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## DAYSTAR UNIVERSITY UNVEILS 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

Daystar University has this past week unveiled its five-year Strategic Plan 2020-2025.

The launch took place at the Main Campus, Athi River on 4th March 2021 at a ceremony attended by members of the Daystar Company (Trustees), University Council, Senate and Management, Daystar Co-Founder Rev. Dr. Donald Smith, students, Faculty, staff and partners of the University.

According to the DVC Finance, Administration and Planning, Dr. Muturi Wachira, preparing the Strategic Plan a university-wide participatory process involving all stakeholders, including the trustees, Council, Senate and management, faculty and staff and students.

Elaborating further on the Strategic Plan, Deputy Vice-chancellor (Academic, Research and Student Affairs) Prof. Faith Nguru highlighted nine strategic pillars namely Research; Teaching and Learning; Internal Stakeholders; Community and Spiritual Nurture; Governance and Institutional Processes; Resource Mobilization and Financial Sustainability; Asset Management; External Stakeholders; Monitoring and Evaluation.

The Vice-chancellor, Prof. Laban Ayiro who shepherded the strategic planning process urged the University community to remain positive even in the most strenuous conditions, saying that he was optimistic that with God Daystar will remain strong.

"I continue to pray that what is happening in Daystar will continue in the same trajectory so that we can normalize things as fast as possible," said Prof. Ayiro.

In a recorded message, Chair of the University Council, Prof Henry Thairu lauded the document for advancing gains made by the 2017-2021 strategic plan,

"The new strategic plan captures the spirit of the 'New Dawn' dispensation that we rolled out in 2019 by way of introducing new realities and global trends in the education sector," said Prof. Thairu.

During the launch of the Strategic Plan 2020-2025, Daystar University unveiled a number of products and projects, key among them a University Anthem and Flag, an ultra-modern student Gymnasium known as The Jack & Camie Eugster Fitness Centre, and a bee farming apiary project with an initial 50 beehives sponsored by AAR Insurance and Daystar University Alumni Association.

Speaking at the dedication of the apiary, the Director Planning and Entrepreneurship Dr. Duncan Irungu said the University was in partnership with ICIPE for research on the African bee and breeding of queens.

"The Daystar apiary will be a model bee keeping and management centre where bee research, bee agribusiness training, and community training for economic empowerment will happen," said Dr. Irungu.

On the same day, the University also unveiled the University Anthem, the University Flag, a student Fitness Centre, a bee keeping farm, and Phase 4 of Main Campus Beautification project in which 4000 tree seedlings donated by Acorn Holdings Limited were planted.

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