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17.2.2: Cross sectoral Dialogue about SDGs

Statement:

The Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUSaT) continues to expand its engagement in cross-sectoral dialogues with government agencies, academic institutions, NGOs, and development partners about the SDGs. Some glimpses of cross sectoral dialogue about SDGs from 2025 are given below:

EQUSaT Joins Global Voices at the "Happiness Without Borders" Conference

"The Happiness Without Borders" International Conference, held from October 15–17, 2025, in Kampala, Uganda, brought together global delegates, scholars, and thought leaders to explore how culture, intelligence, and technology can shape a happier and more connected world. The conference, themed "Cultural Intelligence, Traditions, and the Future of Global Well-being," was organized by the University of Lahore in collaboration with the Rekhi Foundation for Happiness and the Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUSaT).

The event featured multiple panel discussions, wellness sessions, and cultural exchanges all designed to deepen the scientific and social understanding of happiness.

Through its active participation, EQUSaT reaffirmed its commitment to global partnerships, human-centered innovation, and the promotion of happiness as a universal value—echoing its mission to educate, inspire, and empower communities toward sustainable development and collective well-being.

Evidence:

https://equsat.ac.ug/news/equsat-joins-global-voices-at-the-happiness-without-borders-conference-in-kampala

76th Vice Chancellors' Forum

The Vice Chancellor of Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUSaT), alongside the Head of the Quality Assurance Department, participated in the 76th Vice Chancellors' Forum that took place at Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST) in Mbarara City.

The forum brings together vice chancellors, top university administrators, and higher education stakeholders from across the country to deliberate on key issues affecting the sector, share best practices, and explore collaborative solutions. Such engagements are critical in aligning universities with global academic standards, strengthening quality assurance mechanisms, and fostering innovation in teaching, research, and community engagement.

Evidence:

https://equsat.ac.ug/news/equsat-vc-qa-attend-76th-vice-chancellors-forum

Prof. Mpezamihigo Attends First Regional Ministerial Conference on EAC Common Higher Education Area

The Equator University of Science and Technology's Vice Chancellor, Professor Mouhamad Mpezamihigo, represented the university at the inaugural East African Community Ministerial Conference on the Common Higher Education Area. The conference was a joint initiative by the Forum of CEOs of National Councils/Commissions for Higher Education in East Africa and the Inter-University Council for East Africa.

The event, officially inaugurated by His Excellency President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and First Lady Janet Kataha Museveni, brings together Vice Chancellors from Uganda and other East African countries, alongside officials from regional Ministries of Education and Foreign Affairs.

The conference aims to foster collaboration and alignment in higher education policies across the East African Community.

Evidence:

https://equsat.ac.ug/news/prof-mouhamad-mpezamihigo-attends-first-regional-ministerial-conference-on-eac-common-higher-education-area-1

VODAN Conference

The University of Science and Technology (EQUSaT) participated in the international Virus Outbreak Data Network (VODAN) Conference in Leiden. VODAN is a powerful initiative that underscores the continent's commitment to a more equitable digital future.

Speaking at a recent international forum, Professor Muhamad Mpezamihigo, the Vice Chancellor of Equator University of Science and Technology, amplified the vision and urgency behind VODAN.

In a digital world often dominated by power imbalances, VODAN offers a refreshing model—one where data empowers rather than exploits, and where Africa doesn't just consume technology but helps shape its ethical foundations.

Evidence:

https://equsat.ac.ug/news/our-vc-prof-mouhamad-mpezamihigo-represents-equsat-at-the-vodan-conference-in-leiden

FUMSA General Assembly 2025

The Equator University of Science and Technology (EQUSaT) hosted the Federation of Uganda Medical Students' Association (FUMSA) General Assembly, one of the most significant gatherings of medical student leaders in the country.

The assembly attracted delegates from over 10 medical institutions, turning the EQUSaT campus in Masaka into a national hub of vibrant discussion, collaboration, and advocacy for better medical education and healthcare delivery in Uganda.

Themed "The Global Impact of AI in the Healthcare Sector," the 2025 FUMSA General Assembly provided a platform for dialogue on pressing issues affecting the medical field following the advent of Artificial Intelligence, and other pressing issues including training standards, mental health support, internship placements, and research opportunities.

Key sessions included panel discussions led by experts in Technology, public health, breakout sessions on student welfare and innovation. The FUMSA General Assembly concluded with a resolution to strengthen partnerships between member universities, advocate for equitable internship opportunities, and promote student-led medical research.

Evidence:

https://equsat.ac.ug/news/equsat-hosts-fumsa-general-assembly-2025