

UNICAF IN 5 MINUTES HOLIDAY EDITION!



As the year draws to a close, we reflect on an incredible journey filled with achievements, inspiring events and meaningful milestones. Join us once again as we bring you the latest news and updates from the world of Unicaf. From exciting initiatives to inspiring stories, this edition has something for everyone.

Thank you for being part of the Unicaf community - let's continue to achieve dreams and create futures together!

UNICAF MASTER'S CONFERENCE 2024

A LANDMARK EVENT IN GLOBAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

The Unicaf Master's Conference 2024, the largest academic event organised by Unicaf to date, was a resounding success, with 3,730 delegates from 137 countries coming together for a transformative experience. The conference featured a diverse range of sessions, including 30 oral presentations across three schools: Business, Sciences, Health Sciences, Technology and Engineering, and Education, Humanities, and Social Sciences. Key presentations were delivered by Unicaf's partner universities:

- Unicaf University in Zambia • Unicaf University in Malawi
- Liverpool John Moores University • The University of East London
- The University of Suffolk

reflecting the power of global collaboration in advancing inclusive education.

The event's programme was rich and varied, with 8 plenary presentations, an interactive session, and a workshop. Mrs Isabella Frangouli, Director of Partnerships at Unicaf, highlighted the transformative nature of these partnerships in advancing higher education and fostering global progress. Dr Elena Papadopoulou, Pro Vice-Chancellor of Unicaf, also emphasised the alignment of the conference's topics with Unicaf's environmental, social, and corporate governance initiatives, particularly focusing on community-driven research and education inclusivity.

Notable presentations included Mrs Torsney's exploration of supporting autistic learners in educational settings, Dr Daniel Mpolomoka and Dr Christine Mushibwe's insights on youth innovation through mentoring and Dr Flaherty's examination of AI in copyright law. After the event, awards were presented to the best presentations from each school, with winners receiving a \$150 voucher.

Special thanks were extended to the esteemed speakers, whose expertise made the conference an enriching experience for all attendees.





6TH SAQAN CONFERENCE ADVANCES QUALITY ASSURANCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION ACROSS SOUTHERN AFRICA



The 6th Southern African Quality Assurance Network (SAQAN) Conference, organised by the Higher Education Authority (HEA) in partnership with SAQAN, was held from 25th to 27th September 2024 at the David Livingstone Safari Lodge and Spa, Zambia. This year's conference attracted over 250 delegates from 13 countries, gathering academics, researchers and quality assurance professionals to discuss the theme: "Strengthening and Harmonising Quality Assurance in the SADC Region and Beyond through Sharing Experiences and Good Practices."

The primary goal of the SAQAN conference was to bring together experts in quality assurance (QA) to exchange insights, share best practices and discuss effective strategies for enhancing QA in higher education across the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and beyond. The sessions explored vital topics such as the integration of Artificial Intelligence in QA, quality assurance in open and distance learning and the role of data analytics in assessing graduate outcomes.

The SAQAN Conference highlighted the shared commitment among SADC nations to elevate the quality of higher education, fostering continuous improvement and greater accountability in the sector. These collaborative efforts are set to drive higher standards and enhance student outcomes across the region.

ADVANCING PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP

A MILESTONE FOR UNICAF UNIVERSITY IN MALAWI

The launch of the Master of Public Health programme marks an exciting step forward for Unicaf University in Malawi and its mission to address critical health challenges.

Combining expertise in global public health, health governance, leadership and management, the programme equips students to respond to pressing local and international needs. With a curriculum designed to build analytical and practical skills, this degree will prepare graduates to protect communities, promote healthier environments and drive innovative solutions where they matter most.

Pursuing a Master of Public Health is a commitment to shaping leaders who will transform public health systems and create healthier futures for Malawi and beyond.





UNICAF UNIVERSITY IN ZAMBIA EMPOWERS PROFESSIONALS WITH FREE EXCEL TRAINING

Unicaf University in Zambia, successfully hosted a three-day free Excel training from 20th to 22nd November 2024, attracting over 200 participants from both the public and private sectors. The training, held at the state-of-the-art amphitheatre on the university's Lusaka campus, was led by the distinguished Dr Clement Chela, Dean of School of Health and Applied Sciences at Unicaf University.

This initiative offered invaluable insights into advanced Excel techniques, equipping attendees with practical skills to enhance productivity in their respective industries. Participants represented a diverse range of sectors, including prominent organisations such as You Engage Foundation, Pearl of Health, Tech Masters and Family Liberty.

Feedback from attendees highlighted the impact of the training. Many commended Unicaf University for providing free access to such a crucial skill development programme, recognising its potential to transform workflows and decision-making processes.

This Excel training is a testament to Unicaf University's dedication to making a tangible difference in the community. The overwhelming turnout reflects the demand for practical, industry-relevant training, reinforcing Unicaf University's role as a leader in education and professional development in Zambia.



EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS IN KENYA



Recently, the team in Kenya has increased their efforts and forged impactful partnerships with organisations such as:



Kenya Association of Fundraising Professionals (KAFFP)



Kenya Progressive Nurses Association (KPNA)



Technology Service Providers of Kenya (TESPOK)



Kenya Women Teachers' Association (KEWOTA)



Forum for African Women Educationalists Kenya Chapter (FAWEK)

These collaborations aim to bring accessible, internationally recognised higher education qualifications to members and staff, empowering them to advance their careers and make a greater impact in their respective fields.

These partnerships represent an exciting opportunity for Unicaf to broaden its reach and support the professional development of individuals across key sectors in Kenya. By working closely with these organisations, Unicaf is helping to create a pathway to higher education for people who are passionate about enhancing their skills and contributing to their communities. This initiative reflects Unicaf's commitment to fostering educational growth and leadership across a wide range of industries, ultimately benefiting both the individuals and the organisations they belong to.

As we wrap up this edition, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your continued dedication and support. We wish you a wonderful holiday season filled with peace, joy and well-deserved rest. May the New Year bring you good health, happiness and new opportunities for learning and growth.

Here's to another year of success and achievements - together, we'll continue to shape a brighter future for Africa!