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CORPORATE NEWS

KUCCPS sponsors national music festival to promote talent and career guidance



Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service sponsored the 97th edition of the Kenya Music Festival from 3rd to 16th August, 2025 using the platform to promote career guidance and awareness on its services.

Hosted jointly at Meru School, Kaaga Girls High School and Meru Teachers College in Meru County, under the theme, *"Enhancing the Creative Economy through Artistic Expression for Sustainable Development"* the festival attracted thousands of students from across the country, who showcased their talents in music, drama, and cultural performances.

KUCCPS sponsored choral verses in English and Kiswahili languages

that were scripted with placement of students and career guidance messages.

In line with its commitment to aligning careers, KUCCPS deployed its officers to provide career guidance and mentorship services at the festival. Applicants also had an opportunity to familiarise with the KUCCPS placement application system and processes, including information on courses, institutions, application timelines and entry requirements.

The highlight of the festival was the State Gala, where Chief Executive Officer Dr. Agnes Mercy Wahome was invited to join His Excellency President Dr. William Ruto, Ministry of Education officials and other stakeholders at the Sagana State Lodge. The CEO

joined the President in presenting trophies to winning institutions, which had presented winning items.

In collaborating with the KMF, KUCCPS aims to leverage the creative platform to highlight its mandate as well as career opportunities within the creative economy, including music, performing arts, media, and technology.



Editor's Note

Welcome to the second issue of *KUCCPS Bulletin*, a monthly online publication of Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service [KUCCPS]. Going by feedback received following the inaugural issue released in August, we are glad that you not only loved the beautiful design of this newsletter but also enjoyed the fresh and exciting updates from KUCCPS.

To those reading this newsletter for the first time, *KUCCPS Bulletin* is a corporate newsletter that shines spotlight on our key events, developments and stakeholder engagements. The aim is to inform stakeholders in line with our Core Values of Focus on Citizens, Access and Equity.

In this issue, we bring you highlights from the Kenya Music Festival, which KUCCPS sponsored for the third year running, giving the institution a platform to advance its career guidance and public outreach objectives. In addition, we are excited to share news of our latest award, given in recognition of the institution's contribution to career guidance and mentorship, as well as a round-up of career guidance and public sensitisation activities held across Kenya in the month of August.

As happened with the first edition, we would like to hear your thoughts and feedback as we embark on the next issue.

Thank you and enjoy reading!

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Placement Service embraces new electronic public procurement system



In compliance with Government Policy, KUCCPS has embraced the new electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) system. In readiness for institutional roll-out, KUCCPS staff attended a hands-on training session on the new system, which was organised by the National Treasury and Economic Planning. The training aimed at familiarising participants with the digital platform, which is set to transform public procurement processes across the country.

The e-GP system, launched in April 2025, is a presidential initiative designed to modernise and streamline public procurement. With a full rollout effective from July 1, 2025, the platform seeks to enhance efficiency, transparency, and accountability by digitalizing the entire procurement cycle from tender publication to bid submission and contract award. The system is expected to reduce costs, minimise procurement cycle times, and improve value for money by eliminating manual processes and optimising workflows.

The training marks a pivotal step toward fully embedding digital solutions in Kenya's procurement processes, aligning with broader government goals to foster transparency, accountability, and service delivery efficiency.





KUCCPS honoured for promoting career guidance and mentorship in TVET colleges



The Placement Service has been awarded for its outstanding contribution to career guidance and mentorship in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions.

In the last five years, KUCCPS has supported the Young Africa Works in Kenya-TVET-12 Project, a thematic partnership between Kenyan and Canadian institutions aimed at improving youth employability through TVET. The project focused on career guidance and mentorship services, particularly for female students, across 25 TVET institutions in Kenya.

The award by Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan), recognised KUCCPS' contribution to the project. It was presented by Dr. Esther Muoria, Principal Secretary, State Department for TVET during the Young Africa Works – TVET Program Partners Forum held in Mombasa.

