



Joint Press Release

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KU-WEE Hub and FKE sign a memorandum of understanding

Nairobi, September 16. Kenyatta University Women's Economic Empowerment (KU-WEE) hub and the Federation of Kenya Employers (FKE) have today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to concretise a partnership that will see the two institutions conduct research on women in corporate governance.

The research study will evaluate the effectiveness of the Female Future Leadership Programme implemented by FKE. The programme aims to build capacity of women in mid-to-top levels of management to make them board-ready and to enhance their participation in leadership. Learners are drawn from private and public sectors as well as civil society. Since its inception, many of the programme's graduates have either received promotions or earned board positions. The FKE/KU-WEE hub study is one of 12 research studies under the Hub's project on initiatives on what works to advance women's economic empowerment in Kenya, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The project's rationale is to address the weak nexus between women's economic empowerment policies and programmes, and gender data. The findings will help to inform the design and implementation of future policies and programmes for women's economic empowerment in Kenya and beyond.

The Federation of Kenya Employers will provide valuable alumni data, the curriculum, and the methodological approaches of the programme under evaluation, as well as form part of the research team.

During the signing at the FKE headquarters, the Executive Director, Mrs. Jackline Mugo and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul Wainaina reiterated their commitment to the partnership, adding that such research findings will be key in ensuring that skills acquired in academic institutions are useful in contemporary work environments.

"The Federation is glad to work with our member Kenyatta University to create an environment where women and the youth get the right skills, competencies, behaviours and even attitude to make them competitive in the labour market." said Mrs. Mugo.

Prof. Wainaina agreed that there is need for preparation on school-to-work transition adding that Kenyatta University achieves that through the Growing Leaders programme targeting final-year students.

“We will continue working together to ensure that there are evidence-based policies that support women empowerment.” Prof. Wainaina added.

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