

# The VC's Newsletter

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## Zari comes to Tangaza

If you are on Maisha Magic Plus, no doubt you have watched Zari. If you work or study at the Tangaza University College, no doubt you have witnessed the shooting of Zari.

Tangaza has opened up her beautiful grounds and facilities to the Jiffy Pictures team for part of the setting of the telenovela. A modern university with state-of-the-art facilities, the college offers all a 21<sup>st</sup> university student would need in a world class university setting.

The two; Tangaza University College and the collaboration of Jiffy Pictures and Maisha Magic Plus have come together in this epic tale that will keep you glued to your screen.

The Vice Chancellor Designate Rev. Prof Patrick Mwanja describes the corporation as of equal mutual benefit to the university and to the film maker. The university benefits in terms of national and regional visibility while the series gain from the use of Tangaza College as a setting.



Zari is a tale of a young lady whose identity and family fortune is hidden from her. Balozi, a well-respected man in the society finds himself making the hardest and inhuman decision of giving away Nina his only grandchild. Years later, Balozi is now full of guilt and regrets. To clear his conscience, he decides to tell the truth.

This is the story line of the latest telenovela by Jiffy Pictures. The hit makers of series like Maria, Zora, and Becky; currently on Citizen TV.

## Climate Justice Movement Launch at Tangaza University College

The 'Uniservitate Africa Climate Justice Movement' was launched a couple of weeks ago at the Tangaza University College.

It was hosted by the Uniservitate Africa Regional Hub under the theme '*Africa Hub Climate Actions and Wellness for a Better Future.*'

The launch kicked off with a mass bike ride around universities in Langata Constituency, in a symbolic gesture of commitment to climate action to *Ride Bikes to Reduce Carbon Emission*. This was followed by a creative arts showcase, including Poetry, Painting, Spoken Words, Music, Short Films, and Animation.

In a speech to the congregation, Alice Kaudia, the Chief Guest and former Environment Secretary who founded and now heads Pristine Sustainable Ecosystems, talked about her experiences on climate actions. Her insights gave a perspective on the importance of individual and collective efforts in addressing climate challenges.



She singled out the five critical areas that need urgent attention: Residential energy use, agriculture, transport, industry and energy, and waste management.

The afternoon panel discussion, brought together experts from the Laudato Si Africa Movement, the National Youth Caucus Kenya, Buffalo Bicycles, Tangaza Justice and Peace Commission, and Pristine Sustainable Ecosystems challenged attendees to consider new avenues for positive change.



The Green Cup Tournament, a competition to symbolize the collective effort to kick out climate injustices in Africa was the highlight of the celebrations. Students from different Tangaza University College schools competed in the spirit of unity of purpose in the fight against environmental injustices.

The day concluded with a tree planting to symbolize commitment to a greener more sustainable future. The Movement Launch is a powerful call for action, motivating the society to strive for a better, healthier future for Africa and the planet.



## Dawn of the 3 Zeros Club at TUC

Tangaza University College is a Laudato Si university.

This means that we are a signatory to Pope Francis, 7-year journey for integral ecology. In 2021, TUC committed to promoting care for creation in different ways.



Susan Wanjiru Mwangi, is Coordinator, Laudato Si and the 3 Zeros Club at TUC

One of the ways is that Tangaza is now promoting sustainable waste management by segregating waste. More bins have been added to ensure that waste is properly separated. Plastic waste generated at TUC goes to Mr. Green Africa for recycling.

The university has also built a composting pit to change the burning of “green” waste.

In a speech during the launch of the 3 Zeros Club, Mr. Dominic Wanjihia the guest speaker, shared on rethinking education. He challenged students to take opportunities especially in the waste space, and grow them as social enterprises.

The club expects to sensitize the Tangaza fraternity and encourage them to promote the vision of Muhammad Yunus on the 3 zeros. The 2006 Nobel Laureate envisions A World of Three Zeros: The New Economics of Zero Poverty, Zero Unemployment, and Zero Net Carbon Emissions.

