



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM UNIK ON THE MOVE!

UNIK ON THE MOVE TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE

It will be surprising to you how fast time flies. You can't imagine that 2017 is over. The very important question: What has it left for UNIK community to remember and rejoice? A lot! Hardships have been there but overcome. Beginning from March to June 2017, a very cheerful mood of research was lived: Public lectures by academic staff saw the day! Very insightful ones! Also the UNIK volleyball team made us visible internationally: It took the 11th position in the African Club Champions and won the East African championship!



UNIK volleyball team holding the East African tournament trophy.

May could not bear passing unnoticed: UNIK hosted the Inter University Council of East Africa (IUCEA) mobility team (Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda) on staff exchange framework. June brought very important people; Senators came from Rwandan Parliament to look at how UNIK has implemented some of their recommendations and to share best practices in Higher Education institutions.

July left in the minds of scholars a very big memory: UNIK International Conference on Big Data Analytics organized in collaboration with MINEDUC (Rwanda), Rochester University of Technology (USA), Kansas State University (USA), and Vellore Institute of Technology (India)!



Delegates from all over the world attended UNIK Conference on big data

October saluted collaboration with a volunteer from the South Korean Government who equipped UNIK Musamvu site with computers and installed AUTO-CAD software. September saw a very big event: UNIK celebrated the 8th graduation of almost 1000 graduates.



2017 Graduation Ceremony

UNIK Management wishes you a very happy and fruitful Year 2018. It has been a joy to work with you to get to tremendous achievements in the year 2017. May the year 2018 be a special year to you and to yours; a year of successes and blessings! UNIK management guarantees to stay connected to you to achieve expectations of our stakeholders.

Come October; superb! UNIK got a new Vice Chancellor, Professor Egide Karuranga from Canada with whom it starts a new era.

In the month of October a very big student recruitment campaign through a community work has taken place at ZAZA: the campaign reached more than 500 secondary school finalists. UNIK salutes Rwanda Defense (RDF) and Santa Clara University (USA) for joint efforts in this activity.



UNIK teamed up with Rwanda Defense Forces for community work (UMUGANDA) in Zaza



Zaza secondary school students filling in forms from UNIK at the conference



VC welcoming delegates from Santa Clara University of California

In November, UNIK Vice-chancellor met the Council, the Governor of Eastern Province, the Minister of Education, and the Director General of HEC to discuss what UNIK envisions to rebuild its new image.

Community outreach has been extended to farmers close to our second campus in Rulindo.



UNIK VC, Rulindo Campus Coordinator, and Dean School of Agriculture visited Sina Gerard Enterprises to explore sustainable collaboration

November lived long to allow UNIK receive another visit of Senators!

December? Very productive! A five year strategic planning 2018-

2023 has been elaborated to guide UNIK in its long term vision. UNIK Alumni have not been left behind. The University gathered them in a first ever event meant to reconnect them to their Alma Mater as stakeholders of the University upcoming projects.

In the Agriculture area, Minister of State for Agriculture visited UNIK to discuss areas of collaboration with UNIK especially in areas of research and student capacity building.



From right to left, UNIK Vice-Chancellor, Minister of State for Agriculture, UNIK Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Kibungo Diocese Representative posing in front of UNIK new tractors and planters

Also guest speakers have been invited and have inspired UNIK to create change in the community: A scholar from Pennsylvania State University (USA), Prof. Suresh Canagarajah facilitated a workshop on multilingual education.



UNIK students and faculty listening to Professor Canagarajah from Pen. State University

Partnerships with African Universities kept growing: Within the Month of December, UNIK,

through the Vice Chancellor, got connected to Riara University as well as to the University of Nairobi in efforts to share experiences and good practices in research and faculty advancement.



Some faculty members listening to delegates from Riara University and University of Nairobi

Internal workshops on program review and Integrated Learning Management System (LMS) have recently been conducted. Ambitious capacity building to increase literacy level of all kinds (ICT, Research, finance,) will be pursued in 2018. Stay tuned!



ICT team being lectured on new learning management system

We close December 2017 with huge investments worth more than half a billion Rwandan francs in high-tech laboratories to enhance quality of education.

UNIK is really moving towards a brighter future! We wish to keep connected to you as stakeholders and enjoy 2018 together through our quarterly newsletter. An innovation in our communication strategy!

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU!