

# Mount Kenya



# University

*Unlocking Infinite Possibilities*

## College of Graduate Studies and Research

9/28/2025  
**Presentation During KENIA Tour of the MKU Innovation Infrastructure**

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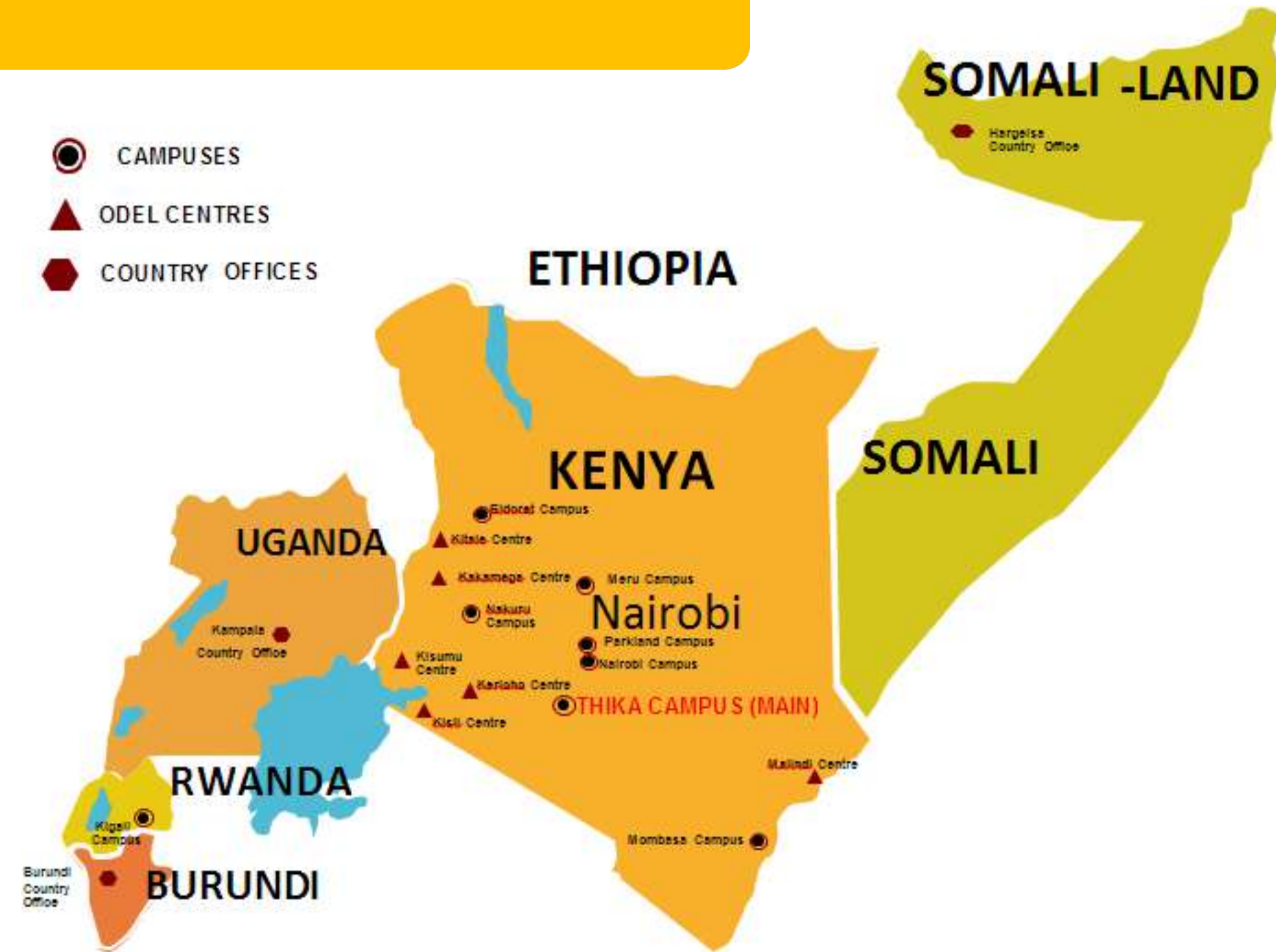
# Geographical Presence

## Departments:

- Research and Development
- Graduate Studies

## Our Presence:

- We offer support to innovators from **ALL parts of Kenya** aided by the MKU presence and capacity in 8 regions;
  - Central, Coast, Eastern, Nairobi, North-Eastern, Nyanza, Rift Valley and Western





# MKU Entrepreneurial and Innovation Policy Landscape

- The University has developed a robust entrepreneurial and innovation policy landscape to promote a culture of creativity and enterprise among its students and staff.
  - University Research Policy
  - Intellectual Property Policy
- **Partnerships that support the policy landscape:**
  - The **World Bank-funded** Strengthening Kenya's Innovation Ecosystem (Skies) Business Incubation Program
  - **The Erasmus+ AHEAD project:** This European Union-funded project, which helped establish the Innovation and Incubation Centre.
  - **Annual Research and Innovation Week:** This event promotes research, creativity, and entrepreneurship among students and staff, often including a Hackathon
  - **The DAAD-funded ACCESS Project:** This initiative, co-led by MKU, partners with multiple Kenyan and German universities to enhance entrepreneurship education and service-learning.
  - **The DAAD-funded STEP Project:** The Student Training for Entrepreneurial Promotion (STEP) project which equips students with action-based training and seed capital to practice entrepreneurship, with profits retained by the students.

