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A New Dawn for IUK

Chairman, Board of Trustees

The Islamic University of Kenya has grown from a vision to a vibrant institution of higher learning guided by faith, knowledge, and service.

As we celebrate our recent milestones from global collaborations to student-led innovations, we remain deeply grateful to our partners, staff, and students for their shared dedication to the university's vision. The next phase of IUK's journey will focus on expanding access to education, fostering research, and strengthening ties that contribute to Kenya's and Africa's development goals.

— Sheikh Mohammad Othman



The Vice-Chancellor

As we mark another transformative chapter at the Islamic University of Kenya, I reflect with deep pride on the journey we continue to build, one defined by integrity, partnership, and purposeful education.

The past few weeks have been ones of growth and renewal. We have strengthened international partnerships, advanced sustainability initiatives, and created new opportunities for our students to thrive both academically and socially.

As we look ahead, IUK remains steadfast in its mission to nurture competent, ethical, and globally conscious graduates. Together, we will continue to serve our communities and advance knowledge that transforms lives.

— Prof. Dr. Ahmed Bilal Waqar

The Editor

Welcome to the first issue of IUK Connect, the official newsletter of the Islamic University of Kenya. This publication captures our shared journey, stories of growth, innovation, and community impact.

Each article represents the dedication of our students, faculty, and partners who embody the values that make IUK a truly dynamic institution. As we share our milestones, may this edition remind us that progress begins with partnership, and excellence is sustained through collaboration.

— Editorial Team



STRATEGIC ALLIANCES; LASTING IMPACT

The Islamic University of Kenya (IUK) continues to expand its network of local and international partnerships, each one building new pathways for collaboration, innovation, and opportunity. Through these strategic alliances, IUK strengthens its mission to provide quality education that empowers communities and advances sustainable development.

IUK–Makkah International Center for Quranic Guidance (Saudi Arabia)

In September 2025, IUK signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding with the **Makkah International Center for Quranic Guidance**, led by its President, **Dr. Yassin**, and Vice President, **Dr. Twaha**. The delegation met with IUK leadership, toured campus facilities, and commended the university's efforts in delivering quality education. The MOU sets the foundation for **faculty exchange, academic cooperation, and youth empowerment across Africa**, reinforcing IUK's commitment to bridging global scholarship with local development.

IUK–National Police Service (NPS): Advancing Professional Collaboration

IUK recently welcomed a **high-profile delegation from the National Police Service (NPS)**, led by Chief Imam Abdullahi Hussein Mohamed, to explore collaboration on **professional development, ethical training, and campus and community security**.

Hosted by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Ahmed Bilal Waqar, the visit highlighted IUK's dedication to serving all sectors of society through inclusive and values-based education.





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IUK–AI Munasaha: Empowering Youth Through Education

IUK signed a transformative partnership with **AI Munasaha**, a Kenya-based NGO focused on empowering marginalised youth through education and mentorship.

The collaboration aims to develop joint programs in life skills training, community outreach, and academic support, creating meaningful pathways for young people from underserved backgrounds.

IUK–Human Development Fund (HDF): A Partnership That Transforms Lives

The partnership between IUK and the Human Development Fund (HDF) remains one of the university's longest and most impactful collaborations.

The joint initiatives, such as the IUK Green Drive 2025, demonstrate how partnerships rooted in shared values can nurture leadership and sustainability.

Both IUK and HDF are exploring **new areas of collaboration**, including research, alumni development, and regional youth innovation programs, reaffirming a **mutual commitment to long-term educational empowerment**.

Strengthening Global Partnerships: Dar-ul-Madina International University

A delegation from Dar-ul-Madina International University (DMIU), Islamabad, Pakistan, led by Mr. Javad Akhtar, Chancellor DMIU, accompanied by Mr. Imran Naeem and Mr. Kasim Kasmani visited IUK. The delegation was taken on a guided tour of IUK's facilities and hold a meeting with Prof. Dr. Ahmed Bilal Waqar, the Vice Chancellor of IUK and discussed future collaborations in areas such as faculty and student exchange programmes, joint research projects, curriculum development, and innovation initiatives aimed at expanding academic opportunities for both institutions.

