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United Nations Deputy Secretary General H.E. Jan Eliasson addresses members of the USIU-Africa community and invited guests on "The Power of Diplomacy in the Changing Global Landscape" during a public lecture hosted by the University, on Thursday, May 26 in the auditorium. Seated on the front row from left: School of Humanities & Social Sciences Dean Dr. Tom Onditi, United Nations Director General (UN Office in Nairobi) Sahle-Work Zewde, Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza and DVC – Academic Affairs Amb. Prof. Ruthie Rono.

TOP UN OFFICIAL DELIVERS PUBLIC LECTURE AT USIU-AFRICA

On Thursday, 26 May United Nations Deputy Secretary General His Excellency Jan Eliasson delivered a public lecture on "The Power of Diplomacy in a Changing Global Landscape" at the auditorium. He spoke on a broad range of issues ranging from the challenges faced by diplomats in the current international sphere, to the role of the United Nations in building peace between nations.

The Deputy Secretary-General also outlined the four areas that he believed would spur progress

in the course of this century; Women Empowerment, Youth, Knowledge and United Nations/ International Cooperation, further urging students of diplomacy to grapple with global challenges with a view to solving them. According to him, much of the conflict taking place around the world could have been prevented if the root causes had been addressed from the very beginning.

A lively question and answer session followed where members of the audience

including invited students from various universities, and the media posed assorted questions including the UN's position on the proposed closure of the Daadab refugee camp in northern Kenya, and water availability as a potential source of conflict.

Afterwards, he spoke to students who were unable to secure seating in the auditorium, and planted a commemorative tree next to the library.



From left: Head of Alumni Affairs Uvyu Mbole, Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza, Justice Lee Muthoga and Winnie Muthoga (IR, 2011).

VICE CHANCELLOR MEETS WITH PROMINENT JURIST

On Wednesday, May 25, Justice Lee Muthoga (Senior Counsel) paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza. Justice Muthoga, currently serves as *ad litem* Judge for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), and was also Founder-Director of the Public Law Institute and Director of Liberty International.

They discussed possible areas of partnership such as building on the library's scholarly research archive. Justice Muthoga's daughter – Winnie Muthoga – is a member of the International Relations Class of 2011.

MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETS WITH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The USIU-Africa Alumni Association Executive Committee met with the USIU-Africa Management Board on Saturday, May 21 on campus, to further discuss the important role to be played by alumni in the university's Strategic Plan.



From left: Jared Raburu (HR Director) Ritah Asunda (DVC-Student Affairs & Enrollment Management), Norah Kiereri (Alumni Association Executive Committee) Edith Guchu (Chief Accountant), Dorothy Sagwe (Alumni Association Chair) Amb. Prof. Ruthie Rono (DVC-Academic Affairs), Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza, George Rutto (Alumni Association Executive Committee) Helen Ambasa (University Legal Counsel/Company Secretary), Kalekye Mumo (Alumni Association Executive Committee), Charles Mwakio (Alumni Association Executive Committee), Eng. Paul Warui (Operations Director) and David Ayora (Head of Security).

ALUMNI HOSTED FOR DIGITAL MARKETING TRAINING

USIU-Africa Alumni Association organized free Digital Marketing Training from 20 - 21 May at the auditorium. Over five hundred alumni attended the training facilitated by Livity Africa, and sponsored by Google, IAB, the British Council and the British High Commission in Nairobi.

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza in welcoming alumni to the training urged them to continually engage with their alma mater.



An alumnus contributes during a Digital Marketing Training session facilitated by Livity Africa's Ken Otiebo (left).

FUNDRAISING CAR WASH



From left: Manuel Abinye-dick, Anderson Karige and Nicole Katto diligently cleaning vehicles during the car-wash fundraising event organized by the Educate Your Own (EYO) student initiative. Eighty-five vehicles were cleaned thereby raising over KES 20000.

MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



May 2016: SME Today Magazine reported that Prof Paul Tiyambe Zeleza officially took over as USIU-Africa's Vice Chancellor on 7 April. The article is titled "*The quintessential and organic African Intellectual*". <http://www.usiu.ac.ke/news/mentions>

25 MAY: Chancellor Dr. Manu Chandaria was hosted on local news channel KTN Kenya's talk show – JKL Live. <http://www.usiu.ac.ke/news/mentions>

27 May: The People Daily reported that the USIU-Africa men's basketball team will face Ulinzi Warriors while the women's basketball team takes on Eagle Wings at the Nyayo Gymnasium in Nairobi. <http://www.usiu.ac.ke/news/mentions>

UN VISIT IN PICTURES



H.E. Jan Eliasson delivers the public lecture on Thursday, May 26.



From left: Graduate International Relations student Nyambura Karumba, Chancellor Dr. Manu Chandaria, H.E. Jan Eliasson, Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza and United Nations Director- General (UN Office in Nairobi) Sahle-Work Zewde.



Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza welcomes United Nations Deputy Secretary General H.E. Jan Eliasson to the university.



H.E. Jan Eliasson speaks with International Relations Program Director Dr. Fatma Ali while United Nations Director- General of the UN Office in Nairobi Sahle-Work Zewde (Center), Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza, School of Humanities and Social Sciences Dean Dr. Tom Onditi and DVC - Academic Affairs Amb. Prof. Ruthie Rono look on.



LEFT: Deputy Secretary General H.E. Jan Eliasson plants a commemorative tree shortly before he left the university soon after delivering a public lecture at USIU-Africa.



RIGHT: Deputy Secretary General H.E. Jan Eliasson speaks with Mr. & Miss USIU-Africa Kalpa Vrikshika (center left) and Tomi Akinyemi (center right) before he delivered a public lecture at the auditorium.



Deputy Secretary General H.E. Jan Eliasson shares snippets of his lecture with a crowd of students who did not manage to secure seating in the auditorium.