# Funding and Support Strategy

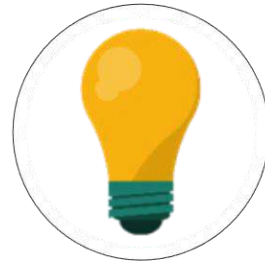
- **Vice-Chancellor's Research and Innovation Grant:** This internal grant is a cornerstone of MKU's funding strategy. It provides seed money to innovators to develop their prototypes and is regularly enhanced to support multidisciplinary projects and capacity building for early-career researchers.
- **Innovation Challenges:** MKU organizes competitive innovation challenges, such as the Mount Kenya University Innovation Challenge, 2022, 2023, and 2024 which offered winners prize money to be used for product or service development at the incubation centre.
- **Collaboration with External Partners:** The university actively seeks partnerships with international organizations and government bodies. For example, the DAAD-funded ACCESS-AGEA, STEP projects, Enrich in Africa Market platform, and UNESCO provide students with funded activities and exposure to global networks.

# Innovation and Support Strategy

- **Incubation and Mentorship:** The Innovation and Incubation Centre provides a six-month incubation period for top innovations, offering customized coaching by experts and access to state-of-the-art equipment.
- **Networking:** MKU fosters collaborations with industry, government agencies, and other universities (both local and international) to create an ecosystem for innovation. The Collaborative for Entrepreneurial Universities (CEPU) and Developing Entrepreneurial Universities in Kenya (DePUK) projects, for example, have a goal of promoting knowledge transfer and improving graduate employability-We hosted an entrepreneurial conference in 2021
- **Alumni and Community Engagement:** MKU encourages alumni to mentor current students and provides scholarships and research contributions. The university also supports national development by allowing external researchers to use its facilities-This is gaining momentum as from 2025.



# MKU INNOVATION AND INCUBATION CENTRE



The **Innovation and Incubation Centre** was established in **2023** at the university main campus, Thika.



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Erasmus+ Programme  
of the European Union



Open to **all Kenyans**, supervised by University management, Board of Directors and University council.

# What we Offer at the Centre

- Comprehensive idea to market training program.
- Business mentorship & Coaching.
- Technology commercialization assistance
- Assistance with regulatory compliance.
- Intellectual property services.
- Design thinking and lean start-up.
- Networking activities.
- Marketing assistance.
- High-speed Internet access.
- Office Space.

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Hybrid

**Announcement and Call for Abstract**  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Hybrid

**Mount Kenya University Interdisciplinary Conference 2025**

Conference Venue: Mount Kenya University- Nakuru campus, Kenya (Hybrid)

**THEME:**

Emerging technologies and sustainable practices: Innovation in agriculture, health, renewable energy and business practices."

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# TRACK RECORD



We Support at least **two (2)** innovation accelerator programs in the following value chains: **Circular Economy** **Agriculture value addition** **Green Energy** **Tech Solutions**



MKU Students Empowered by 'Africa Meets Bavaria' Innovation Program



MKU Students Shine at ACCESS 2.0 AGEA Competition in Leipzig, Germany




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# Current Supported Innovation at Commercialization



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 **K I P I**  
Kenya Industrial Property Institute

(11) Utility model Number: 498

(24) Registration date: 30/05/2024

(12) UTILITY MODEL

(21) Application Number: 2024/2656	(73) Owner: MOUNT KENYA UNIVERSITY, P.O. BOX 342-01000, THIKA, Kenya
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	(74) Agent/address for correspondence: MOUNT KENYA UNIVERSITY, P.O. BOX 342-01000, THIKA, Kenya
(51) Int.Cl.2018.01: A 61K 8/73(2006.01)	
(54) Title: COMPOSITION AND MANUFACTURING PROCESS OF SKIN CLEANSING AND ANTIBACTERIAL HERBAL MEDICINE BATHING SOAP	
(57) Abstract: The present invention discloses an herbal medicine soap formulation of an extract of at least one plant selected from the Bamboo, Aloe or Tumeric, in combination with Palm crude oil, coconut/vegetable oil, plant essential oils and Rye. The present invention also provides a method of preparing the said herbal medicine soap formulation.	

  
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(Section 18(1)(a) of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, Cap 244 Laws of Kenya)

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