

Happy New Year!

I take this opportunity to introduce our **Centre for Urban Studies** and **Master of Sustainable Urban Development**.

CUSt was established by JKUAT in partnership with UN-Habitat, to guide in research, training and development of innovative ideas that will help tackle the inherent complex and diverse issues in the urban setting.

The purpose of CUSt is to act as a strategic think-tank in research, academia and practical approaches in providing sustainable development solutions and modeling of cities of today and in the future. CUSt endeavours to find solutions that will make our urban areas places that are successful both socially and economically, good to live in, environmentally sound, and attractive to visit.

We have already developed and running the programme, **Master of Sustainable Urban Development**.

This programme, Master of Sustainable Urban Development, is designed to enhance the skills of urban designers, town planners, architects, surveyors, landscape architects and civil engineers, geographers, ecologists, economists, sociologists, anthropologists, development studies specialists, natural resource managers, political scientists etc. interested or involved in sustainable urban development. The Master of Sustainable Urban Development programme aims to develop the individual student's skills in a focused manner in order to prepare her/him for further academic studies or informed practice. The programme endeavours to widen the knowledge base derived from their prior educational and professional experience, drawn from other programmes offered from recognized institutions of higher learning. In this way, this programme brings students to a point where they can demonstrate a fully professional approach to urban development at different scales and the integration of an in-depth research investigation with an emphasis on current global urban issues, such as, sustainability, climate change, MDGs (Millennium Development Goals) and SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals), Habitat Agenda, etc., within a physical design environment.

We also have **Ph.D programme** by **research and thesis** in several thematic areas. Proposals should be submitted for consideration.

**Applications for the two programmes is ongoing.**

Wishing you a fruitful 2015!