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THE NELSON MANDELA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION WEEK, 15TH - 20TH JULY, 2019

The late iconic African President and Statesman, Nelson Mandela had a strong desire to see Sub Saharan Africa (SSA) apply Science, Technology, Engineering and Innovation (SETI) to break out of the vicious cycle of dependence. In order to honour his vision, the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST) is organizing the 6th Nelson Mandela SETI Week from 15th to 20th July, 2019 at its Tengeru campus Arusha, Tanzania.

NM-AIST acknowledges President Mandela's strong advocacy for the application of SETI as a vehicle for the socio-economic transformation and sustainable development of Africa. In view to the aforesaid, this event 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 her "motto" "**Academia for Society and Industry.**"

The running theme of this year's celebrations is "**Science, Engineering, Technology and Innovation (SETI) for Industrial Development in Tanzania**" Main stakeholders to this week include all academic institutions, research and development organizations, industries, development partners and the general public.

The week will be packed up with series of events including SETI related Exhibitions by NM-AISTians and other partners, Public Lectures and Round Table Discussion by distinguished scholars from within and outside Tanzania, a Scientific Symposium on a selected theme, Science Fair and Nobel Symposium for secondary school students, Community Outreach, Sports and Games, International Day, and Nelson Mandela Family Day. 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 Sub Sahara Africa as a whole.

The Nelson Mandela SETI Week is also part of a broader Nelson Mandela Public Private Partnership (NM-PPP) Initiative whose main objective is to promote a productive Academia-Public-Private Partnership that will contribute to enhanced wealth creation, economic growth and sustainable development, thereby ensure return on investment. The NM-PPP Initiative has thus been established as a mechanism for technology transfer and co-creation to ensure that innovations and other solutions developed by NM-AIST faculty and their Master's and PhD students are effectively transferred to the public and private sectors to address social and industrial needs and problems.

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