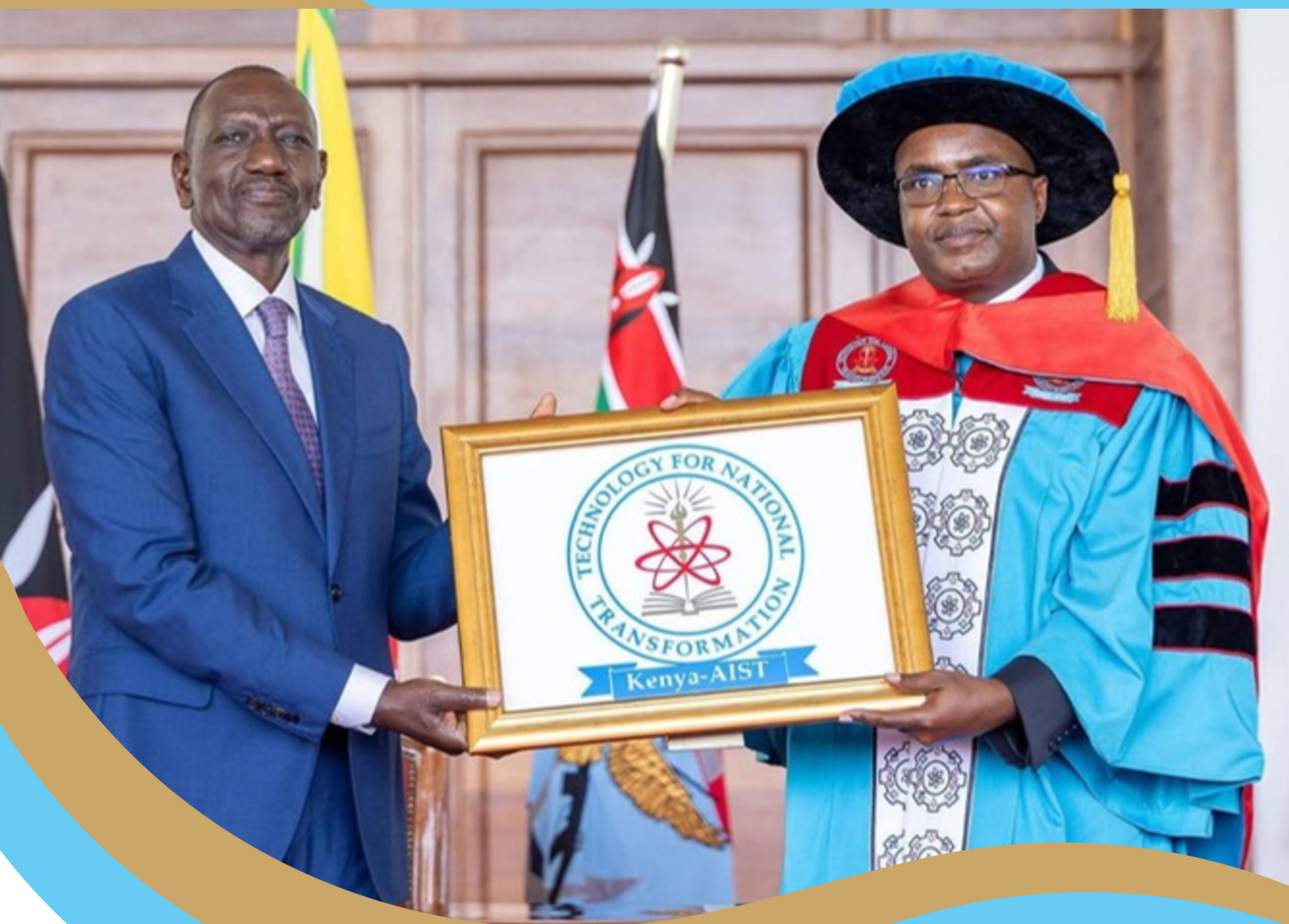




WE ARE CHARTERED!



Campus Core Building



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To be a lead in pioneer research, and education in science and technology, and to nurture highly qualified scientists and engineers.

To nurture highly qualified scientists and engineers by equipping them with theoretical and practical knowledge; conduct socially relevant research and development to improve national competitiveness and speed up industrialization; create social and economic values to improve Kenyans' quality of life.



- Integrity
- Dedication
- Creativity
- Excellence
- Sustainability

*“Technology for
National
Transformation”*



WELCOME NOTE

We take this opportunity to welcome you to the Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (Kenya-AIST) Campus.

The establishment of the Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (Kenya-AIST) represents what began as a bold and ambitious idea at the launch of Kenya Vision 2030 and has steadily evolved into a landmark achievement, culminating in the conferment of a Charter.

Today, Kenya-AIST stands at a pivotal juncture in its journey. The award of a Charter, which is the highest recognition accorded to a university globally, goes beyond legal status. It is a testament to years of deliberate planning, strategic partnerships, and unwavering commitment.

Rooted in the aspirations of Kenya Vision 2030, and shaped through international collaboration, infrastructure development, academic rigor, and sound governance, this journey has been guided by purpose and resilience.