The recognition reflects KUCCPS' important role in equipping students with the knowledge and tools needed to make informed choices about their career paths. Through targeted sensitisation programmes, mentorship forums and outreach initiatives, KUCCPS ensures that learners are aware of opportunities available within TVET institutions. By supporting enrolment in and expansion of opportunities in TVET, the organisation continues to support the government's agenda of producing a skilled workforce required for Kenya's economic development.



Career guidance in Laikipia County

KUCCPS had the opportunity to guide over 450 students from 54 secondary schools in Laikipia County during the annual Kenya Students Christian camp at Nanyuki School. Through group and one-on-one interactions, the students got sensitised on different career options and the importance of matching career choices with personal strengths. They were also guided on how to navigate the student application portal to ensure successful submission of their applications.



Shaping dreams in Narok County through collaborations



August school holidays provided a perfect opportunity to collaborate with local faith-based institutions in Narok County to host a career mentorship forum at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Students received personalised guidance on course selection and higher education pathways. Our officers also guided the students on how to avoid common mistakes while making applications for placement. The initiative empowered the learners to make informed career decisions but also highlighted KUCCPS' commitment to reach students from all backgrounds.

Highlights from higher education financing forum, Mombasa County



The Placement Service was a key presenter during the Higher Education Financing Forum hosted at Bandari Maritime Academy in Mombasa. The forum brought together education stakeholders including Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), Hatua Network, Elimu Scholarship Scheme, KUCCPS and the County Government to deliberate on sustainable education funding. The topics covered included student financing, placement processes, course requirements and eligibility criteria. Panel discussions were held, exploring sustainable financing models, scholarship opportunities, and ways to enhance access to higher education. In addition, the event highlighted the value of collaboration in making tertiary education more inclusive and affordable for students and also suggested strategies to connect students with opportunities in higher learning.

Taking services to citizens through Huduma Mashinani Campaign

In collaboration with Huduma Centres, KUCCPS takes services to the people through grassroot forums, known as Huduma Mashinani activities. Through the programme, KUCCPS extended our outreach programmes to parents, students, and community members in Garissa County. Our staff provided clarity on placement and Government sponsorship by answering questions from various participants.



The officers also emphasised the need for students to align their career choices with relevant market needs. A similar Huduma Mashinani activity was held at Kibigori Secondary School in Muhoroni Constituency, Kisumu County, where KUCCPS officers emphasised the importance of early career planning and urged students to work towards their preferred careers. The team also shed light on government sponsorship and TVET opportunities, empowering citizens with information for informed career decisions.

Exploring TVET opportunities at Mombasa Youth Day



As part of the 2025 Mombasa International Youth Day celebrations, KUCCPS partnered with the State Department for Youth Affairs, Ajira Digital, and other organisations to engage more than 300 young people. Presenters at the forum emphasised TVET programmes as accessible practical pathways to employment while also highlighting applicable Government funding and HELB loans. The discussions inspired participants to view technical training as a competitive and valuable option for building careers.

KUCCPS, church work together to empower Nairobi youths



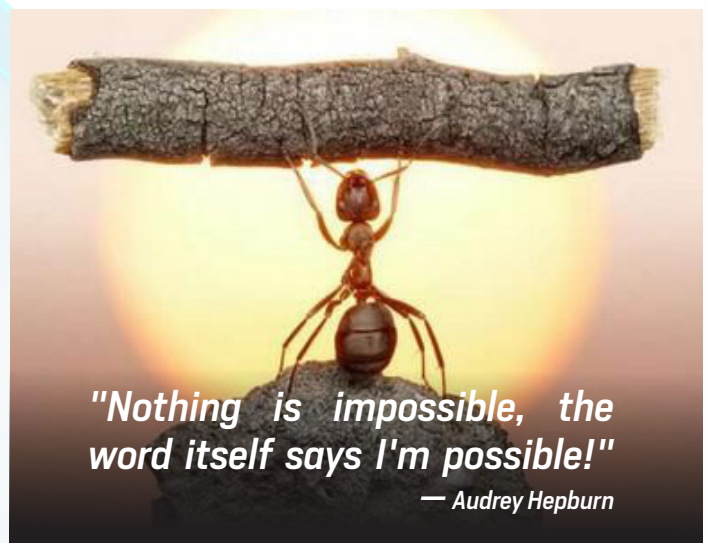
KUCCPS and ACK St. Mark's Church, Westlands, jointly held a two-day career and mentorship fair for youths in the Nairobi metropolitan area. The event convened Form Four leavers, secondary school students, parents and teachers for a deep dive into career planning. Officers guided learners on course selection, funding opportunities, and how to navigate KUCCPS processes. Parents and teachers also gained insights on their role in shaping learners' career decisions, making the event a holistic platform for all the participants.