The guests expressed their admiration for IUK's infrastructure and commitment to quality education, noting their intention to establish long-term and impactful partnerships.



IUK-DEFSEL: Forging a Strategic Partnership to Strengthen Education in Professional Courses and Foreign Language.

Islamic University of Kenya (IUK) continues to build strong community ties and strategic partnerships that enhance its academic ecosystem. In its latest engagement, IUK is in advanced discussions with the **Defence Forces School of Education and Languages (DEFSEL)** to provide **professional short courses** and **Arabic language training** to defence personnel.

This initiative underscores IUK's commitment to empowering professionals through education, fostering collaboration, and promoting language proficiency as a means of enhancing regional and international engagement.

IUK-Tech Camp: Pioneering Digital Learning and Innovation

Building on the vision of the Vice Chancellor **Prof. Dr. Syed Muhammad Ahsan(late)**, who pioneered the **Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT)** program, IUK's partnership with Tech Camp continues to transform the university's digital learning landscape.

Through hands-on workshops, mentorship, and innovation challenges, Tech Camp equips students with practical skills in **coding, data analytics, and digital entrepreneurship**.

This collaboration stands as a living tribute to Prof. Ahsan's legacy, preparing IUK graduates to lead in an era driven by technology and creativity.

Together, these partnerships define IUK's growing global identity, one rooted in collaboration, purpose, and progress. Each agreement strengthens the university's role as a catalyst for innovation and a bridge between education, faith, and community transformation.



IUK GREEN DRIVE 2025: Plant Today For a Sustainable Tomorrow

The IUK Green Drive 2025, held on 19th September, brought the university community and the Human Development Fund (HDF) together for a memorable day of action, learning, and sustainability.

The morning began with a warm welcome from the Vice-Chancellor, **Prof. Dr. Ahmed Bilal Waqar**, who highlighted the value of partnerships in shaping educational outcomes. Inspiring lectures by **Sheikh Said Ragaeh** and HDF East Africa Director, **Mr. Abdurahman Mohammed**, emphasized service, integrity, and opportunity as shared pillars of empowerment.

The day culminated in a symbolic tree planting ceremony, where students, faculty, and HDF guests planted trees across campus to mark their shared commitment to environmental stewardship. The event also featured a friendly football match and a communal meal that celebrated unity and inclusion.

Through this initiative, IUK reaffirmed its dedication to sustainability and its vision of producing environmentally conscious graduates ready to tackle global challenges.

*"Planting a tree
today is
planting a
legacy for
tomorrow."*

Prof. Dr. Ahmed Bilal Waqar
Vice Chancellor





GOVERNANCE AT IUK INSIDE THE HALLS OF LEADERSHIP.

Charter and beyond: Presentation of the Charter Certificate

In a defining moment for the Islamic University of Kenya (IUK), Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Ahmed Bilal Waqar received the official University Charter, signed and endorsed by the President of the Republic of Kenya, **H.E. Dr. William Ruto**, from **Prof. Mike Kuria**, Chief Executive Officer of the Commission for University Education (CUE).

The Charter, symbolizing IUK's full recognition as a **chartered university**, was later formally presented by Prof. **Dr. Waqar**, alongside the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Registrar (Academic), and Head of Administration, to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, **Sheikh Mohammad Othman**.

This historic milestone reaffirms IUK's commitment to excellence, accountability, and transformative education aligned with both national priorities and global standards of higher learning.

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The charter is not just a document—it is a declaration of our readiness to lead with integrity and vision

—Sheikh Mohammad Othman,
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Meeting of the Board of Trustees (BOT)

IUK held the Meeting of the Board of Trustees, chaired by Sheikh Mohamed Othman, the Chairman of the Board on 23rd October, 2025. The meeting brought together the members of the Board from Human Development Fund (HDF), University of Lahore and Kenya. The Chancellor of IUK, Amb. Dr. Mohamed A. Mahat, also attended the meeting.

