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**1<sup>ST</sup>** **Congregation for the  
Award of Postgraduate  
Diplomas**

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**Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**The Cradle, Silicon Savanna, Konza Technopolis**

**THEME** : Integrating Knowledge and Innovation to Transform Society





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DIPLOMAS**

**BY  
THE CHANCELLOR OF OPEN  
UNIVERSITY OF KENYA**

**FRIDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 2024  
AT 9.00 AM**

**AT THE CRADLE, SILICON  
SAVANNA, KONZA TECHNOPOLIS**





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Business Management (MUST), Doctor of Financial Innovation,  
(MMUST), Doctor of Letters (ANU)

## Vision

The innovative university for inclusive prosperity.

## Mission

To provide affordable, flexible, quality learning experiences which enable individual acquisition of knowledge, skills and values in learners chosen fields of study; nurturing them into innovative researchers, leaders, entrepreneurs and global citizens.

## Philosophy

We subscribe to the philosophy that quality education makes human beings equal. We are committed to making it accessible to all who need it regardless of where they are. The Open University of Kenya breaks down boundaries and barriers to learning in all their forms. We use technology to mitigate the effects of geographical, economic and social barriers.

## Core Values

- Excellence
- Inclusivity
- Innovation
- Integrity

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## PROGRAMME AND ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

- 8.00am The Chancellor is introduced to the members of the University Council and Academic Division by the Chairman and Vice-Chancellor respectively.
- Chancellor, Council and Guests are robed.
- 8.30am **Arrival of Graduands and Invited Guests**  
All guests to be seated by 8. 30 am.
- 8.35am **Graduands' Procession**  
Graduands assemble at the entrance of Konza Complex.
- The GSU Band plays as the Graduands Procession proceeds to the Graduation square in the following order:
1. School of Business and Economics
  2. School of Education
- 9.00am Academic Procession begins at the entrance of the Konza Complex and moves to the dais in the following order:
- i) Mace bearer
  - ii) Student Representatives
  - iii) Administrative Staff
  - iv) Members of the Academic Staff of the Open University of Kenya and other universities
  - v) Chairpersons of Departments
  - vi) Members of Senate
  - vii) University Librarian
  - viii) Registrars

- ix) Deans of Schools
- x) ICT Director
- xi) Deputy Vice Chancellors of other Universities
- xii) Deputy Vice Chancellors of Open University of Kenya
- xiii) Members of the Open University of Kenya Council
- xiv) Vice Chancellors of other Universities
- xv) Chairmen of Councils of other Universities
- xvi) Chancellors of other Universities
- xvii) Principal Secretary, State Department of Higher Education and Research
- xviii) Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education
- xix) Chancellor flanked by Chairman of University Council and the Vice Chancellor

Members of the Congregation stand up as the Chancellor's Procession enters the Graduation Square

The Chancellor's procession takes position at the ceremonial dais

9.10am

### **Ceremony at the Graduation Square**

National Anthem and East African Anthem played by the GSU Band

Prayers

Members of the congregation sit after the Chancellor has taken his seat

Entertainment

Citation of relevant statute by the Registrar (Academic Affairs)

The Vice-Chancellor constitutes the Congregation and declares it a congregation of Open University of Kenya.

### **Speeches**

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, (Planning & Infrastructure) invites the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs) to present the Student Representative, Mr. Zedrick Simiyu, to make his speech

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, presents outstanding students in various roles and invites each to address the congregation in the following order.

- i) Mr. Martin Njeru      Exemplary Male Peer Learner Supporter
- ii) Ms Evelyn Mbaabu      Exemplary Female Peer Learner Supporter
- iii) Ms. Jemaiyo Joan      Resilient Achiever
- iv) Prof. Peter Barasa      Representative of Student CEOs
- v) Mr. Elykana Langat      Valedictorian

The Vice Chancellor addresses the congregation

The Chairman of the University Council addresses the congregation.

The Principal Secretary, State Department of Higher Education and Research addresses the congregation

The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education addresses the congregation

The Chancellor Addresses the congregation

### **Pledge**

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs) guides the graduands in taking the Alma Mater pledge

### **Award of Postgraduate Diplomas**

The Registrar (Academic Affairs) cites the Open University of Kenya Charter and Statute on award of Postgraduate Diplomas

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs) calls upon the Deans of Schools to present graduands for the award of postgraduate diplomas of Open University of Kenya

The Deans of Schools to present graduands for award of postgraduate diplomas in the following order:



1. School of Business and Economics
2. School of Education

(As the respective Deans read the names, the candidates remain standing and await upon the Chancellor to award the Postgraduate Diplomas)

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs) requests all Members at the dais to rise.

The Chancellor awards the Postgraduate Diplomas

### **Closing**

The Vice Chancellor dissolves the congregation.

The Kenya National and the East African Community Anthems are played (The GSU Band)

The congregation remains standing as the Procession leaves the dais in reverse order:

- i) Mace bearer
- ii) Chancellor flanked by Chairman of the University Council and Vice Chancellor
- iii) Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education
- iv) Principal Secretary, State Department for Higher Education and Research
- v) Chancellors of other Universities
- vi) Chairpersons of Councils of other universities

- vii) Vice-Chancellors of other universities
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- xviii) Administrative Staff of Open University of Kenya
- xix) Student Representatives

Guests leave at their own pleasure

## PLEDGE

I ..... an *Alumnus/Alumna* of  
Open University of Kenya, do hereby  
pledge active membership in the Open  
University of Kenya Alumni Association  
wherever I will be.