Bungoma County youth gain insights at career guidance forum



Bungoma North Technical and Vocational College (TVC) hosted an exciting career guidance event that brought together students, teachers, and community leaders to support local youth. Organised with the help of NADEF, a community-based organisation, the event welcomed Form Four leavers and students from 15 schools. An officer from KUCCPS made a presentation on career paths, choice-making and available opportunities. Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) and the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority (TVETA) were represented. The talks shared useful tips on education, financial help, and job training, inspiring everyone. Thanks to support from Bungoma North TVC and NADEF CBO, the day was a big success.

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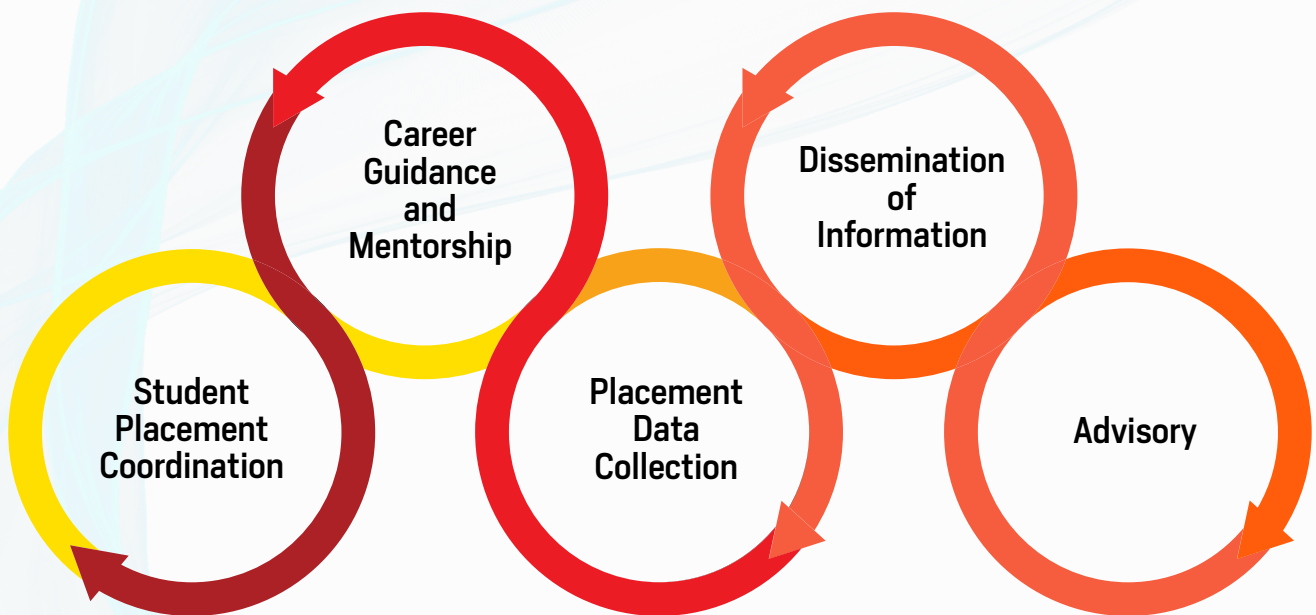


"Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I'm possible!"

— Audrey Hepburn



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Our services are available in the following Huduma Centres across the country.

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