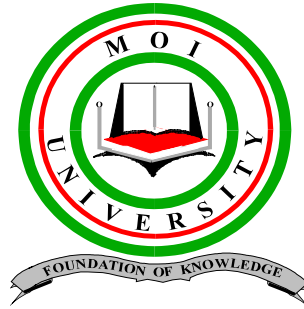


MOI UNIVERSITY (ISO 9001: 2008 CERTIFIED)

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TOPIC:

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR

QUALITY ASSURANCE IN

MOI UNIVERSITY:

PERSPECTIVE AND CHALLENGES

PREAMBLE

- The rapidly growing number of universities which include public, private and international universities in E. Africa and Kenya in particular create challenges in regard to quality assurance.
- To support and guide its expansion programmes without losing sight of quality assurance, the University relies on its strategic plan.
- The University last year revised its strategic plan in order to pay attention to internal and external factors that impact on the wellbeing and functionality of the University. The University continues to actualize its vision and mission in order to achieve and enhance dynamism, efficiency, effectiveness, quality and competitiveness while also diversifying the financial base in order to complement the exchequer.
- The revised Plan focuses key Strategic Issues namely: *Implementation of Decisions; Functions and Structures of Governance; Students; Human Resource; Academic, Research, & Extension programmes, Financial Management; Expansion of Infrastructure* (ICT, Library, other physical facilities); and *Enhancing Corporate Image*.
- Objectives and activities have been defined based on each Strategic issues and their implementation will contribute in transforming the University into a centre of excellence in Higher Education and entrepreneurship through teaching, research, outreach and extension.