Prof. Dr. Ahmed Bilal Waqar, Vice Chancellor presented with the progress report of IUK and his vision for IUK. The members showed satisfaction with the progress of IUK and the Chair appreciated the efforts put in by the Vice Chancellor. Discussions covered the upcoming graduation ceremony, ongoing infrastructure development projects, expansion of scholarship opportunities for students, and the introduction of new faculties and master's programs aimed at enhancing academic diversity and excellence.

Other matters addressed included financial stewardship, governance and compliance, leadership oversight, policy direction, and strengthening institutional partnerships. The Board also reviewed the University's performance through annual financial report and audit report presented by Mr. Mahdi, Secretary BOT, to ensure continued progress toward its mission.

The Board of Trustees commended the remarkable progress and steady growth of the institution, expressing full confidence, trust and support for the Vice Chancellor. The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment to strengthening IUK's foundation as a centre of excellence in higher education — nurturing innovation, integrity, and impactful learning experiences for all.





Senate Board Meetings

2nd Senate Meeting of 2025

Chaired by the Vice-Chancellor, **Prof. Dr. Ahmed Bilal Waqar**, the 2nd Senate Meeting of 2025 addressed key academic developments aimed at enhancing quality and innovation at IUK. Members deliberated on and approved the **April 2025 examination results, endorsed several new academic programs and curricula, and commended the successful rollout of the Biometric Attendance System**, which has strengthened academic accountability.

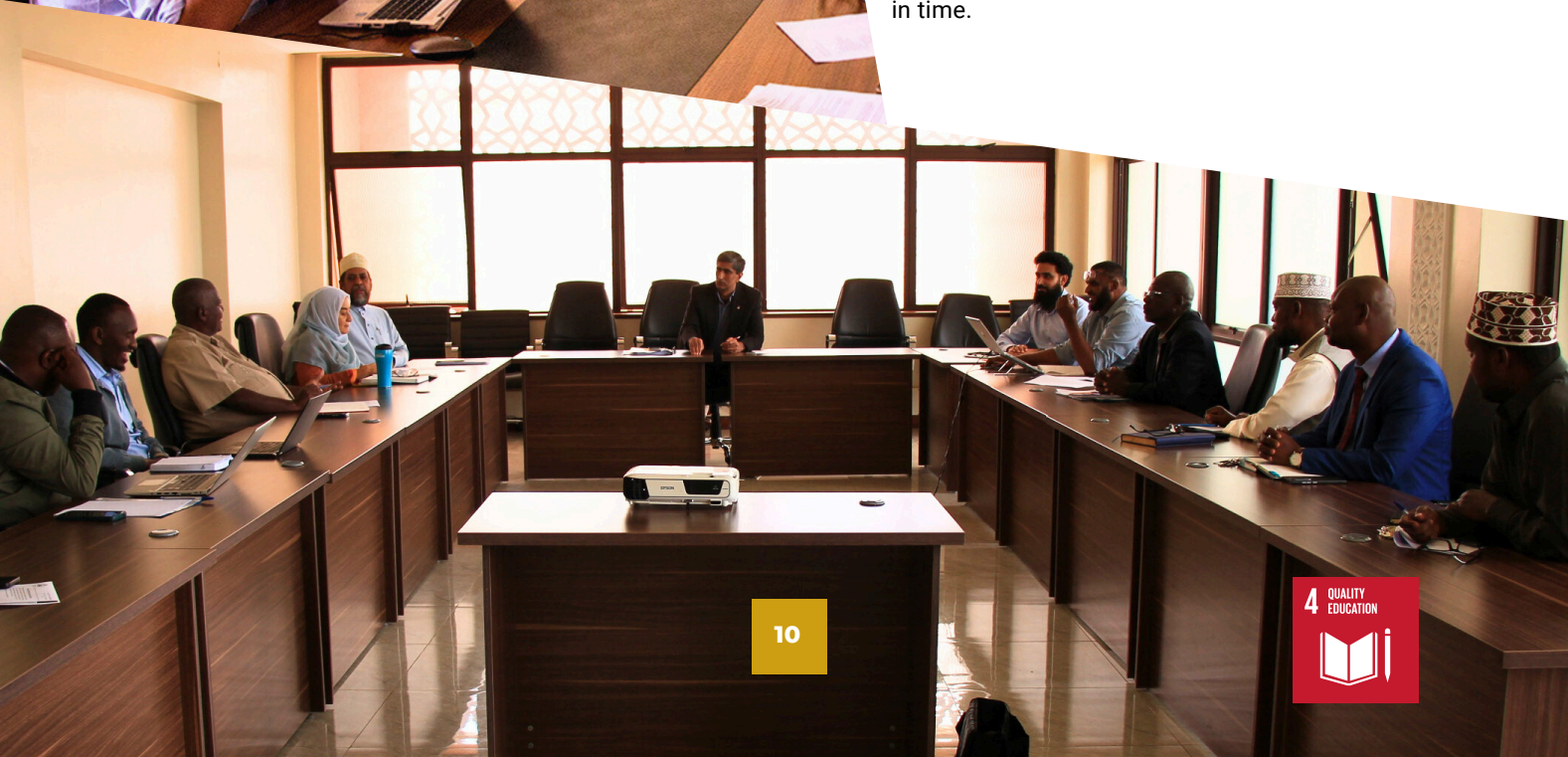
The Senate also adopted new institutional policies and academic regulations, emphasizing the need for continuous curriculum review. Heads of Departments were encouraged to refine and present additional programs through their respective Boards of Studies for consideration in the upcoming Senate meeting.