The Award of Charter is not a conclusion, but a beginning



As Kenya-AIST steps into this new chapter, its mission remains steadfast: to cultivate scientific excellence, drive industrial advancement, and establish itself as a premier centre for research and innovation across Africa. The award of Charter is not a conclusion, but a beginning, a bold step toward shaping the future of science, technology, and knowledge for generations to come.

Karibuni!

Prof. J. W. Khamasi, EBS
Founding CEO /
Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Kenya-AIST



Message from the Cabinet Secretary

It is with immense pride and joy that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Council, Management, Faculty, and staff of the Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (Kenya-AIST) on the historic award of a Charter by His Excellency the President on 14th May 2026.

The chartering of Kenya-AIST is more than an academic milestone -it is a defining moment for our nation's journey towards becoming a regional and global hub of science, technology, and innovation. Situated at Konza Technopolis, our Silicon Savannah, Kenya-AIST, stands as the academic heartbeat for market-ready, research-based innovations and products.

This Charter affirms that Kenya-AIST has met the highest standards of academic quality and is now ready to take its place among the institutions shaping the future of advanced engineering research, biotechnology, and emerging technologies on the African continent.

As you embark on this new chapter, I challenge you to remain a research-intensive, postgraduate-focused institution that produces world-class scientists, engineers, and innovators - citizens who will drive Kenya's transition into a knowledge-based economy and place our country firmly on the global innovation map.

The Ministry of Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy will continue to give the necessary support in this noble mission.

Hongera sana, na Mungu awabariki.

Hon. William Kabogo Gitau, EGH
Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Information,
Communications, and the Digital Economy

Message from the Principal Secretary



I join the Government and the people of Kenya in celebrating the Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (Kenya-AIST) on being awarded a Charter.

Kenya-AIST was conceived as a postgraduate, research-led institution modelled on the world's leading science and technology University, the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology. The award of the Charter is a powerful endorsement that the vision has matured into reality and that the institution is ready to deliver on its mandate.

The State Department for ICT and the Digital Economy takes special pride in this achievement because Kenya-AIST sits at the very intersection of our national priorities: nurturing the talent pipeline that powers our digital economy, advancing research and development in frontier technologies, and supporting Kenya's ambition to become the leading technology and science hub in Africa.

As you transition into a fully chartered institution, I urge you to deepen industry-academia linkages, accelerate the commercialization of research, and remain a magnet for the best scientific minds in Kenya, Africa and beyond. Much is expected of you, and rightly so Kenya-AIST is a strategic national asset.

I thank many professionals, government officials and leaders who made this project come to reality.

Congratulations!

Eng. John Paul Tanui, CBS
Principal Secretary, State Department
for ICT and the Digital Economy



A Word from the Chairman

As we reflect on our progress over the last few years, I take great pride in the remarkable strides we have made in advancing our vision of building a world-class institution dedicated to science, technology, innovation, and research. What began as an ambitious national aspiration continues to evolve into a transformative institution positioned to shape the future of our country and continent through knowledge, innovation, and human capital development.

We have witnessed significant progress in strengthening our institutional foundation, expanding strategic partnerships, and positioning the Kenya-AIST as a catalyst for sustainable growth and global competitiveness. From the establishment of state-of-the-art facilities and laboratories to the cultivation of meaningful collaborations with local and international partners, each milestone reflects the dedication, professionalism, and unwavering commitment demonstrated by our Council, Management, staff, and partners. As we move forward, our focus remains clear, to nurture excellence in teaching, research, innovation, and the commercialization of knowledge. We are committed to creating an environment that inspires creativity, critical thinking, scientific discovery, and transformative solutions to the challenges facing our society. Through this commitment, Kenya-AIST will continue to serve as a vehicle for Kenya's journey toward industrialization and first-world status.

I also take this opportunity to warmly congratulate the entire Kenya-AIST fraternity and all our stakeholders following the award of the Charter to the Institute. This historic achievement marks a defining milestone in our journey toward establishing Africa's premier institution of science, technology, innovation, and research. As we embark on the journey ahead together, we remain steadfast in our commitment to excellence, innovation, integrity, and service to humanity.

Thank you.

Prof. Emmanuel Mutisya
Chairman of Council, Kenya-AIST

AWARD OF CHARTER

Celebrating a Historic Milestone

On 14th May 2026, the Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (Kenya-AIST) marked a historic milestone in its journey after officially receiving its Charter from His Excellency Dr. William Ruto, C.G.H., the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya, during a prestigious ceremony held at State House, Nairobi.



The conferment of the Charter formally established Kenya-AIST as a fully-fledged postgraduate-only degree-awarding institution of strategic national importance dedicated to advancing science, technology, engineering, and innovation in Kenya, across Africa, and beyond. The occasion signified not only the realization of a national dream envisioned under Kenya Vision 2030, but also the beginning of a bold new chapter for the country.

At State House, distinguished guests, government officials, development partners, leaders in academia, and industry leaders gathered to witness the landmark moment as the President signed the Charter documents and officially handed over the Instruments of Power to the Kenya-AIST Council.