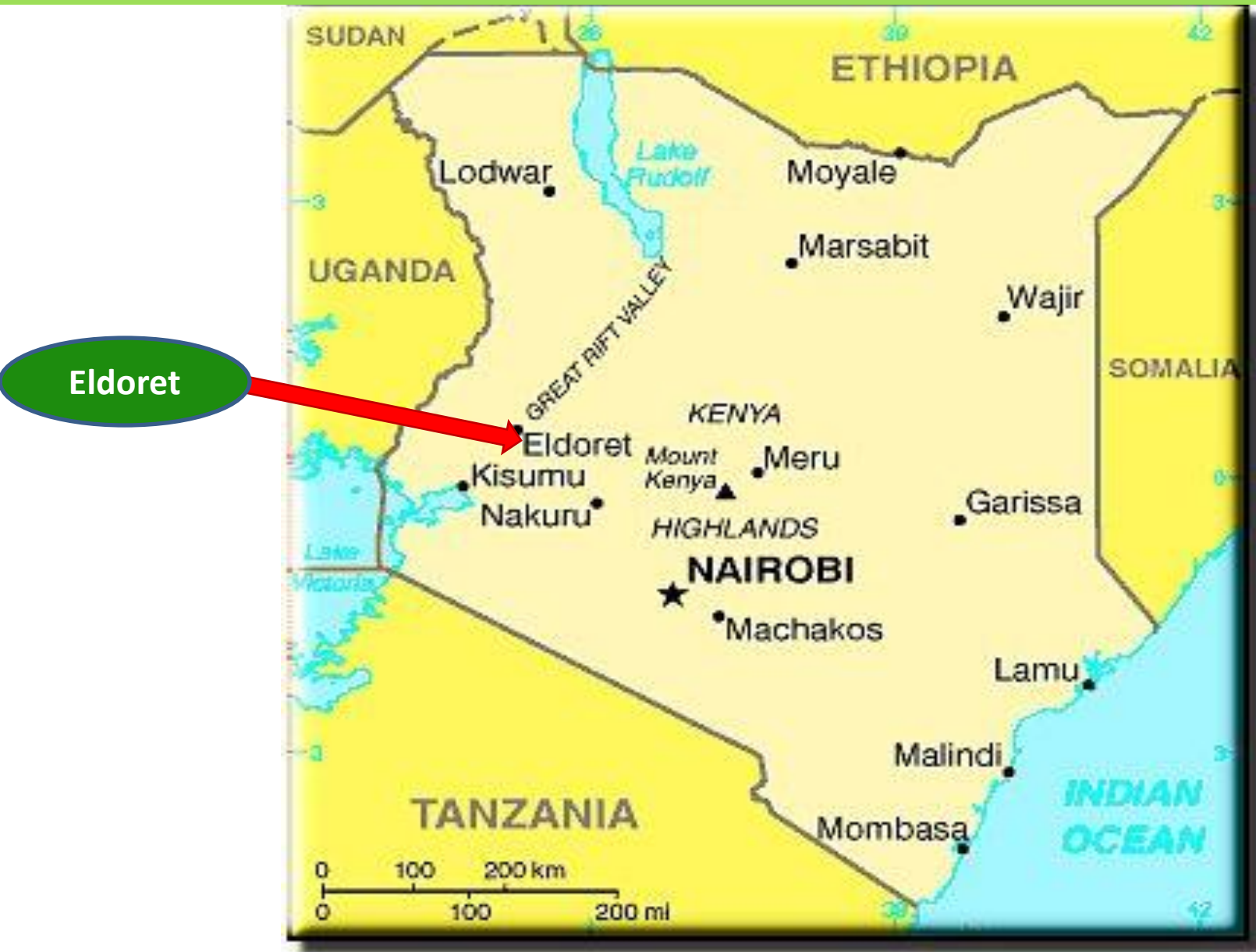
LOCATION AND HISTORY OF MOI UNIVERSITY

- a) Moi University is located in Eldoret, 310 km from Kenya's capital city, Nairobi.
- b) It was established by an Act of Parliament as the second Public University in Kenya.
- c) The first group of 83 students was admitted in 1984 through a transfer from the Department of Forestry, University of Nairobi.
- a) The University was intended to focus on Science and Technology with a relatively small component of arts based programmes.

