

SOJMC

THE LEADING SCHOOL FOR JOURNALISTS AND COMMUNICATORS



THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

It is generally agreed that, compared to other African countries, Kenyan journalism is in a class of its own. Kenyan journalists report better than many other journalists from this hemisphere. As evidence of their professionalism, they have scooped many continental and even international awards.

This is not due to luck or waving of the magic wand. There is a simple explanation that is often overlooked whenever Kenyan journalism is praised. It is that, Kenyan journalism is where it is because of two main institutions: the School of Journalism and Mass Communication of the University of Nairobi and the Kenya Institute of Mass Communication (KIMC).

These two institutions

are currently collaborating in an initiative that will further positively impact the whole field of communication in Kenya. They are offering a BA in Production with specializations in Television, Radio and Film Production. This program joins other successful programs at the School: A BA in Journalism and Media Studies (with specializations in Journalism, Public Relations and, Development Communication), the flagship Post-graduate Diploma in Mass Communication, an MA in Communication Studies that has just been reviewed to introduce specialization in Journalism, Public Relations and Development Communication, and a PhD whose graduates are much sought after by universities

in the region.

Started in 1970 to train journalists, SOJMC, then and for the next 30 years, known fondly as the School of Journalism (SOJ), has been more instrumental in shaping the capacity of journalism than other J-Schools in the Eastern African region.

It is true to say that the School has produced most of the top journalists, editors and media managers in the Kenyan media, as well as top managers in public relations, international organizations, and the academia.

The School, whose Director is Dr. Wambui Kiai, an alumnus

of the School, has good academic resources, qualified and industry-experienced lecturers, and collaborates with many local and international partners.

Students prefer to come to the School where they get to interact with Kenya's leading professors at the oldest and best university in Kenya. It is this interaction that has produced the who-is-who in the communication fields, including journalism, public relations, development communication, lobbying, advocacy, and publishing in East Africa and beyond.



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A SAMPLE OF OUR ALUMNI

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ACADEMICS

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