Through this association with fellow  
alumni, I commit to uphold the values of my  
alma mater and serve as a proud  
ambassador of its name.

**OPEN UNIVERSITY OF KENYA, MY  
“ALMA MATER”, INNOVATIVE  
UNIVERSITY FOR INCLUSIVE  
PROSPERITY**

## Students Speeches

Mr. Zedrick Simiyu : Student Leader

Mr. Njeru Martin : Exemplary Male Peer Learner Support

Ms. Evelyne Mbaabu : Exemplary Female Peer Learner Support

Ms. Jemaiyo Joan : Resilient Achiever

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# AWARD OF POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMAS

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

The Dean, **School of Business & Economics** will rise and present the candidates for the award of the **Postgraduate diploma** of the Open University of Kenya.

*As the Dean reads out the names, the candidates will stand and remain standing until the last name is read and the Chancellor has awarded the Postgraduate Diploma by saying:*

**“By the powers conferred by the Universities Act (2012), I award the persons named the Post Graduate Diploma of the Open University of Kenya for which they have been educated, trained, examined and qualified.”**

The following **FIFTY-SEVEN (57)** candidates satisfied the Board of Examiners of the **SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS** and the **SENATE** for the **AWARD OF POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LEADERSHIP AND ACCOUNTABILITY** of the Open University of Kenya

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1. **ABDI**, Ibrahim Mohamedkarim
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- 36.**HAMISI**, Gabriel Masika
- 37.**IVAN**, Ochieng Junior
- 38.**JARED**, Ongwae Mekenye
- 39.**KIRUI**, Cheruiyot Justus
- 40.**KISANGAU**, Titus Kimeu
- 41.**KITETU**, Eric Mulei
- 42.**KULEI**, Agnes Cheptoo
- 43.**MASINDE**, James Khaoya
- 44.**MBAU**, Tabitha Wangui
- 45.**MDACHI**, Alvin Mwale
- 46.**MUGALLA**, Jennedy Eboso
- 47.**NTONJIRA**, Elijah Kimathi
- 48.**OKENYURI**, Raymond Sure
- 49.**OLUOCH**, Angucha Vitalis
- 50.**OMOLO**, Fredrick Otieno
- 51.**ORUKO**, Nashon Munika
- 52.**SOY**, Mary Jelangat
- 53.**SYOKAU**, Wambua Rechael
- 54.**WAUSI**, Glory Mwongeli
- 55.**WAWERU**, Daniel Ngigi

## PASS

- 56.**PATAI**, John Bosco Malith
- 57.**RONO**, Nelson

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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The following **TWENTY-ONE (21)** candidates satisfied the Board of Examiners of the **SCHOOL OF EDUCATION** and the **SENATE** for the **AWARD OF POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LEARNING DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY** of the Open University of Kenya.



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16. **SIMIYU**, Catherine Machuma

## **PASS**

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18. **KIPRUTO**, Nicodemus
19. **NAMUDAALA**, Abubakar
20. **SITANDA**, Tobias Wakhungu
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## 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADUATION SUMMARY BY SCHOOL

<b>SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Postgraduate Diploma in Leadership and Accountability	<b>48</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>SCHOOL OF EDUCATION</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Postgraduate Diploma in Learning Design and Technology	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUANDS</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>78</b>

## THE KENYAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

Ee Mungu nguvu yetu  
Ilete baraka kwetu  
Haki iwe ngao na mlinzi  
Natukae na undugu  
Amani na uhuru  
Raha tupate na ustawi

O God of all creation  
Bless this our land and nation  
Justice be our shield and defender  
May we dwell in unity  
Peace and liberty  
Plenty be found within our  
borders

Amkeni ndugu zetu  
Tufanye sote bidii  
Nasi tujitoe kwa nguvu  
Nchi yetu ya Kenya  
Tunayoipenda  
Tuwe tayari kuilinda

Let one and all arise  
With hearts both strong and true  
Service be our earnest endeavour  
And our homeland of Kenya  
Heritage and splendour  
Firm, may we stand to defend.

Natujenge taifa letu  
Ee, ndio wajibu wetu  
Kenya istahili heshima  
Tuungane mikono  
Pamoja kazini  
Kila siku tuwe na shukrani

Let all with one accord  
In common bond united  
Build this our nation together  
And the glory of Kenya  
The fruit of our labour  
Fill every heart with thanksgiving.

## EAST AFRICAN ANTHEM

Ee Mungu twaomba uilinde  
Jumuiya Afrika Mashariki  
Tuwezeshe kuishi kwa  
amani  
Tutimize na malengo yetu

Oh God we pray  
We should protect our community  
We should be committed and  
stand strong

Chorus  
Jumuiya Yetu sote tuilinde  
Tuwajibike tuimarike  
Umoja wetu ni nguzo yetu  
Idumu Jumuiya yetu

Our unity is our anchor  
Long live our community  
For preservation of the East  
African Community;  
Enable us to live in peace  
May we fulfil our objectives

Uzalendo pia mshikamano  
Viwe msingi wa Umoja wetu  
Natulinde Uhuru na Amani  
Mila zetu na desturi zetu

Patriotism and togetherness  
Be the pillars of our unity  
May we guard our independence  
and peace  
Our culture and traditions

Viwandani na hata  
mashambani  
Tufanye kazi sote kwa  
makini Tujitoe kwa hali na  
mali  
Tuijenge Jumuiya bora

In industries and farms  
We should work together  
We should work hard  
We should build a better  
Community


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