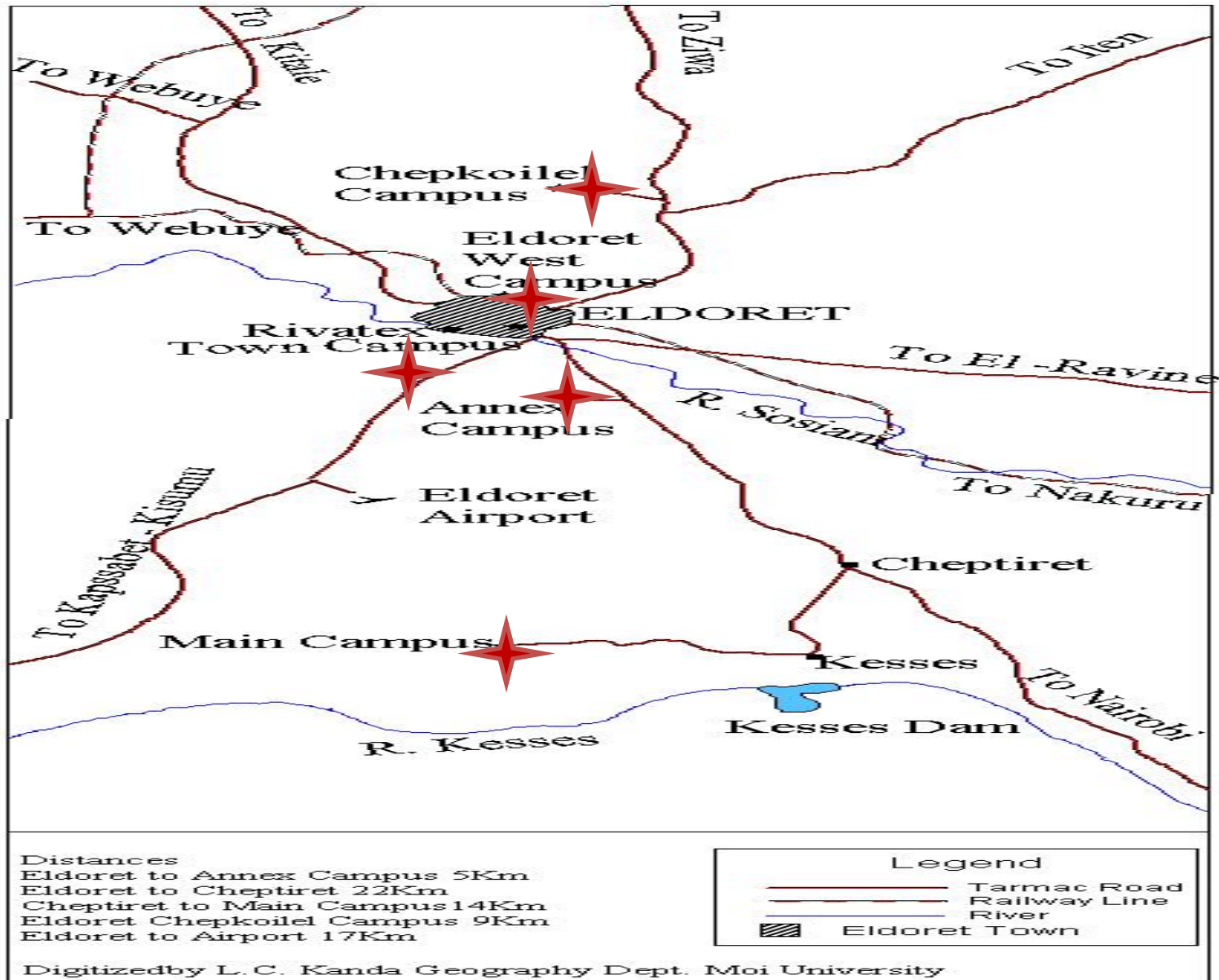
MAP OF AFRICA – LOCATION OF KENYA



MAP OF KENYA – LOCATION OF MOI UNIVERSITY (ELDORET)



LOCATION OF MOI UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES IN ELDORET



VISION & MISSION OF MOI UNIVERSITY



VISION

To be recognised nationally and internationally as the University of choice in nurturing innovation and talent in science, technology and development

MISSION

To preserve, create and disseminate knowledge and conserve and develop scientific, technological and cultural heritage through quality and relevant teaching and research; to create a conducive working and learning environment; and work with government and private sector for the betterment of society.

SCHOOLS

- School of Arts and Social Sciences
- School of Education
- School of Aerospace Sciences
- School of Agriculture and Biotechnology
- School of Science
- School of Law
- School of Business and Economics
- School of Engineering
- School of Information Sciences
- School of Human Resource Development Studies
- School of Environmental Studies

- School of Public Health
- School of Medicine
- School of Dentistry
- School of Natural Resource Management

DIRECTORATES/ INSTITUTES

- Directorate of Distance Learning
- Directorate of Information Communication and Technology(ICT)
- Institute for Gender Equity, Research and Development

OVERCROWDING OF UNIVERSITIES IN KENYA

Over the last ten (10) years Kenya has witnessed substantial entry of new universities, both local and international in the country . At the moment we are talking about over 50 universities.

Most of these Universities offer more or less similar programmes.



28 Universities in Nairobi

6 Universities in Mombasa

8 Universities in Kisumu

5 Universities in Eldoret (Small town)

PERSPECTIVES OF QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) AT MOI UNIVERSITY

The University has responded to needs of QA by putting in place mechanisms that respond to the following:

- Performance Contracting which the Kenya Government has put in place.
- International Standards Compliance (ISO 9001: 2008 Certification).
- Monitoring and evaluation of academic programmes such as regular curricula review.
- Constant upgrading of infrastructure and equipments to support teaching and research.
- Academic staff in health and engineering and other disciplines are registered practitioners with professional regulatory bodies such as Medical and Dentist Board, Engineers Board of Kenya e. t.c.
- The university's programmes undergo rigorous checks by the external examiners.