In his address, President Ruto reaffirmed the Government's commitment to supporting Kenya-AIST and challenged the institution to fully embrace its mandate of positioning Kenya on the global stage as a leader in science, technology, engineering, and innovation. His Excellency's remarks reflected confidence in Kenya-AIST as a catalyst for national transformation through research, innovation, and talent development.



Several distinguished dignitaries witnessed the historic occasion, including Cabinet Secretaries Hon. Julius Migos Ogamba and Hon. William Kabogo; Principal Secretaries Eng. John Tanui, Dr. Beatrice Inyangala, and Prof. Shaukat Abdulrazak; Hon. John Kiarie, Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation; and a high-level delegation from the Republic of Korea.



***Hon. Julius Migos Ogamba, Cabinet Secretary,
Ministry of Education***



***Hon. William Kabogo Gitau, EGH, Cabinet Secretary,
Ministry of Information, Communications and the
Digital Economy***

Among the Korean dignitaries present were Mr. Woo Won-shik, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea; H.E. Ambassador Kang Hyung-shik, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Kenya; Mr. SEO Jung-Hwa, Vice President of Korea Eximbank; Mr. Byunghyun Hwang, Resident Representative of Korea Eximbank; Mr. Kyeong-Gu Kim, Chief Representative of Korea Eximbank; Mr. Ko Sungmin, Managing Director of KOTRA; Mr. Sanghyun Chung, Deputy Director of KOTRA; Prof. So Young Kim, Vice President of the KAIST International Office and Kenya-AIST Project Manager; and Prof. P. H. Seong, Advisor to the Kenya-AIST Establishment Project.



***Mr. Woo Won-shik, Speaker of the National
Assembly, Republic of Korea***

Their presence underscored the strong and enduring partnership between Kenya and the Republic of Korea in advancing higher education, research, and technological innovation.

Kenya-AIST was also honoured to have Archbishop Dr. Timothy Ndambuki bless the Instruments of Power as a sign of dignity and authority.

AWARD OF CHARTER

Thank You For Celebrating with Us



***Ag. Vice-Chancellor
welcoming guests***

Following the official conferment ceremony at State House, celebrations continued at the Kenya-AIST campus in Konza Technopolis, where guests gathered to commemorate the Institute's new chapter as a chartered institution.

Guests participated in a ceremonial tree planting exercise, symbolizing growth, sustainability, and the enduring legacy Kenya-AIST seeks to build for future generations. This was followed by the unveiling of a commemorative plaque by the Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of Korea, highlighting the strong partnership between Kenya and the Republic of Korea in shaping the future of advanced education, research, and innovation.



Kenya-AIST Council Chairman, Prof. Emmanuel Mutisya with Mr. Seo Hwang, Vice President of the Korea Eximbank



The celebrations also featured a vibrant and curated musical performance by renowned artist Ms. Stella Mengele, whose captivating presentation ushered in one of the most symbolic highlights of the day i.e., the grand procession of the Instruments of Power. The procession represented the official authority, academic mandate, and institutional autonomy bestowed upon Kenya-AIST through the Award of Charter, creating a memorable and emotionally charged moment for all in attendance.

Congratulatory statements and messages of goodwill flowed throughout the celebration with inspiring remarks from distinguished leaders and partners who have played instrumental roles in the establishment and growth of Kenya-AIST.



**Mr. Mugo Kibati,
CEO, Telkom Kenya**

Speeches were delivered by the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof. J. W. Khamasi; Prof. Robert Gateru, Vice Chancellor of Riara University; Prof. Eng. Peter Muchiri, Vice Chancellor of Dedan Kimathi University of Technology; Mr. Seo Hwang, Vice President of Korea Eximbank; Prof. So Young Kim; Mr. Peter Muchendu, Director at Konza Technopolis Development Authority; Ms. Hendrina Doroba from the African Development Bank Group; Mr. Mugo Kibati of Telkom Kenya; and Prof. Mutisya, Chairman of the Kenya-AIST Council.



Top (left to right): Prof Emmanuel Mutisya, Prof. J.W. Khamasi, Mr. Seo Hwang. **Bottom (left to right):** Prof. Eng. Peter Muchiri, Prof. Robert Gateru, Prof. So Young Kim

Their remarks reflected a shared vision and commitment to building a world-class institution that will shape the future of science, technology, engineering, and innovation in Africa and beyond.

The Award of Charter is the culmination of years of planning, institutional development, and collaboration between multiple partners. Kenya-AIST extends its sincere appreciation to the Government of Kenya, the Republic of Korea, development partners, regulators, industry stakeholders, faculty, staff, and all supporters whose unwavering commitment made this historic milestone possible. The Award of Charter is not only a celebration of achievement, but also the beginning of a bold future that will continue to inspire generations of innovators, researchers, and leaders for years to come.

STEWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



ENG. MESHACK KIDENDA
Independent Council Member



PROF. EMMANUEL MUTISYA
Kenya-AIST Council Chairman



PROF. J. W. KHAMASI
Kenya-AIST Council Secretariat/ Ag. Vice-Chancellor



MS. SARAH KABIRA
Independent Council Member



MS. PURITY MUREITHI
Independent Council Member

Meet the KENYA-AIST COUNCIL

May 2023 - May 2026



DR. COLLINS TANUI
Independent Council Member



**PROF. WASHINGTON YOTTO
OCHIENG, EBS, FEng**
Independent Council Member



MS. CECILIA MUTUA
*Alternate to the PS, State Department
for ICT & the Digital Economy*



MS. EUNICE WAKOFULA
*Alternate to the PS, State Department
for Higher Education & Research*

WE NOURISHED THE DREAM

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The unbearable weight of being in an expectant state for 4 years was finally lifted by the phenomenon characterized by the award of Charter and the accompanying instruments of power. Pongezi to Kenya-AIST Council. Pongezi to all those who dared to dream of Kenya Vision 2030, and kept Kenyans hopeful. Pongezi to all those who helped me lift the 'weights' along the way. Pongezi to all those who journeyed with us emotionally and otherwise, and to those who cheered us along the way. You are gifts to Kenya-AIST. Thank you.

PROF. J. W. KHAMASI
Pioneer CEO/Ag. Vice-Chancellor



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With immense gratitude, I reflect on this remarkable journey that brought us here. After four years of unwavering effort and dedication, Kenya-AIST has been granted its Charter. I am deeply honored to have contributed to this historic milestone as I celebrate all who made this possible

CPA ROBERT NGATIA
Ag. Head of Finance



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The journey towards the award of the Kenya-AIST Charter has been both rewarding and transformative. It involved contributing to the establishment of systems and supporting institutional growth during a critical phase of the University's development. Walking this path and witnessing Kenya-AIST transition into a fully fledged Chartered University is a milestone that reflects dedication, resilience, teamwork, and a shared vision for excellence.

MS. JACKLINE KATHURI
Ag. Head of HR & Administration



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I daresay that the road to the charter award was rigorous. I salute our visionary founders, who planted a seed years ago. As we step into the future, we stand on the shoulders of the Institute Council and Management, whose strategic navigation guided us through the complex regulatory oversight crucible of the Commission for University Education.

CPA JAMES MUTHUSI, HD
Asst. Director - Internal Audit



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A great day indeed for us and the entire nation. A lot of effort, teamwork and God's grace has finally been validated. This marks the beginning of yet another phase of the journey for national transformation. God bless Kenya-AIST.

MR. JECKTONE OMOKE
Ag. Head of Procurement



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As a Legal Officer, the journey to the conferment of the Kenya-AIST Charter on 14th May 2026 is a proud milestone. The process involved meticulous legal drafting, ensuring legal and regulatory compliance, and inter-agency coordination. Indeed, a wonderful milestone through Teamwork. God bless Kenya-AIST, as you champion Kenya's industrialisation and modernisation.

MR. JOHN RUKIOYAH
AG. Legal Officer



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Tributes from Kenya-AIST Partners



The award of a Charter to Kenya-AIST on 14th May 2026 crowned years of vision, sacrifice and institutional commitment. More than a legal milestone, it fulfilled a national dream establishing a world-class postgraduate institution to produce the scientists, engineers and innovators who will drive Kenya's technological and industrial future.

DR. NJENGA MBURU

Adjunct Associate Professor, Civil & Environmental Engineering

It has been a learning experience for me!

DR. FREDRICK MADARAKA MWEMA

Adjunct Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering



We saw it get off the ground; literally sprouting! One policy after the other, they fell into place. Engineering and Technology programmes, now accredited! Finally, came the Charter together with other instruments of power! The power of 'Technology for National Transformation' is now with us. Long live Kenya-AIST!

DR. BENSON ONGARORA

Adjunct Associate Professor, Agricultural Biotechnology



The journey has been one of collaboration and growth, challenging and enriching at the same time. I am grateful to be a part of the journey, and I wish Kenya-AIST all the best as she journeys on.

DR. WAWERU NJERI

Adjunct Associate Professor, Electrical & Electronic Engineering



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Tributes from Kenya-AIST Staff



I am grateful, as one of the pioneer staff, and thank God for the opportunity. I promise to work smart and diligently to help achieve the institution's vision and mission. To our esteemed incoming 1st cohort of postgraduate students, welcome to this state-of-the-art institution, where you will pursue excellence in Research, Innovation, and Industrialization.

LALAI SAMUEL NTONGAI
Senior Technologist

My journey here has been of patience, resilience, and commitment as we waited for the award of charter. This milestone marks our independence as an institution, and opens a new chapter, empowering us to fully pursue the mandate of Kenya-AIST.

NAMONI SIMON
Administration Officer



My journey toward the long-awaited university charter has marked patience, resilience, and three postponed dates that tested my determination. I sincerely thank the entire Kenya-AIST community for their unwavering commitment and collective effort. I look forward to new opportunities, institutional growth, and meaningful professional advancement that will positively impact every member of our community.

DENNIS N. MWANGI
Electrician

As a plumber in this great institution, the journey to the Award of Charter has taught me dedication, teamwork, and excellence in service. Every challenge became a lesson, and every task a chance to grow. "Success is built through commitment, not convenience." I am proud to be part of this milestone.

