. Themed, "Our Nurses, Our Future. Caring for nurses strengthen economies," the theme em-

phasized the vital role nurses play in global health systems and the need to prioritize their well-being.

Through various activities and events, the students highlighted the critical role nurses play in health-care and community well-being, reinforcing their commitment to compassionate and professional nursing care.

SPU VC Officially Welcomes New Students for the May-August 2025 Semester



The VC Rev. Canon Prof. James Kombo making his remarks during the official welcome session for the newly enrolled students for the May-August semester

By Moses Kariuki

The University Leadership, led by VC Rev. Canon Prof. James Kombo, expressed a heart-felt gratitude to the new students for choosing SPU as the foundation for their dream careers. To mark the beginning of this exciting journey, the VC and other senior university leaders hosted an intimate tea session with the first-year students at the Limuru campus.

These one-on-one interactions provided a unique platform for open dialogue, mentorship, and mutual learning between the students and the university leadership. The sessions reflected SPU's commitment to creating a nurturing and student-centered environment where every learner feels seen, heard, and supported.

In the words of the renowned Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." For the newly admitted students of St. Paul's University, that first step toward academic and personal greatness has begun.

Breaking Barriers: Fashion for Kindness Initiative and PRMC Host Pads Drive CSR Event for Junior Secondary Students



Junior Secondary Students pose for a photo in front of Central Administration Block after the Pads Drive CSR Event.

By Vivian Asiko

Fashion for Kindness Initiative, in collaboration with the Public Relations and Marketing Club (PRMC), and with the support of the Corporate Affairs Department and the Dean of Students Office, successfully hosted a Pads Drive Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) event at the student amphitheatre, Limuru campus. The event welcomed over 150 Junior Secondary students from St. Paul's Primary School.

The initiative created a safe and inclusive environment for open conversations aimed at breaking the stigma and shame surrounding menstrual health. Through interactive sessions, expert talks, and guided discussions, the students were em-

powered with knowledge and confidence to embrace menstrual health with dignity and understanding.

In addition to the menstrual health dialogue, the event featured a career talk session where the students received valuable insights into different career paths and were guided on making informed academic and professional choices.

The event concluded with the distribution of sanitary pads to all the students, further reinforcing the university's commitment to community engagement, youth empowerment, and promoting health education.

SPU Hosts Professors from Spain for Staff Capacity Building on International Trade



The VC Rev. Canon Prof. James Kombo during the MOU signing session with professors from Spain at the VC's Boardroom in Limuru campus

By Moses Kariuki

From 4th to 9th May 2025, St. Paul's University was honored to host four distinguished professors from Spain for a staff capacity-building program focused on International Trade. The sessions, held at the Limuru campus, were generously funded by the Erasmus+ program.

This collaborative effort comes as part of institutional Erasmus+ agreements signed between St. Paul's University and three tertiary institutions in Spain, aimed at promoting student and staff

mobility. The partnership is set to accelerate and strengthen SPU's internationalization agenda, providing opportunities for academic exchange, cultural enrichment, and collaborative research.

The VC Rev. Canon Prof. James Kombo warmly welcomed the visiting professors and underscored the importance of such initiatives in expanding SPU's global partnerships and enhancing academic excellence.

By George Kiplagat

St. Paul's University continues to make its mark on the global stage through active participation in international academic and research forums. Dr. Daniel Nzengya Muasya, Director in-charge of Research and Innovation, and Mr. Michael Mungai, Head of the Corporate Affairs Department, represented the university at the international conference themed "Sustainable Practices" held at the University of Life Sciences in Timisoara, Romania.

The duo delivered insightful presentations aligned with the conference theme, contributing to the global discourse on sustainability and innovation. Their participation underscored SPU's commitment to advancing research and sharing knowledge beyond borders. In a proud moment for the university, two SPU students currently on an exchange programme also had the honor and privilege of presenting to an audience of distinguished delegates from across the globe. Their participation highlighted the university's dedication to nurturing globally competent and research-driven students.

St. Paul's University remains committed to fostering international collaborations and equipping students and staff with opportunities for academic excellence and global exposure.

SPU Representatives Make Global Impact at International Conference in Romania



Mr. Michael Mungai making a presentation with SPU students during the conference in Romania

SPU Hosts Officials from the State Department for Higher Education and Research



The VC Rev. Canon Prof. James Kombo poses for a photo together with officials from the State Department of Higher Education and Research in his Office

By George Kiplagat

St. Paul's University was privileged to host officials from the State Department for Higher Education and Research, housed under the Ministry of Education, at the Limuru campus for a robust engagement with university leadership. The high-level visit was led by the Vice Chancellor, Rev. Canon Prof. James Kombo, alongside Deans from various schools and senior university administrators.