3rd Senate Meeting of 2025

The 3rd Senate Meeting, chaired by the Vice Chancellor IUK reviewed and approved the results of the last semester and ratified **curricula for new programs** submitted through departmental Boards of Studies. The Vice-Chancellor commended members for their commitment to maintaining academic excellence and reaffirmed that such collaborative engagements are central to advancing the university's mission of providing quality, globally competitive education.

4th Senate Meeting of 2025

The 4th Senate Meeting, chaired by Prof. Dr. Ahmed Bilal Waqar, reviewed and approved the graduation list and date of graduation to be on 6th December, 2025. The senate also activated the Graduation committee so that the arrangements for the graduation ceremony can be done appropriately and in time.



University Management Board (UMB)

2nd UMB Meeting of 2025

The 2nd UMB Meeting of 2025 reinforced IUK's commitment to effective governance and operational excellence. The meeting, chaired by the Vice-Chancellor, focused on key areas such as strategic planning, staff welfare, marketing, and enhanced student support systems. The UMB also reviewed new institutional frameworks to improve service delivery and streamline communication across departments, reaffirming that good governance remains central to sustainable progress.

3rd UMB Meeting of 2025

The 3rd UMB Meeting of 2025 was called on 29th October, 2025 to discuss different matters pertaining to the University management and administration. The matter of graduation ceremony to be held in December, 2025 was discussed in details. Different suggestions were presented by the members of the board and after discussions the appropriate decisions were made.



Student Elections: IUKSA Elections 2025

This semester's IUKSA student elections showcased democracy and student leadership at its best. The process was transparent, peaceful, and well-coordinated, reflecting maturity among the student body. Newly elected representatives pledged to champion student welfare, inclusivity, and engagement, hallmarks of IUK's student-centered philosophy



Inter School sports Galla 2025

The Inter-School Competitions Finals celebrated student excellence and unity, with the School of Shariah emerging as the overall winner, also taking first place in football and badminton. The School of Education triumphed in volleyball, while the Department of Arabic & Islamic Studies claimed victory in table tennis.



SPORTS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Sports day at KCA: Health is Wealth

IUK proudly participated in the Fun Sports Day at KCA University, themed "Health is Wealth." Competing among several universities, IUK's athletes displayed discipline, teamwork, and passion, earning an overall third position.



Building Character and Knowledge: Graduation of Tarbiya Students

IUK proudly marked another milestone with the graduation of two cohorts of Tarbiya classes for female students at the South C Campus, Nairobi.

Tarbiya (Arabic for moral and spiritual upbringing or character development) is a comprehensive approach to education that goes beyond academics.

It focuses on instilling strong moral values, nurturing discipline, and fostering holistic personal growth – shaping learners into individuals with ethical integrity, emotional intelligence, and a sense of social responsibility.

