

## **WELCOME TO THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018**

I take this opportunity to introduce our **Centre for Urban Studies, JKUAT**.

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 following programs,

- 1. Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Planning and Development**
- 2. Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Design**
- 3. Master of Sustainable Urban Development.**

The programs, are 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 programs 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 programs 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, the programs 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.

Applications for the three programmes is ongoing.

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