To benchmark with other institutions in the world the university is a member of some of the International Organization dealing with matters of higher learning. They are as follows:-

- International Association of Universities (IAU)
- Association of African Universities (AAU)
- Inter University Council for East Africa (IUCEA)
- African Network for Internalization of Education (ANIE) – **Headquarters is at Moi University**
- Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM)

Through collaborations the Faculty interacts with other colleagues in the same disciplines and thus help in improving research and teaching capabilities. It also contributes towards reduction of costs and strengthens quality teaching and research (Floyd, 2008).

STRENGTHS

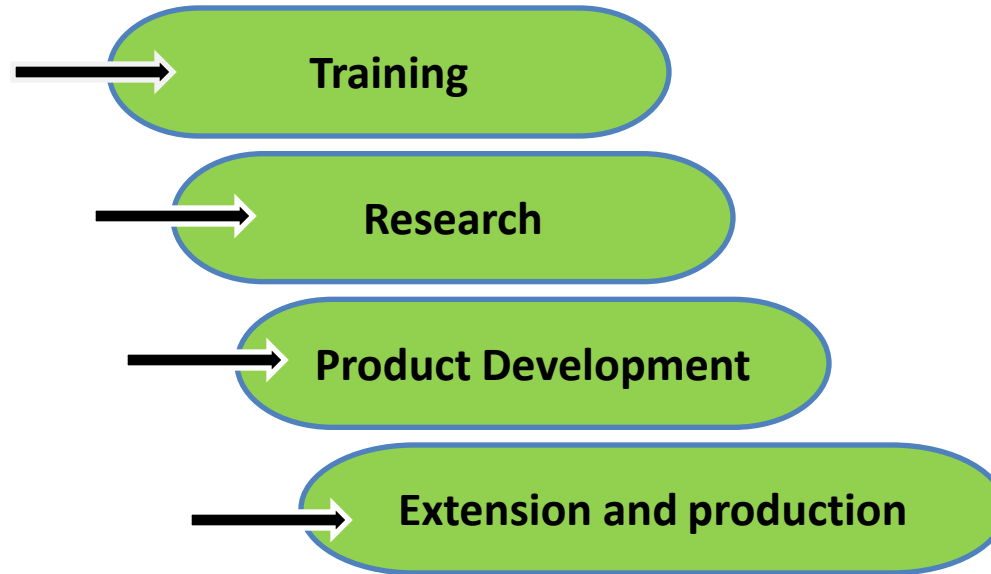
- As a Public Institution, the university benefits from Government support and funding for its core activities.
- The university offers unique academic and professional programmes such as:-
 - ✓ Aerospace Science (the University owns an aircraft to train pilots), Nursing, Dentistry, Medicine, Law.
 - ✓ Seed technology, wood science & technology
 - ✓ Textile Engineering, fisheries, refugee studies
 - ✓ Biotechnology & biosafety, Telecommunication Engineering
- The programmes apply innovative teaching and learning methodologies including Problem Based Learning (PBL), Community Based Education and Services, Legal aid clinics.
- Other innovative approaches in research and extension include (Academic Model for the prevention and Treatment of HIV AIDS (AMPATH))
- The university has modern teaching facilities that support academic programmes such as :
Textile factory, Dairy farming, Poultry, Fish ponds, Piggery, Aerospace Science, Airplanes etc.

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES

a. Rivatex

- Acquisition and rehabilitation of Rivatex East Africa Ltd, a textile factory after it had collapsed for ten years. It now produces quality fabrics and used for students industrial attachment , research and actualization of the economic and social pillars of vision 2030.
- The factory had embarked on reduction of operation costs by producing its own dyes from locally available materials which are environmental friendly as opposed to importation.