JEMIMAH NJERU
Plumber





I am proud of Kenya-AIST's achievement. The dream is now a reality.

FREDRICK MUTUA
Finance & Accounts Officer

The award of charter to Kenya-AIST opens a new chapter of commitment to service. The journey was guided by devoted team spirit. The Ag. Principal did a wonderful job of establishing systems right from her first day on 28th July 2022 to the present.

Special thanks to the Kenya-AIST Council, led by Chairman Prof. Emmanuel Mutisya, for resolute, selfless leadership, leading to the tremendous success. Congratulations to the Ag. VC Prof. J. W Khamasi, EBS in the new role. Lead Kenya-AIST to posterity.



AUGUSTINE KIIO
Driver



They say good things take time, and truly, the charter has been long coming. I'm grateful for having been part of the team behind the huge milestone, and I surely look forward to all the good things that will come as a result of this great achievement.

MARYIMMACULATE KIIO
Administration Officer

My journey at Kenya-AIST has been guided by hard work, discipline and commitment to service. Through great leadership from the management, I have worked with dedication, responsibility to support the daily operation of the institution, serving with professionalism and integrity, the Kenya-AIST charter award is a great honor that my contribution, commitment and dedicated service. May God protect the institution.



JOSHUA KIPTANUI
Driver



It was quite a journey towards the award of charter. Great efforts were put into place by staff, management, and the Council which resulted to an amazing day through God's mercy.

MARY ITUMBI
Procurement Officer



As a Senior Librarian at Kenya-AIST, my journey towards the Charter Award involved supporting library operationalization in readiness for teaching, research, and innovation. Through teamwork and strong leadership, we have established a Digital Library System (DLS) aimed at providing efficient information services and seamless access to a wide range of knowledge resources.

BEATRICE LUVALE
Senior Librarian

Years of hardwork and dedication led to the charter award. Congratulations, Professor J.W. Khamasi, and the entire team on this remarkable milestone.

RONALD CHERUIYOT
Technologist



The Award of Charter is the first of many record breaking Milestones that will be achieved by Kenya AIST.

MAINA WAWERU
Librarian

After years of strategic alignment and relentless advocacy, witnessing Kenya-AIST receive its charter is profound. This milestone validates our collective push for tech-driven innovation. For ICT—it's the ignition for a research ecosystem where digital infrastructure meets applied science. Our journey was complex, but the destination is transformative. Today, we don't just celebrate a charter; we ignite a legacy.

PATRICK THEURI
ICT Directorate



May 14th was an incredibly unforgettable day for all of us. We watched years of hard work, meticulous planning, and dedication culminate in the Award of Charter. This achievement is a validation of the late nights, the rigorous site preparations, and the shared vision we've all poured into building a world-class institution. It's an empowering new chapter for our campus. It feels deeply rewarding to know that the infrastructure and programs we are building today will directly drive the technological and scientific future of our country.

ROBERT NZOMO
Estates Department

THE JOURNEY TO CHARTER

The establishment of Kenya-AIST is firmly rooted in Kenya Vision 2030, the country's overarching development blueprint that was launched in 2008, aimed at transforming Kenya into a globally competitive and newly industrializing economy.

At the heart of this vision lies the recognition that science, technology, and innovation are critical drivers of sustainable development.

To actualize these aspirations, the country identified the need for a world-class institution dedicated to producing highly skilled researchers, engineers, and innovators capable of addressing both national and global challenges.

Inspired by the transformative role played by Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology in accelerating South Korea's industrialization, the Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology was envisioned as a specialized postgraduate-only degree awarding institution dedicated to nurturing world-class scientists, engineers, and innovators capable of driving the nation's technological and industrial advancement.

To situate the institution within a dynamic ecosystem of research and innovation, Kenya-AIST was strategically established at Konza Technopolis, Kenya's flagship smart city and a key project under Vision 2030. From this location, the Institute is poised to serve as a hub for advanced research, innovation, and talent development, supporting Kenya's journey toward a robust, diversified, and globally competitive economy.

Kenya Advanced Institute of
Science and Technology



Launched in 2008, Kenya Vision 2030, outlines an ambitious pathway to transform the country into a globally competitive and prosperous middle-income economy. It is structured around three main pillars:



SOCIAL



ECONOMIC



POLITICAL

The Economic Pillar identifies key priority sectors including: agriculture and livestock, manufacturing, tourism, trade, business process outsourcing and information technology-enabled services, and financial services, oil and gas, mineral resources, and the blue economy, all of which hold immense potential to accelerate Kenya's economic growth.

Feasibility Study



Between 2014 and 2015, this vision was translated into a concrete plan through a comprehensive feasibility study. The study assessed national needs, defined the institutional model, and laid the groundwork for what would become one of Kenya's most significant investments in higher education.



A major turning point came in November 2018, when the Government of Kenya and the Government of the Republic of Korea formalized a partnership through a loan agreement. This collaboration unlocked not only critical funding, but also technical expertise that would shape the Institute's development.