The launch last week brought together invited youths from various universities to join in the clarion call.

Their rallying call is that *Waste is never waste until it is wasted.*

## NACOSTI Training for Tangaza University College

Members of the TUC faculty recently underwent training by the National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI).

The group, which forms the initial committee that was trained post the Covid era are required to every once in a while, undergo an ethics training.

The aim of the training was to provide foundational training appropriate for TUC-ISERC members to equip them with knowledge and skills for the review of research proposals within local and international policy and regulatory frameworks.



The exercise, in modular format, consisted of 14 modules undertaken in 4 days. They covered topics from introduction to research ethics to emerging issues in research. The trainees were drawn from the different schools and departments within TUC.

They are expected to the resource team for the committees’ work of reviews for student, faculty, Tangaza staff, and from other institutions.

The National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI) is a State Corporation, and is the successor to the National Council for Science and Technology (NCST) which was established in 1977.

NACOSTI regulates and ensures quality in Science, Technology and the Innovation Sector. It also advises the Government on the priorities in research, science and technology. It further registers and accredits research institutions in Kenya.



## The Leaders Guild 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

The TLG celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a couple of weeks ago.

In exercising her functions, NACOSTI delegates the task of ethical clearance in research proposals to Institutional Scientific Ethics Review Committees (ISERCs). These Committees are accredited by NACOSTI.

The TUC Institutional Scientific Ethics Review Committee (ISERC) was accredited by NACOSTI to conduct scientific and ethical review of research proposals in Humanities and Social Sciences for a period of three (3) years.



Celebrating under the theme: “*A Decade of Servant Leadership and transformation through Collaboration*”, the TLG envisions growing leaders that can positively impact society. They aim to develop competent and holistic value centered servant leaders.

The Leaders Guild (TLG) is a leadership development programme and an alumni/associate association under the Centre for Leadership and Management (CLM), Tangaza University College.

They offer professional lifelong learning and growth opportunities for leaders and managers in various spheres.

The main activities During the event included the Eucharistic celebration presided by Rev. Dr. Simon Leo Simon Mwenda, the TUC DVC Finance and Administration. Other activities were testimonials by the Grant awardees who expressed gratitude to the Guild for equipping them with skills and funds that have helped them positively transform society.



Tree planting was also part of the festivities that included the award of certificates to partners who have journeyed with the TLG. The class of 2023 was officially received into the Alumni group during the celebrations.

The Guest Speaker, Dr. Marisa Alicea and the DePaul University Chicago team who joined virtually congratulated the Guild on their journey thus far.

The Celebration which was done both virtually and physically included a book launch by Ms. Jacqueline Abuur TLG Coaching Coordinator, on African Leadership: Paradigms of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Embedding a Coaching Culture.

The TLG are thankful to all the stakeholders for collaboration, and to their funder the Hilton Foundation that has financially supported them for the past 10 years.

The TLG boldly looks into the future with great zeal and hope as they run with the vision of positively Impacting society.

Sr. Patricia Bombard: Director Vincent on Leadership gave the closing remarks

## Sustainable Journalism Workshop in Kigali



*Participants of the workshop in Kigali*

Sustainable journalism is a concept that is gaining momentum as more people and organizations take cognizance of the importance of weather patterns and how they affect us.

Two Tangaza faculty are among media dons and editors who met on Sustainable Journalism in Rwanda last week. This is the first workshop on the reportage strand which encompasses economic, social and environmental sustainability.

The faculty came from ten universities based across Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda to develop courses in sustainable journalism. The workshop that was held in Kigali, was to craft modules, units, and courses centered on the concept of sustainable

journalism.

It is expected that the collaborative initiative between university lecturers and media house editors will in turn contribute to the advancement of sustainable journalism in their respective regions.

It was jointly organized by Fojo and the Sustainable Journalism Partnership, and incorporated media editors in Rwanda. This is to ensure that the units thus developed are tailored to meet the industry's evolving needs.

The lecturers, who teach at the Institute of Social Communication are Nicholas Ochieng and Dr. Anne Gachiri.