This visit forms part of the government's ongoing monitoring and evaluation exercise aimed at assessing the teaching and learning environment in private universities across the country. The delegation focused on critical areas such as academic

quality, infrastructural capacity, and challenges facing private higher education institutions. Their goal is to gather insights and propose practical solutions to enhance the quality, relevance, and sustainability of university education in Kenya.

The discussions reflected St. Paul's University's commitment to excellence, accountability, and continuous improvement in line with national education standards. The university appreciates the government's efforts in fostering collaboration with private institutions to ensure that students across the country receive the best possible higher education experience.

SPU Partners with Radio Amani to celebrate its 15th Year Anniversary with a Joint Roadshow in Nakuru

By Augustine Ngigi

St. Paul's University joined hands with Radio Amani and other stakeholders in celebrating the radio station's 15th anniversary through an engaging roadshow across Nakuru and its environs. The celebration fused entertainment, education, and community interaction in a vibrant display of media's power to inform and unite.

Representatives from SPU used the platform to share information about the university's programmes and distribute branded merchandise to the public. The event also served as a medium for promoting peaceful coexistence and public awareness on key social issues.

Key partners in the celebration included the Catholic Diocese of Nakuru, Mercy Mission Hospital, Liberty Wellness Centre, and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP). The event not only marked Radio Amani's decade-and-a-half of service but also strengthened institutional ties focused on community empowerment and civic dialogue.



Augustine Ngigi interacts with residents of Nakuru during a RoadShow

SPU Nairobi Campus Holds an Induction Service for New SPUSA Leaders



The Nairobi Campus principal, Rev. Dr. Joseph Mutei Posing for a Photo with the newly elected leaders

By George Kiplagat

St. Paul's University Nairobi Campus marked a significant milestone with the induction and commissioning of the new St. Paul's University Students Association (SPUSA) leadership team. The solemn service was led by the campus principal, Rev. Dr. Joseph Mutei, who charged the newly elected leaders to be servant-hearted, visionary, and spiritually grounded.

In his homily drawn from Romans 8:1-17 and John 16:12-14, Rev. Dr. Mutei offered three key exhortations: to lead through the empowerment of the

Holy Spirit, to exercise discernment and wisdom in decision-making, and to encourage unity and transformation among the student body through humility.

The induction underscores the university's commitment to nurturing leadership rooted in values, spiritual awareness, and social responsibility. With the new team now commissioned, the Nairobi Campus looks forward to a season of renewed student engagement and collaborative governance.

PR & Marketing Club Nakuru Campus Holds Its Inaugural Strategy Meeting



SPU Nakuru PRMC Club members in a meeting

By Shadrack Rop

St. Paul's University Nakuru Campus witnessed the official inauguration of its Public Relations and Marketing Club through a strategic planning meeting that brought together students and corpo-

rate affairs staff.

The club is envisioned as a dynamic space to sharpen communication skills, promote university visibility, and offer mentorship and industry exposure.

Attended by students from diverse faculties, the meeting explored key goals including student-led branding initiatives, networking forums, and hands-on training in public relations practices. The formation of the club signifies a proactive step towards bridging academic theory with real-world practice.

In the months ahead, the club is expected to organize training sessions, speaker events, and collaborative projects that will equip members with critical skills in strategic communication, digital branding, and stakeholder engagement.

SPU Nairobi Campus Organizes Fresher's Bash for Newly Admitted Students



The Nairobi Campus Principal, Rev. Dr. Joseph Mutei poses for a photo with some of the new students

By Vivian Asiko

SPU Nairobi Campus recently came alive with colour and energy during the annual Fresher's Bash, held to officially welcome newly admitted students. The event featured music performances, thrilling competitions, and the crowning of Mr. and Ms. Freshers 2025, celebrating youthful creativity and talent.

The Principal Rev. Dr. Joseph Mutei graced the occasion and extended a warm welcome to the new cohort. In his remarks, he emphasized that SPU is not only an academic institution but also a dynamic community where students can explore their passions, discover their potential, and thrive personally and professionally.

The bash, characterized by laughter, dance, and student engagement, served as a social springboard for the freshmen. It also reaffirmed the university's commitment to holistic education, where academic pursuit is complemented by vibrant student life and supportive community culture.

Computer Science Department Organizes Spark Innovation Workshop



DVC-AA Prof. Abraham Waithima presents a gift to the Chief Guest Dr. Milton Njuki Kiura in the presence of the Ag. Dean School of Communication and Computer Studies Dr. Winnie Ndeta.

By Moses Kariuki

The Computer Science Department organized an inspiring and eventful two-day Spark Innovation Workshop from 10th to 11th June 2025 filled with learning, interaction and innovation. On Tuesday, 10th June, the department hosted more than 80 high school students from Gitwe Girls and Bibirion Boys High School for a Career Day to guide and motivate the next generation of scholars and professionals.

The event, held at the Limuru main campus, offered students a rare opportunity to explore various academic disciplines, interact with lecturers, and get a feel of university life. Students had enriching career talks from faculty, lab visits, and interactive sessions. From Computer Science and Communication, the students explored a wide array of disciplines.

Faculty members and university students shared their experiences and offered advice on making informed career choices. It was a day full of energy, curiosity, and thoughtful discussions as the youth

envisioned their future paths.

On Wednesday, 11th June, the department held a high-level SPARK Innovation Workshop where the keynote speaker was Dr. Milton Njuki Kiura, Deputy Director Higher Education and Research in the Ministry of Education. The workshop brought together university staff, students from SPU and Pan Africa Christian University (PACU), and innovators, to share insights and collaborate on ways to promote innovation in education and research.

The Deputy Director's keynote address emphasized the need for institutions of higher learning to support creativity, entrepreneurship, and technology-led solutions. Participants showcased innovative projects, ranging from tech applications to community-based solutions aimed at addressing real-world problems.

This workshop affirmed SPU's commitment to being a hub of innovation and transformation, aligned with national goals and global trends in education and development.

Campus Tech Buzz Takes Place in Limuru Campus

By Vivian Asiko



Student awarded after emerging in the Campus Buzz Tech competitions

The Computer Science Department hosted the highly coveted "Campus Tech Buzz" event at the student amphitheatre in Limuru campus on Thursday, 5th June 2025. The event availed an opportunity for students to showcase their tech skills cutting across various sectors to an eminent panel of tech experts. Various students utilized the opportunity to showcase their inventions and innovations that captured the attention of the panelists.

SPU Signs MOU with International Institute for Islamic Studies, Iran



SPU VC Rev. Canon Prof. James Kombo and Mohamed Ali, Director International Institute for Islamic Studies pose for a photo after signing a MOU in Limuru campus

By George Kiplagat

Led by the VC Rev. Canon Prof. James Kombo, SPU signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the International Institute for Islamic Studies, Iran on Thursday, 12th June 2025 at the VC's Boardroom in Limuru campus. Whereas the two institutions represent different faith traditions, and both are actively engaged in interreligious cooperation at various levels, the primary objective of the MOU will focus on the following areas: Initiating collaborative academic and research programmes between the two institutions in the broad areas of Islamic-Christian studies, Inter-religious studies and related disciplines, undertake joint research projects, publish books and journals, organize conferences and workshops, and engage in joint summer school on Christian-Muslim Relations.

Further, the collaboration will avail opportunities for joint educational projects such as holding classes and scientific seminars concerning religions and philosophies, exchange programme for faculty members and students, organized student tours and seminars in the presence of faculty members of host institutions and coordinated video lectures and conferences.

The MOU signing ceremony had other senior university leaders in attendance to witness the process.

Marketing Activation Pictorials

Limuru Campus



SPU Limuru team attends Gathirimu Girls High School Annual Career Fair



SPU Limuru campus team pitches camp at Calvary Temple in Rironi



Maureen Ndichu pitches a marketing tent during St. Annes Kiriari Education Day in Embu



SPU Limuru team at AIC Emmanuel Church



SPU Limuru team pitched a marketing tent at Believers of Christ Church in Gitaru



SPU Limuru team at Kameli-lo Day Secondary School for Career Talk



SPU Limuru team pitches a marketing tent during Apostolic Girls High School Career Fair



SPU Limuru team deliver a career talk in Poror High School

Nairobi Campus



SPU Nairobi team visited Buruburu Girls High School to inspire and empower young learners to make informed career decisions.



SPU Nairobi Campus led by Mrs. Chantal Bunei having a great time at ACK Karura Secondary School for a career talk



SPU Nairobi Campus pitch camps at the Star of Hope Secondary School, Nairobi during their Career Day



SPU Nairobi Campus attends Apostolic Carmel Girls Secondary School Career Day Expo

Nakuru Campus



SPU Nakuru Campus at Njoro Boys High School for a life skill and career growth talk to form four students



Augustine Ngigi delivers a Career Talk at Menengai High School to form four students



SPU Nakuru Campus at Boenix Girls High School for a life skill and career growth talk to form four students



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