

University don appointed KICD Director/CEO

Moi University don, Prof Charles Ochieng’ Ong’ondo has been appointed as the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) Director/Chief Executive Officer, putting to rest the search for a substantive boss to spearhead the ongoing curriculum reforms.

Prof Ong’ondo takes over from Dr Joel Mabonga who has been steering the Institute since his appointment in February 2020 in an acting capacity.

“The Council takes this opportunity to sincerely thank Dr Mabonga who acted during the period by providing leadership to the Institute,” the Council Chairperson, Dr Sara Ruto said in a memo to staff.

Dr Ruto revealed that the council in its meeting held on 25th September, 2020 resolved to appoint Prof Ong’ondo as the director following conclusion of the recruitment process.

This follows the resignation of Dr Julius Jwan who was elevated to the Position of Principal Secretary, Vocational and Technical Training in the Ministry of Education.

“Please accord the newly appointed Director the necessary support during his tenure,” the Council Chairperson said.

Prof. Ong’ondo is an Associate Professor at Moi University in the department of Curriculum, Instruction and Education Media (CIEM), handling English Language Teacher Education.

Prof. Ong’ondo, a widely published scholar has a wealth of experience in the education sector having served in various capacities. He is currently a member of the Kenya National Task Force on Access, Relevance, Transition, Equity and Quality for effective Curriculum Reforms Implementation, headed by the Kenyatta University Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of administration, Prof Fatuma Chege. Education Cabinet Secretary, Prof. George Magoha in June 2019 formed the Task Force to oversee the implementation of CBC.

Prof. Ong’ondo is the Executive Director of African Network for Internationalization of Education (ANIE) and a member of the International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language (IATEFL), Language Association of Eastern Africa, and also Founder

member and official of the Kenya Association of English Language Educators and Researchers (ASELER)

The Director joins the Institute at a time the implementation of CBC that is being undertaken in phases, is in Grade 4.

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