



Strategic Engagement to Strengthen Coordination in Higher Education Sector



Higher Education Principal Secretary Dr Beatrice Inyangala (front-centre) during a breakfast meeting hosted by the African Development Bank (AfDB) in Nairobi on December 16, 2025.

The higher education sector will see a rise in technical and financial resource mobilisation as the Universities Fund moves to strengthen access to affordable education for all students.

This follows a high-level meeting of the Higher Education Joint Sub-Sector Donor Working Group hosted by the African Development Bank (AfDB) on 16 December 2025 in Nairobi.

The meeting, which was led by Higher Education Principal Secretary Dr Beatrice Inyangala, reviewed the progress of university education and other areas of support.

The engagement drew stakeholders from Universities Fund, French Ambassador to Kenya and representatives from UNESCO, UNHCR and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

The participants also focused on enhancing collaboration to support sustainable financing, institutional strengthening and

equitable access to university education.

The stakeholders emphasised the importance of partnerships in addressing emerging challenges and maximising impact.

The engagement is part of ongoing initiatives by MoE and the Universities Fund to ensure the sector remains responsive and aligned with national development goals.

The working group is a collaborative platform for government officials and international partners to coordinate funding, align priorities and boost support for the higher education sector.

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UF Holds End of Year Party to Mark Achievements

The Universities Fund organised an end of year celebration to acknowledge its milestones.

The celebration - held in Nairobi on December 5, 2025 - provided an opportunity for all staff to recognise outstanding contributions, reinforce team spirit and underscore the factors that make UF a thriving, people-centred organisation.

The dinner provided staff with a well-deserved opportunity to unwind, reflect and connect beyond the office environment.

UF acting Chief Executive Officer Dr Edwin Wanyonyi emphasised the importance of recognising milestones and employees' hard work and dedication that have driven the organisation's successes throughout the year.

Dr Wanyonyi underscored the role of teamwork, collaboration and fostering a strong organisational culture.

Certificates of recognition were presented to teams and individuals who had excelled in their respective departments, highlighting dedication to meeting set targets.

The staff engaged in fun games and light-hearted moments that brought excitement



UF acting Chief Executive Officer Dr Edwin Wanyonyi presents Dr Leah Miano with a certificate of recognition during the end-year party in Nairobi on December 5, 2025.

and encouraged camaraderie.

The dinner also accorded the staff a platform to connect outside the routine office setting, fostering meaningful conversations and strengthening interpersonal relationships.

Staff interacted freely, shared experiences and celebrated both individual and collective

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**Sauti yako
ni muhimu** !

**Tuambie ungependa
kuona nini zaidi hapa.
Andika maoni yako**



Staff Sensitised on Revised Procurement Framework



The Universities Fund Supply Chain Management Department held a sensitisation session on the revised procurement guidelines.

The session provided staff with a comprehensive overview of the revised manual, with a focus on enhancing understanding of updated processes, controls and compliance requirements.

Participants were guided through key changes in the manual and their implications in day-to-day operations.

The sensitisation aimed at ensuring organisation-wide alignment with the

revised procurement procedures, promoting consistency, transparency and accountability in procurement activities.

It also provided an interactive forum for staff to seek clarification and share insights on the practical application of the procedures.

This initiative reflects the Universities Fund's continued commitment to enhance sound governance, prudent resource management and compliance with established policies.

By strengthening staff awareness of the revised framework, Universities Fund continues to reinforce efficiency, integrity and prudent utilisation of public resources.

The framework is integrated with Kenya's broader public procurement reforms, focusing on transparency, efficiency via the e-GP portal and alignment with the new university funding model.

The Universities Fund is required to follow Public Procurement Regulatory Authority guidelines and the e-GP system while managing procurement for operational needs under the new funding structure.

Universities Fund Adds Another Feather to its Cap

The Universities Fund (UF) added another feather to its cap when it received an award from the Office of the Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service.

The accolade demonstrated the Fund's role in strengthening higher education financing and institutional performance.

The trophy was presented by East African Community Affairs Cabinet Secretary Beatrice Askul.

Additionally, the Fund was also recognised for attaining an unmodified audit opinion for the FY 2023/2024 financial year, underscoring its strong governance, sound financial management practices and steadfast commitment to accountability, integrity and transparency.

The milestones reflect the Fund's collective effort to drive innovation and deliver sustainable solutions that support universities and students.

The award recognises UF's determination to nurturing talent and advancing unique innovations in the higher education space, which saw it emerge among the best at the Public Sector Awards held in Cape Town, South Africa, in October 2025.



An image of the award the Universities Fund received on December 8, 2025 from the Office of the Chief of Staff.

UF Holds End of Year Party to Celebrate Milestones

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achievements.

The year saw significant milestones in supporting higher education, enhancing organisational systems and deepening engagement with universities and other stakeholders.

As UF looks ahead to 2026, the celebration was a reminder that its greatest strength lies



UF staff during their end-year party in Nairobi on December 5, 2025.

in its people.

Furthermore, the dinner reaffirmed the organisation's commitment to fostering a collaborative, supportive and high-performing work environment where each member's efforts are valued.

Some of the notable achievements include hosting the second Biennial Universities Funding Conference, launching the Institutional Portal and Donations Platform and participating in tree-planting campaigns that saw more than 2,000 seedlings planted across the country.

More importantly, the Fund showcased its excellence by scooping the Best Stand in Youth Activities trophy and second place in Best Stand in Education and Research at the Kitale National Show.

UF also took the second runners-up position in the State Corporations and Agencies Category at the National Standard Development Goals (SDG) Awards in November.

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