Handover of the Feasibility Study Report for the Kenya-AIST Project in 2020



Prof. Colletta Suda and Prof. Sung-Chul Shin, 16th President of KAIST, photographed during the signing of the Kenya-Korea Loan Agreement for the Kenya-AIST project in 2019

Building The Campus

Construction of the Kenya-AIST campus within Konza Technopolis commenced in 2021, marking the transition from planning to physical realization.

The campus was designed as a hub for advanced research, innovation, and scientific training, with each phase of construction reflecting a commitment to building capacity for future generations. BoMI E&C Consortium was involved in construction and equipping the facilities while KAIST-SAMOO-SUNJIN designed and supervised the project.





OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

As construction of the campus progressed, work continued concurrently between 2021 and 2022, with curricula development and validation teams working to develop a rigorous, forward-looking curricula aligned with international standards and responsive to local industry demands.

What makes our programmes special?

Kenya-AIST programmes are built on a progressive academic foundation that blends innovation, relevance, and impact. At the heart of its curricula philosophy are the 3T principles: Transformative, Teachable, and Technologically Advanced.

Kenya-AIST's academic philosophy is strongly and deliberately linked with industry, ensuring that every programme remains responsive to real-world needs and emerging technological trends.

Through strategic collaborations with industry partners, research institutions, and innovation ecosystems, the programmes are designed to integrate practical exposure, problem-solving, research commercialization, and experiential learning into the academic journey.

Kenya-AIST graduates will be encouraged to engage with industry and state corporations, contributing to national development and raising the bar for research-intensive training in the region.

3T PRINCIPLES

Transformative

The programmes are designed to spark meaningful change, not just in the learner's personal and professional journey, but also in Kenya's broader social and economic landscape.

Teachable

The curricula is tailored to local needs and realities, ensuring that what is learned can be applied effectively to address Kenya's unique challenges.

Technologically Advanced

Students are equipped with frontier knowledge and cutting-edge skills that position them at the forefront of global science and technology.

Our Programmes

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMMES

- Master's Degree in Civil & Environmental Engineering
- Master's Degree in Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- Master's Degree in ICT Engineering
- Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering
- Master's Degree in Nuclear Engineering
- Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering
- Master's Degree in Agricultural Biotechnology

PhD DEGREE PROGRAMMES

- Doctor of Philosophy in Civil & Environmental Engineering
- Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- Doctor of Philosophy in ICT Engineering
- Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering
- Doctor of Philosophy in Nuclear Engineering
- Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Engineering
- Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural Biotechnology



Prospective Students

As a graduate-level research institution, Kenya-AIST is designed to nurture top-tier scientists and engineers who will drive Africa's transformation. Central to our mission is cultivating a diverse and representative student body, with a strong focus on attracting learners from across Kenya (75%), Africa (15%), and the rest of the world (10%).

Masters Programme

Kenya-AIST is committed to admitting highly qualified and talented students into its specialized Master's degree programmes in 2026/2027. Applicants must hold a relevant Bachelor's degree with a minimum GPA of 3.7.

Doctoral Programme

Kenya-AIST will also recruit highly qualified professionals for its doctorate programmes. Our goal is to support and advance top talent by offering a specialised environment for deepening expertise, conducting cutting-edge research, and fostering innovation. Through collaboration with like-minded scholars and exposure to real-world challenges, PhD candidates will be empowered to become thought leaders and changemakers in their respective fields.

Institutional Milestones

Establishment as a Constituent College

8th July 2022

On 8th July 2022, a legal order formally established Kenya-AIST as a constituent college of Dedan Kimathi University of Technology. This development anchored the Institute within Kenya's higher education framework and innovation ecosystem.

On 28th July 2022, Prof. J. W. Khamasi EBS was appointed as the first Acting Principal of the Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology. The appointment was essential for providing leadership and strategic direction at a critical stage of the institution's growth.

During the same period, the Institute's academic programmes were submitted to the Commission for University Education (CUE), initiating the formal accreditation process.

Appointment of Principal

28th July 2022

Transfer to MICDE

November 2022

In November 2022, Kenya-AIST underwent a significant administrative transition through Executive Order No. 1, which transferred it from the Ministry of Education to the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, under the State Department for ICT and the Digital Economy. This shift aligned the Institute more closely with Kenya's digital transformation agenda.

Further strengthening its governance framework, an inaugural Council was appointed on 23rd May 2023 under the leadership of Prof. Emmanuel Mutisya, marking the beginning of structured oversight and institutional stewardship.

Appointment of Inaugural Council

23rd May 2023

Specialised Status

11th March 2025

On 11th March 2025, a major milestone was achieved with the formal establishment of Kenya-AIST as a specialised postgraduate-only degree-awarding institution of strategic national importance. This designation underscored the Institute's central role in advancing Kenya's science, engineering, technology, and innovation agenda, positioning it as a key driver in the development of high-level human capital.

Institutional Milestones

Project Completion

March 2025

On 11th April 2025, we officially celebrated the completion of the campus at Konza City with a grand ceremony attended by distinguished guests from government, the Republic of Korea, academia, and industry. Our Chief Guest was Hon. William Kabogo, Cabinet Secretary for ICT and the Digital Economy alongside Amb. KANG Hyung-shik, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Kenya



The official handover of the campus to the Kenya-AIST Council was done on 17th June 2025, signifying the culmination of years of planning and development, and the transition of Kenya-AIST from concept to project and to a fully established institution.