Graduation Ceremony: South C Campus

The Islamic University of Kenya (IUK) proudly celebrated the graduation of 94 female students in Arabic Language during a graceful ceremony at the South C Campus, Nairobi.

The event highlighted IUK's commitment to empowering learners through quality, values-based education and advancing Arabic language proficiency for non-native speakers in Kenya and East Africa.

Through such initiatives, IUK continues to nurture talent and prepare students academically and morally for meaningful careers and community impact.



Annual Qur'an Recitation Competition.

IUK once again upheld its cherished Ramadan tradition by hosting the Annual Qur'an Recitation Competition, a four-day event held across both the Main Campus in Kisumu and the South C Campus, Nairobi.

This year's competition brought together 50 participants, showcasing remarkable talent and devotion in the recitation of the Holy Qur'an. The event culminated in a graceful closing ceremony at the Main Campus, graced by the Chairman, Sheikh Mohamed Othman, as the Chief Guest.

Participants were honoured with Certificates of Recognition and Appreciation, acknowledging their dedication, effort, and spiritual excellence.



WAMY East & Central Africa Students Conference



The Islamic University of Kenya took part in the World Assembly of Muslim Youth Students Conference East & Central Africa Students Conference held from 16th–19th August 2025.

Represented by Dr. Said Sunkar (DVC Academic), Dr. Rage (Head, South C Learning Centre), and a team of students, the event provided a platform for regional networking, leadership development, and youth empowerment.

Certificate Awarding Ceremony

A graceful certificate award ceremony was held at the Islamic University of Kenya to recognise students for their outstanding performance and dedication.

The event was attended by Sheikh Mohamed Othman (Chairman), Prof. Dr. Ahmed Bilal Waqar (Vice-Chancellor), together with departmental heads and faculty members.

The leadership commended the awardees for their hard work and encouraged them to continue applying the values and knowledge gained to make a positive impact beyond the University.

CAMPUS LIFE flourishing with colour, energy, and purpose

Campus life at the Islamic University in Kenya (IUK) continues to thrive with colour, energy, and purpose that reflected the university's commitment to holistic learning and community engagement.

Mazingira Day

On October 10th, the university celebrated Mazingira Day, an environmental awareness event that encouraged sustainable practices through tree planting, clean-up activities, and discussions on environmental stewardship.

Pink Day

On October 13th, the campus turned pink for Pink Day, an initiative dedicated to Breast cancer awareness and compassion. Students and staff participated in health talks, fundraising activities, and creative campaigns to support those affected by cancer and to promote early detection.

Osteoporosis Day

On 28th October, IUK joined the global effort to educate communities about bone health. The event focused on raising awareness about osteoporosis, covering its causes, symptoms, and preventive measures. Students were taken through engaging health sessions that encouraged them to take charge of their well-being.

Community Outreach

IUK students extended their impact into the community, visiting Isinya Girls Secondary School for a career mentorship day and partnering with the Kajiado County Youth Office in a town clean-up drive led by the Environmental Club.

IUK Cafeteria

The newly opened IUK Cafeteria now offers a variety of nutritious meals at affordable prices, creating a welcoming space for students and staff to dine, connect, and unwind.



Celebrating Diversity and Achievement: IUK's Upcoming Signature Events

As the semester progresses, IUK looks forward to two signature events:

Culture Day – 20th November, 2025: A vibrant celebration of the diverse nationalities and cultures that make up IUK.

Graduation Ceremonty – 6th December, 2025: A proud moment to honor academic excellence and the accomplishments of our graduating class.

Be part of the next issue of IUK Connect

a platform that shares the stories, voices and milestones shaping the Islamic University of Kenya (IUK) Community.

We celebrate the achievements and experiences of our students, staff, and partners - showcasing how together, we continue to **expand horizons beyond the classroom**.

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IUK NAIROBI CAMPUS : SOUTH C - GREEN TWO ESTATE, ALONG KAWI ROAD (MUGOYA)
IUK MOMBASA CAMPUS : ABN ABBAS ISLAMIC INSTITUTE MAJENGO - ALONG MAJENGO ROAD