

THE NELSON MANDELA AFRICAN INSTITUTION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NM-AIST)



Press Release

THE NELSON MANDELA SETI WEEK AT NM-AIST, Tengeru_Arusha

In honor and recognition of the Late Iconic African leader Nelson Mandela's strong desire to see Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) use Science, Engineering Technology and Innovation (SETI) to redeem her glory and break out of the vicious cycle of dependence, The Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST) is organizing the 5th Nelson Mandela's SETI Week from 17th to 22nd July, 2017 at Tengeru, Arusha, Tanzania. The running theme of this year's Nelson Mandela Week is ***"Science, Engineering, Technology and Innovation (SETI) for Sustainable Industrial Development"***

The main objective of the celebrations is to acknowledge the Late President Mandela's strong advocacy on the application of SETI as vehicle for socio-economic transformation of Africa. His aspirations is also embraced by our President, His excellency Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli's resolve to industrialize Tanzania. The Nelson Mandela SETI Week serves as a platform for demonstrating the capacity and capabilities of NM-AIST to generate solutions that address the needs and problems of the society and industry in line with its motto of "Academia for the Society and Industry."

During this year's Nelson Mandela SETI Week, there will be Summer School on Machine Learning and Data Science, Nuclear Physics workshop, FLOWERED Stakeholders Workshop, STEM workshop for coaching and inspiring 'A' level and 'O' level students from secondary schools, other events include; SETI related exhibitions, public lectures by distinguished scholars, Science Fair and Nobel Symposium for secondary school students. NM-AISTians will also participate in direct social linked activities including visit to an orphanage center, blood donation, health check up as well as sports and games. All these events are intended to stimulate, catalyze and promote passion in SETI and a research and innovation culture among the present and future generations in Tanzania and Africa as a whole.

NM-AIST intends to use its high concentration of talents and facilities for the transformation and co-creation of the society and industry in Tanzania and the SSA region. The Nelson Mandela SETI Week is therefore, part of a broader Nelson Mandela Public Private Partnership (NM-PPP) Initiative which brings together various partners and stakeholders to share and exchange their experiences, challenges, resources and possible solutions in impacting the society and industry. In return, NM-PPP will reverse the traditional divide between academia and society on one hand, and academia and industry on the other hand, thereby contributing to enhanced wealth creation, economic growth and sustainable development.

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