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Abstract

Maseno University, founded in 1991, is a modern institution of higher learning set up to advance teaching, learning, research and development that responds to the emerging socio-economic as well as technological and innovation needs of Kenya and the Eastern Africa Region. Located in Maseno Township along Kisumu-Busia road, 25km from Kisumu City and approximately 400km West of Nairobi, the university shares its boundaries with Vihiga and Kisumu Counties.

Maseno University's history begun with the merging of Maseno Government Training Institute (GTI) with Siriba Teacher's Training College to form Maseno University College as a Constituent College of Maseno University. This led to its subsequent gazetting in October 1990 crowning the two institutions' several decades of meritorious existence. It became a full-fledged University 11 years later, in 2001.

The Universities Act No.42 of 2012 Act repealed all the seven Public Universities Acts including the Maseno University Act. Accordingly, all Public Universities existing before the commencement of the Universities Act No.42 of 2012 were required to take steps prescribed under this Act (section 13 (1), including the an institutional audit, to obtain a Charter in accordance to section 72 (1). The purpose of the audit was to verify if Maseno University had met the expected requirements for the award of Charter.

The Commission then established a panel of professionals to study the Maseno University Self-Assessment Report and use it as a basis for carrying out institutional audit (verification of the physical facilities and academic resources) at Maseno University, and thereafter to develop and submit a report and recommendations for CUE's consideration and adoption.

The Commission for University Education audited Maseno University in February 2013 and was satisfied that the institution had met minimum requirements in governance, Academic Programmes, and Academic resources. The University was expected to implement recommendations contained in the Accreditation and Audit Report in order to enhance the quality of teaching it offers to its students and play a greater role in the development of this country. A summary of the Commission's findings including an update of the current status is contained in this report.

The Commission for University Education recommended that Maseno University be awarded a Charter.

This accreditation report is in two (2) volumes:

- a) Volume 1 contains the Charter, Historical background, philosophical and the accreditation process that let to award of Charter; and

b) Volume 2 contains the programmes offered by the University.