



EXECUTIVE BRIEF

National Launch Conference – AI and the Future of TVET

Date: Friday, 17th October 2025

Venue: St. Mary's Pastoral Centre, Nakuru City

Kenya's Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) sector is pivotal to youth employment, industrialization, and the digital economy. However, as Artificial Intelligence (AI) reshapes the global workforce, the risk of TVET lagging behind is imminent without inclusive and responsible AI adoption. The **Reimagining Kenya's TVET Sector through Artificial Intelligence** initiative seeks to position Kenya as a leader in AI-driven vocational training, bringing together policymakers, educators, students, and industry leaders over the next 12 months.

The **National Launch Conference** scheduled for Friday, 17th October 2025 at St. Mary's Pastoral Centre, Nakuru City, themed "*AI and the Future of TVET: Beginning Kenya's National Conversation*", will kick off this transformative initiative, fostering national dialogue on AI in TVET. The conference will be opened by the Principal Secretary, State Department for TVET, Kenya, and will feature a keynote speech, expert speeches, a panel discussion, and AI showcases.

The keynote speaker will address the theme: *Kenya's Next Leap — TVET and AI for a Smarter, Fairer Future for Kenyans*, drawing from Prometheus, Sankofa, and Ubuntu. Expert speeches will cover the future of TVET in the 4th Industrial Revolution; the role of funding and innovation in AI adoption; and UNESCO's perspective on equity and AI in TVET.

A panel discussion, *The State of Play – AI Adoption in Education & TVETs*, will explore the realities, implications, and research gaps in AI adoption. The conference will also showcase AI solutions for TVETs, announce participation in AI Readiness and Innovation Labs, and chart the roadmap for AI integration by October 2026.

The conference will conclude with the launch of an AI-powered learning platform and career portal, marking a significant step in AI adoption for Kenyan TVET institutions.

This event will bring together 300 participants from government, international and local education and AI experts, TVET leaders, educators, students, industry stakeholders, and technology providers, aiming to shape the future of TVET in Kenya with AI at its core.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME
MCs: Dr. Kuria Wamukuru (PhD) / Brian Mburu

Time	Session	Facilitator
08:00am – 08:30am	Arrival and Registration	Joyce Kamau, RVIBS
08:30am – 09:40am	Official Opening Ceremony	Moderator: Mr. John K. Gitau — Executive Chair, RVIBS 1. Welcoming Remarks by Dr Ekrah Ndung'u – KENAPCO 2. Remarks by Mercy Kimalat, CEO - Association of Startups and SME Enablers of Kenya (ASSEK) 3. Remarks by Hon. Zipporah Ngugi — CECM, ICT, Youth & Education, Nakuru County Government 4. Chief Guest Remarks: Dr. Esther T. Muoria, PhD, C.B.S. — Principal Secretary, State Department for TVET, Kenya
09:40am – 10:20am	Keynote Address	Prof. Chris Odindo (PhD), De Montfort University (UK) Topic: Kenya's Next Leap — TVET and Artificial Intelligence for a Smarter, Fairer Future for Kenyans. <i>Rooted in Prometheus, guided by Sankofa, and grounded in Ubuntu — a journey not just of machines, but of meaning.</i>
10:20am – 10:30am	Group Photo Session	MC
10:30am – 11:00am	Tea Break & Networking	
11:00am – 11:40am	Expert Speaker	Dr. Julius Gatune (PhD) - Maastricht School of Management, Netherlands Topic: The Future of TVET: Delivering Skills for the 4th Industrial Revolution World
11:40am – 12:20pm	Expert Speaker	Prof. Dickson Andala (PhD) - CEO, National Research Fund (Kenya) Topic: The Role of Funding, Research, and Innovation in Preparing Kenya's TVET Sector for an AI-Driven Future
12:20pm – 13:20	Showcases of AI Solutions/Innovations for TVETs	Patrick Mwai, RVIBS
13:20 – 14:00	Lunch & Networking	

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14:00 – 14:45	Expert Speaker	Dr. James G. Njogu (PhD) — CEO, Kenya National Commission for UNESCO Topic: Empowering Skills for the Future — UNESCO's Perspective on AI, Equity, and Innovation in TVET
14:45 –15:45	Panel Session	Moderator: Dr. Daniel Karanja (PhD) — State Department for Science, Research & Innovation Panelists: i. Prof. Caroline Omulando (PhD) — DVC Academic Affairs, Open University of Kenya ii. Dr. Florence Kamonjo (PhD) — ODeL Expert, University of Kabianga iii. Dr. Moses Thiga (PhD) — ICT Director & AI Expert, Egerton University iv. Tom Bruno — Product & Business Strategy Lead, Chrome Browser (San Francisco, USA) Topic: The State of Play — AI Adoption in Education & TVETs (Realities, Implications, and Research Gaps)
15:45 –16:15	Invitation to Participate: AI Readiness & Innovation Labs	XE.AI Team
16:15 –16:30	Reflections and Charting the Path Forward: Roadmap to Oct 2026	Prof. Chris Odindo (PhD)
16:30 –16:50	Launch: AI Powered Virtual School Closing Address	Hon. Joseph Kiuna — RVIBS Board Chair
16:50 –17:00	Closing Tea, Informal Networking, Departure	

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CONFERENCE LOGISTICAL NOTE

✠ **St. Mary's Pastoral Centre, Nakuru City – Friday, 17th October 2025**

1. Arrival & Registration

- Time: 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
- Location: Main Conference Hall, St. Mary's Pastoral Centre.
- Each participant will receive a name badge and programme booklet

2. Directions to the Venue

St. Mary's Pastoral Centre is located 150 m off the Nakuru–Nairobi Highway at the Kenya Petrol Station Junction (Mogas), adjacent to Hyrax Hill Museum.

- ✓ From Nakuru CBD: Drive east along the highway, turn at Kenya Petrol Station (Mogas), venue is 150m in.
- ✓ Landmarks: Kenya Petrol Station (Mogas), Hyrax Hill Museum.
- ✓ Pick 'Matatus' for **Highway Route** at the Nakuru Main Bus Station, Alight at Kenya Petrol Station (Mogas) Junction and walk 150m.

3. Meals & Refreshments

- Tea Break: 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Lunch: 1:20 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Closing Tea: 4:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

4. Conference Highlights

- Opening Ceremony with Government & Industry Leaders
- Keynote Address
- Expert Presentations on AI & TVET
- AI Solutions Showcase
- Panel Discussion with Global Experts
- Launch of AI-Powered Virtual School & Career Portal

5. Contacts & Support

- Conference Secretariat Desk: Near registration point.
- Helpline: +254715-116-699 / +254722-769-920
- Email: ai-conference@rvibs.ac.ke
- Website: <https://rvibs.ac.ke>

6. For Accommodation Booking, we recommend the following options:

- St. Mary's Pastoral Center**
visit <https://stmaryspastoral.co.ke/> or
call +254726-775-841 / +254716-607-995
- Fancy Get-Away Apartments**
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call +254715-122-122