

Excitement as KICD Council announces appointments to enhance service delivery;

The Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) Council has appointed qualified candidates to various vacant positions following interviews conducted in the institute.

The appointments are critical to strengthen the institute's manpower at such a time when it is tasked with delivering a new curriculum set to replace the widely criticized 8-4-4 system of education.

Already, monitoring and evaluation of the proposed competency based 2-6-3-3 curriculum is being piloted in schools for early years of education, ahead of its implementation next year.

Mrs Jacqueline Onyango who has been acting as the Senior Deputy Director-Curriculum Research Services, has been confirmed to the position. Previously, she was the Deputy Director-Special Programmes.

Mrs Onyango substantively assumes the position with a full in-tray. Spearheading the ongoing curriculum reforms, squarely falls under her docket.

She has a wealth of experience in handling curriculum matters, having trained and participated in a number of forums on curriculum development.

She holds a Masters degree in Curriculum Studies from University of Nairobi and a Bachelor of Education Degree from Kenyatta University. She has a Certificate in Education Planning from the International Institute of Education (IIEP-UNESCO).

Mrs Onyango has also attended short courses in curriculum in USA, France, Tanzania, Japan, South Korea and Hungary. She is currently undertaking a PhD in Curriculum Development (Teacher Education) at Moi University, Eldoret.

Mrs Ruth Mugambi moves from Senior Assistant Director-Science, to become the Deputy Director-Basic Education where she will be mainly responsible for overseeing development of curriculum content for ECD, Primary, secondary and teacher training colleges.

Mrs Mugambi whose qualifications include a Master's in Education from Kenyatta University, a post graduate diploma in Curriculum Design and Development (TIE/IBE) is well grounded in curriculum issues.

The appointments also saw other cadres of staff promoted in an effort that is meant to enhance morale and service delivery at the institute.

Those promoted were mainly from media and extension services, ICT, and Library, the bookshop, and procurement.

KICD Director, Dr Julius Jwan commended those promoted and urged them to discharge their mandate with dedication and in accordance with the laid down procedures.

Some of the positions have been filled by new employees, who are expected to come in with fresh ideas and help improve the institute's track record.

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