Handover of Facilities

17th June 2025

Handover of Facility Keys

18th June 2025

On 18th June 2025, the keys to the Kenya-AIST Facilities were officially handed over to the Kenya-AIST Management by the BOMI E&C Consortium.



After a successful accreditation process, the National Assembly officially approved the Draft Charter for the Establishment of the Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology as a specialised postgraduate-only degree-awarding institution of strategic national importance on 9th April 2026.

Approval of Draft Charter

9th April 2026

Award of Charter

14th May 2026

After years of careful planning, building partnerships and establishing a state-of-the-art facility, the Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology was awarded a Charter by H.E. Dr. William Ruto, C.G.H., President and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya on 14th May 2026 at State House, Nairobi.



PARTNERSHIPS

The Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology is steadily positioning itself as a globally connected institution, anchored by a dynamic network of strategic international partnerships that advance its mandate of *Technology for National Transformation*.

KENYA-AIST & KAIST

At the core of these collaborations is its foundational partnership with the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, formalized through a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding. This alliance has been instrumental in the establishment of Kenya-AIST, supporting faculty collaboration, curricula development, and institutional capacity building. Guided by the principles of equality, reciprocity, and mutual benefit, the partnership continues to sustain Kenya-AIST through planned faculty and student exchanges, as well as joint research and innovation initiatives.



KENYA-AIST-KAIST-IVI

Kenya-AIST has expanded its global footprint through a tri-partite collaboration with the International Vaccine Institute and KAIST, established during the Korea-Africa Summit in June 2024. This partnership will advance bio-vaccine research, strengthen biomedical capacity, and foster public health innovation. A notable milestone was the successful hosting of the inaugural Bio-Vaccine Research Conference on 7th August 2025, which convened leading experts and researchers in the field.



Signing of the Kenya-AIST, KAIST, and IVI MOU during the Korea-Africa Summit in 2024



Panelists and Guests pose for a photo together during the Inaugural Bio-vaccine Conference hosted by Kenya-AIST, KAIST and IVI

EARTHBANC AB

In the sustainability space, Kenya-AIST is collaborating with Earthbanc AB to advance research in environmental engineering, climate change mitigation, and land restoration. This partnership will support the development of carbon programmes, including robust Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) systems, positioning the Institute at the forefront of climate innovation.



WUHAN TEXTILE UNIVERSITY

Additionally, Kenya-AIST has partnered with Wuhan Textile University to promote academic and research cooperation in textile engineering, material science, and industrial technologies through joint programmes and exchange initiatives.

LOCAL COLLABORATIONS

Beyond its growing network of global partnerships, Kenya-AIST is steadily cultivating strong collaborations with local industries and institutions that are essential to the realization and expansion of its mandate. These partnerships provide a critical bridge between academia, research, and the practical needs of Kenya's industrial and economic sectors, enabling the institution to develop relevant programmes, advance applied research, and nurture innovation that directly responds to national priorities.

Shaping the Future

The Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology is committed to empowering communities, nurturing future innovators, and creating sustainable impact through education, collaboration, and environmental stewardship.

We care for Mother Earth

Kenya-AIST has officially partnered with the Kaiti Greening Champions (KGC), under KGC's impactful *One Learner, One Tree* initiative. The program aims to instill environmental responsibility among children by engaging schools in tree planting and environmental care activities.

In alignment with the Government of Kenya's ambitious target of planting 15 billion trees by 2032, the Institute has committed to planting its allocated share as part of its contribution to national climate action efforts.

This commitment is being pursued in partnership with local communities, Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), environmental advocates, and sustainability champions across the country. Through these collaborations, Kenya-AIST seeks to promote environmental conservation while encouraging communities to take an active role in protecting natural ecosystems.



Tree planting at St. Georges Primary, Ruiru on Mazingira Day

Mentoring is critical to us



Beyond environmental initiatives, Kenya-AIST continues to actively engage and inspire young learners through educational outreach and mentorship programs designed to expose students to opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and innovation.

The Institute has had the pleasure of hosting students from Mukaa Girls High School, ABC Maiani Boys, Matiani Girls High School, St. Augustine High School, Kiima Kiu High School, and Mulumini Mixed High School at the Kenya-AIST campus for an engaging educational experience.