The facility is used for:-

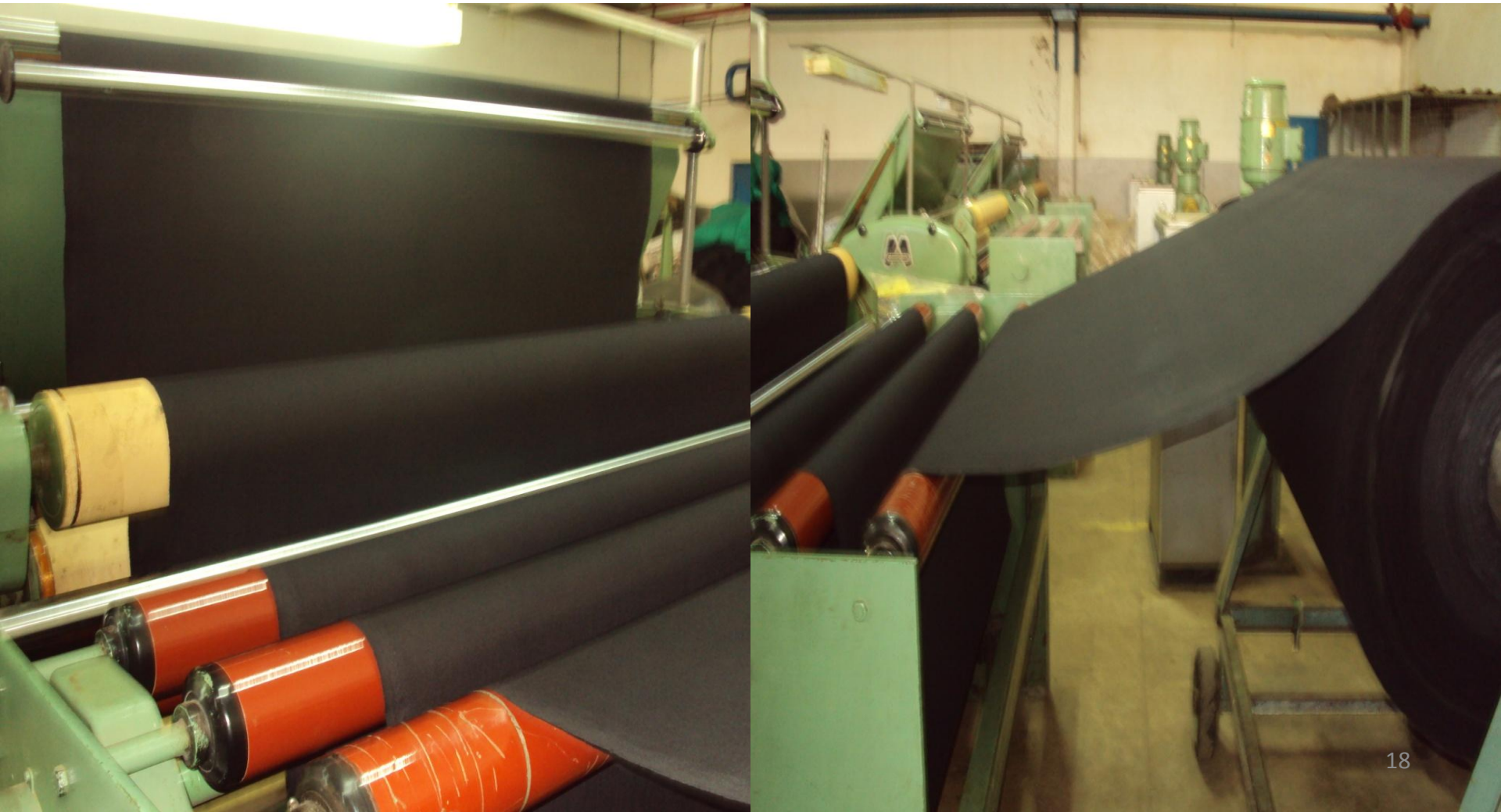




finishing

Objective:

