



Helbnewsletter

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Welcome to this edition of the *Helbnewsletter*. In this issue we have featured the launch of Strategic Plan launch. We now leave it to you to devour the stories well captured. We love to hear from you. Please drop a note to the editor.

Loss of Mr. Bernard Ager

The Higher Education Loans Board was engulfed in grief on 4th February 2014 following the loss of one of her employee. The late Mr. Bernard Ager served the Board for over 13 years at the Recovery department where he played a key role in the recovery of loans. Funeral arrangements are ongoing and the burial is set for 21st February 2014 at his rural home Migori. He leaves behind a wife and three children. May the almighty God rest his soul in eternal peace.

TVET funding boosted

The Higher Education Loans Board [HELB] has partnered with the Housing Finance Foundation (HFF) to support TVET Funding. The two institutions signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 11th February 2014 to this effect at the HFF headquarters in Nairobi. The CEO of HELB Mr. Charles M. Ringera signed on behalf of HELB while HFF was represented by the Executive Director Ms. Winnie Iminyara. Speaking at the ceremony Mr. Frank Ileri the Managing Director said, "I am confident in the way HELB manages its loans using the Means Testing Instrument (MTI) that ensures

fairness in awarding of loans, hence the Board is the



Mr Charles Ringera, HELB CEO(R) signing MOU with Ms. Winnie Imanyara Executive Director HFCK. Looking on are HELB and HFCK senior officials.

best channel to be utilized in loan management." He emphasized that the recovery strategies used by the financier if higher education are efficient in that it ensures the sustainability of the fund.

Addressing the meeting the HELB CEO, Mr Charles Ringera underscored on the need to fund TVET institutions in the Country towards the achievement of Vision 2030. He further demonstrated the efficiency of the systems currently available in loan management. To meet the demand of the TVET funds, Mr Ringera called on other partners and potential donors to support TVET funding through HELB.

Present during the ceremony was the Chairman Board of Directors Prof Shem Okoth among other senior official from the two institutions.

Our Vision

A loan available for every Kenyan enrolled in higher education

Strategic Plan and Reloaded Website Launch

“The Higher Education Loans Board customer base has continued to grow year by year,” these was said by Dr. Kipsang Belio, the Principal Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology. Speaking during the Launch of the Boards Strategic Plan 2013-2018 and the reloaded website at the KICC on 4th February 2014, Dr. Kipsang urged the Board to continually improve their systems.

In a nutshell, the Strategic Plan is to guide the Board through the current challenges experienced in financing higher education. Currently, there has been unprecedented increase in the number of students seeking higher education funding. At the same time the number of institutions of higher learning has tripled over the last five years.

Thus the four-point strategic plan covering 2013-2018 seeks to transform Helb into a self-sustaining agency with minimal reliance on Treasury’s annual capitation. The four pillars of the strategic plan include financial sustainability, customer service delivery, internal processes re-engineering and corporate governance.

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) at a glance

Probably you have heard or now you know that the Board is in the process of implementing ERP. But what is ERP? It is business management software which is usually a suite of integrated applications that a company/institution can use to store and manage data from every stage of its functioning or business.

ERP provides an integrated real-time view of core business processes, using common databases maintained by a database management system. The applications that make up the system share data across the various departments (for Helb’s case for instance will include recovery, procurement, lending, communication among other key departments and sections) that entered the data. ERP facilitates information flow between all departments/business

functions, and manages. For more information contact the ERP project team.

Photo Speak



Mr Boniface Otieno HELB staff explains the HELB Recovery procedures to the Cabinet Secretary Prof. Jacob Kaimenyi, BDS, MDS, PHD during his familiarization tour to HELB. Accompanying him are Principal Secretaries Ministry of Education Science and Technology, Prof Colletae Suda (immediate Right), Dr Kipsang Belio (Immediate left), the Board Chairman Mr D. Ndegwa Wachira and HELB CEO Mr. Charles Ringera on 24th January 2014.



Dr. Kipsang Belio, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Education Science and Technology cut the ribbon to launch the HELB Strategic Plan 2013-2018 at the KICC on 4th February 2014. Looking on from his left is Mr Charles Ringera HELB CEO, on his right Mr Ndegwa Wachira Chairman HELB Board of Directors and Prof Mabel Imbuga JKUAT Vice Chancellor and Board member representing public universities.

Our Mission

To provide affordable loans to Kenyans pursuing higher education through adequate mobilization and prudent management of resources.

Quote of the month

Forget all the reasons it won't work and believe the one reason that it will." - Unknown