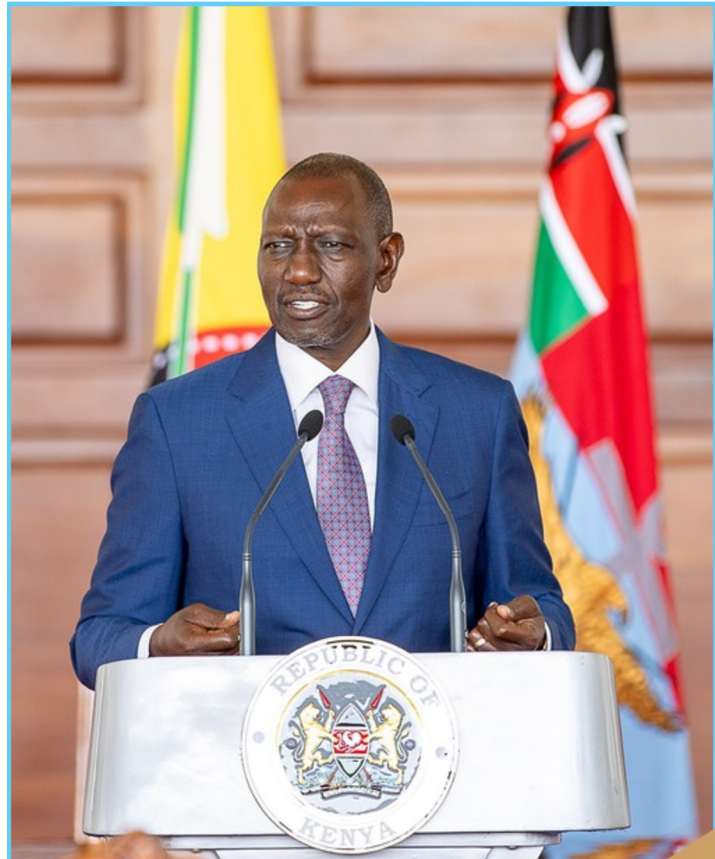
During the visit, the students participated in interactive sessions introducing them to the exciting world of science, technology, engineering and innovation.

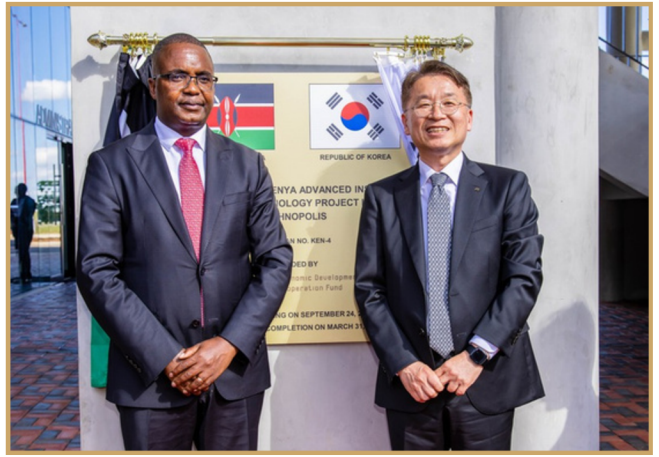
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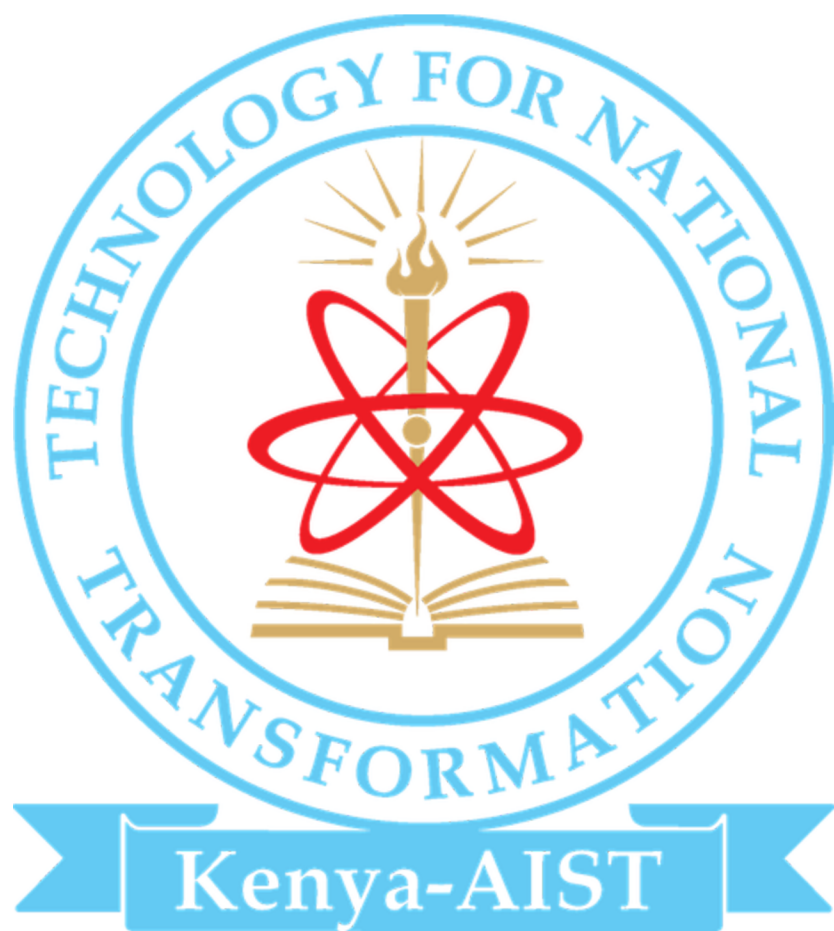
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