To dye and print the article to the required end product, it also involve curing (colour fastening)



GARMENT MAKING

These entails:

- Cutting
- Stitching/Joining
- Finishing
 - Pressing
 - Buttoning
 - Embroidering
- Packing and delivery to clients



RIVATEX garments at a shop



graduation gowns





Picture of the aircraft at Eldoret Airstrip

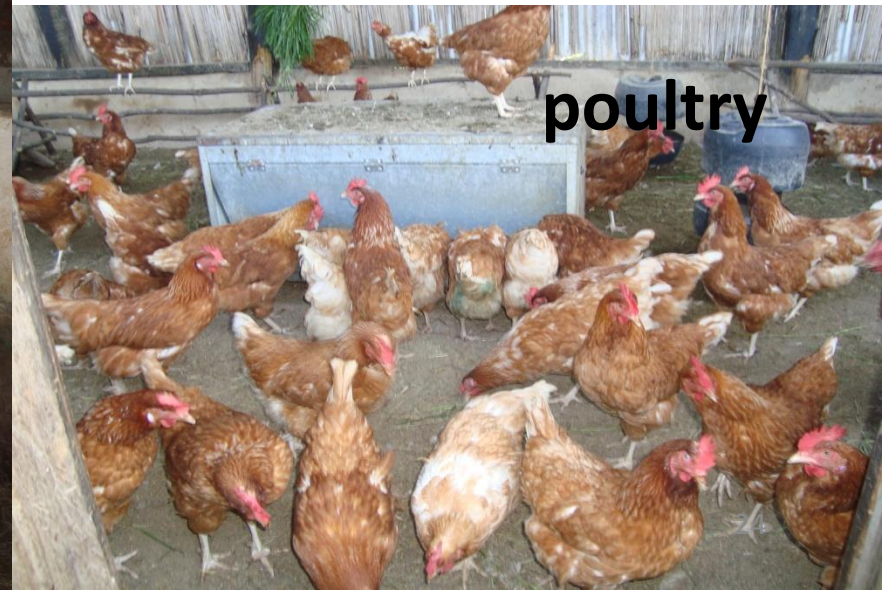
ICT Students



Moi University – Chepkoilel farm

bee keeping

pigs



poultry



We have the highest yield cow in Kenya which produces an average of 54 litres of milk per day.



Collaborations

- The University is in collaboration with over 90 universities and research institutions in the world in diversified fields. Such collaborations bring in renowned researchers and international students.
- The core activities of the university are backed by highly qualified staff in teaching, research and extension services.
- Some of our Faculty have won prestigious awards for instance recently won USAID grant. (Nearly 300 applications were submitted for capacity building partnerships between USA colleges and universities in Sub-Saharan African Nations.
- Twenty (20) Higher Education Institutions from the US Higher Education were paired with twenty (20) African Higher Education Institutions. Moi University emerged one of the winners in Africa and was paired with George Washington University in USA.
- Moi University - School of Public Health) and the University of Nairobi were the only Universities in Kenya that emerged winners of the competition.

Some of the challenges facing the University

The university faces the following challenges:-

- Competition from other institutions of higher learning.
- Inadequate funding to enhance capacity building.
- Brain drain, the university has lost highly qualified staff to other international institutions due to better remuneration offered by such institutions.

WAY FORWARD

- The university is committed to offer unique and market driven programmes to avoid duplication of programmes offered by other universities.
- Involvement of entrepreneurs to generate additional income for instance, operations at Rivatex East Africa, a textile factory, farm products and others.
- The university is committed to enhance conducive environment for its workforce. This is done through training opportunities for staff and salary top up from income generating activities.
- The university is also committed to quality assurance as demonstrated by ISO 9001: 2008 certification and demand for our programmes and our graduates by employers.

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