

Commission Honours 592 Exemplary Teachers



A section of teachers express joy after being feted for exemplary performance during the 2023 World Teachers' Day celebration at the Kenya School of Government in Kabete on October 5, 2023.

The Teachers Service Commission has awarded 592 teachers for exemplary performance in academia and co-curricular activities.

During the ceremony held at the Kenya School of Government on October 5, 2023, TSC Chief Executive Dr Nancy Macharia commended the awardees for serving the country well by shaping the lives of learners.

Dr Macharia said some of the teachers had been recognised nationally and others internationally.

“When you see us succeeding in education, the teacher is at the front,” she said.

“These teachers have posted outstanding performance both as individuals and teams in academic, co-curricular activities and community service.”

The awardees were drawn from top performing public and private primary and secondary schools, including special needs institutions, in the 2022 Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) and the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examinations.

Other categories included winners of the 2023 Kenya National Music Festival as well as most consistent public primary and secondary schools in KCSE and KCPE nationally and regionally.

This year's theme was ‘The teachers we need for the education we want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage’.

Under the academic category, 70 teachers in public and private primary and secondary schools were awarded for their efforts. In the sports and games group, 47 secondary school teachers, 38 primary school teachers and 44 teachers from SNE secondary schools were feted.

Under the music category, 219 teachers from primary and secondary schools and 17 tutors from teacher training colleges received awards.

Dr Macharia commended the teachers for successfully restoring the school calendar, which had been disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Teachers Service Commission Board and Secretariat lead other stakeholders during a procession to mark this year's World Teachers' Day at the Kenya School of Government on October 5, 2023.



Dr Nancy Macharia, Teachers Service Commission Chief Executive, addresses stakeholders during the World Teachers' Day at the Kenya School of Government on October 5, 2023.



Some of the teachers who were recognised for their exemplary performance during the World Teachers' Day in Nairobi



Pupils of Nairobi Primary School entertain stakeholders during World Teachers' Day in Nairobi on October 5, 2023.



Teachers who excelled in the 2022 examinations are awarded during the World Teachers' Day fete in Nairobi.



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Teachers' Unions: In their own words

Leaders of teachers' unions joined the Teachers Service Commission at the Kenya School of Government on October 5, 2023 to commemorate more than 500 teachers who excelled during 2022 national examinations and co-curricular activities. The union leaders had the following to say:



We must walk together as unions and TSC so that we realise the teacher we want for the education we need. A teacher who is well-catered for will lead to quality education.

Collins Oyuu

We are distributing laptops with 140 digitalised lessons to teachers. We are enhancing their skills in digital learning so that we address teacher shortage. It is important not to leave teachers behind.

Benta Opande



We are proud of our employer for bringing us together to celebrate teachers of this country. KEPSHA will always be supportive of the Commission when organising such celebrations because we value our colleagues in the teaching profession.

Johnson Nzioka

We need must be strategic. We appreciate all partners for giving us support and for celebrating us. Teachers must be well-motivated.

Akello Misor

Secretary General, Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers (KUPPET)



As we celebrate them (winners), we have to take cognisance of the challenges of teacher shortage. It is important to focus on the aspirations of the CBC, particularly at senior levels. Let us support teachers so that we have a well-educated nation.

Kahi Indimuli

We cannot agree to go back to the days when the offices of district officers were used for promotion of teachers. Since the TSC is now an independent commission, there is fairness in promotions. MPs, please assist us. The KRA Act on persons with disabilities should be reviewed every three years.

James Torome

Secretary General, Kenya Union of Special Needs Education Teachers (KUSNET)



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She also underscored the fact that teachers were instrumental in transitioning of Grade 6 learners to Grade 7 in junior secondary schools.

“We must celebrate our teachers for soaking up all the pressure over the past two years, which has enabled us to achieve the normal school calendar in 2023,” she said.

Additionally, Dr Macharia applauded teachers for participating in the retooling process to strengthen effective implementation of the competency-based curriculum, noting that 75,250 have been upskilled this year only.

She further acknowledged teachers for successfully reviewing the 2021-2025 collective bargaining agreement that saw them benefit from a 9.5 percent increase in basic salary.

As the national examinations period sets in, Dr Macharia said, 260,954 teachers have been vetted to serve as examiners, supervisors and invigilators.

She called upon the teachers to ensure the examinations are administered above board by adhering to the rules set out by the Kenya National Examinations Council.

“The TSC recognises that a professional and committed service is crucial for improved learning outcomes in Kenya,” she said.

“Our commitment is to continue to work towards transforming and elevating teaching as a profession,” she pledged.

Dr Macharia congratulated the government for striving to address the teacher shortage issue, indicating that 56,000 teachers have so far been recruited since the beginning of this year.

TSC Leads Tree-planting Campaign in Nairobi

The Teachers Service Commission (TSC) planted 300 tree seedlings in Nairobi as a measure of safeguarding the environment and abating the effects of climate change.

The event was held at Nairobi Primary School on October 4, 2023 and attended by teachers' unions and other stakeholders.

The initiative is in line with the national government's agenda of restoring trees. TSC Chief Executive Nancy Macharia added that the Commission will work with county commissioners in all the 47 regional governments to enhance awareness on the importance of planting trees.

The activity is a response to the national government's call for Kenyans to plant 15 billion trees by year 2032 through the African Landscape Restoration Initiative.

President William Ruto launched the drive in December last year with the aim of restoring 5.1 million hectares of deforested and degraded



Mamadou Sow, UNESCO's Senior Education Adviser, flanked by TSC CEO Nancy Macharia (left), waters a tree seedling at the Kenya School of Government on October 5, 2023

landscapes, reducing greenhouse emissions, and halting deforestation.

President Ruto indicated that climate change had affected international supply change and critical sectors such as health and infrastructure.

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