




# COVID-19

CORONAVIRUS

## in Kenya

The COVID-19 is a new virus linked to the same family of viruses as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and some types of common cold.

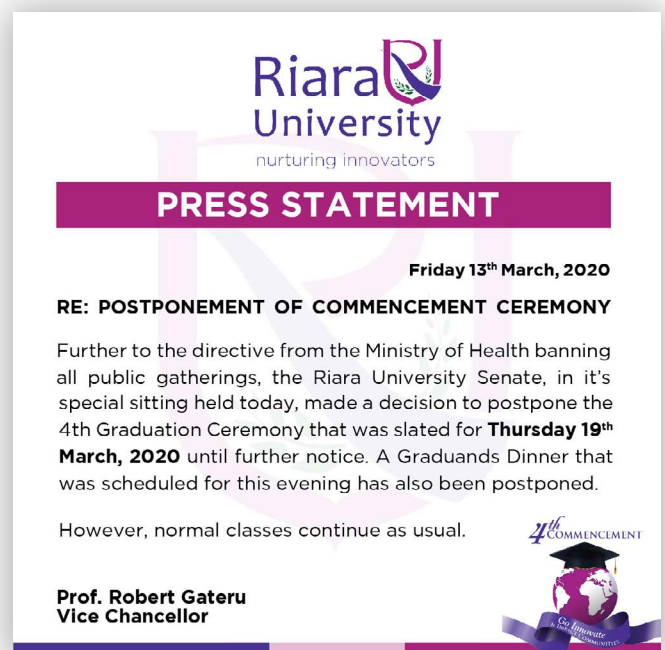
The disease causes respiratory illness (like the flu) with symptoms such as a cough, fever, and in more severe cases, difficulty in breathing.

You can help stop the virus by:

- **STAY** home as much as you can
- **KEEP** a safe distance
- **WASH** hands often
- **COVER** your cough
- **SICK?** Call ahead

The disease caused by the novel coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, China, has been named coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) - 'CO' stands for corona, 'VI' for virus, and 'D' for disease. Formerly, this disease was referred to as '2019 novel coronavirus' or '2019-nCoV.'

The government called for cancellation of all gatherings which in turn affected our much anticipated class of 2020 graduation dinner at the Weston Hotel.



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### PRESS STATEMENT

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

**RE: POSTPONEMENT OF COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

Further to the directive from the Ministry of Health banning all public gatherings, the Riara University Senate, in its special sitting held today, made a decision to postpone the 4<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony that was slated for **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2020** until further notice. A Graduands Dinner that was scheduled for this evening has also been postponed.

However, normal classes continue as usual.

**Prof. Robert Gateru**  
Vice Chancellor

4<sup>th</sup> COMMENCEMENT

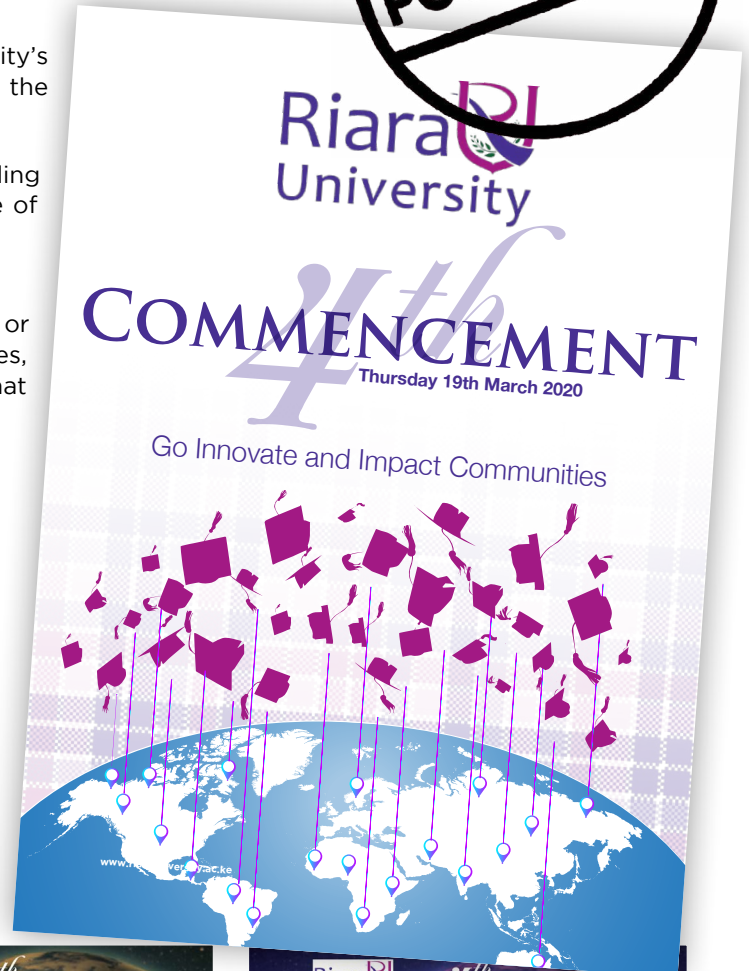
# Riara University 4th Commencement



Thursday, 19th March 2020 would have been Riara University's 4th Commencement but this had to be cancelled due to the current pandemic.

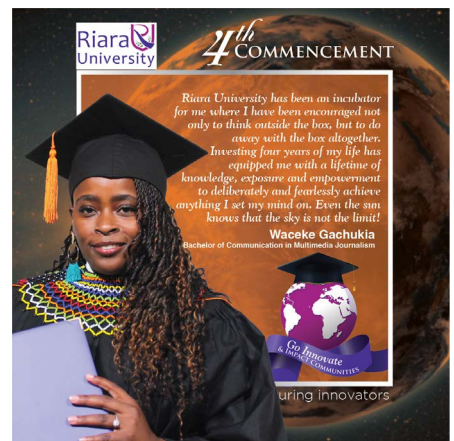
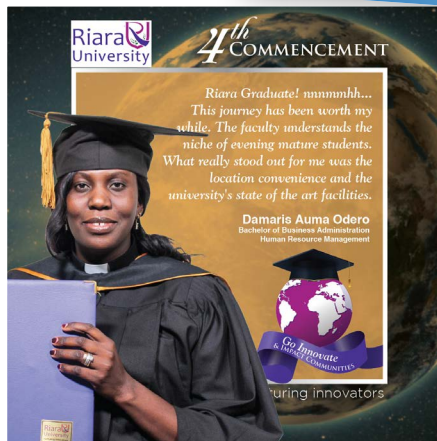
Dozens of universities in Kenya have delayed or are cancelling graduation ceremonies that were due this month because of fears of coronavirus spreading.

After the ministry issued guidance banning group events or activities, all universities put on hold their entrance ceremonies, orientation programs and visitor tours of campuses that involve large groups.



Hats off to the graduating class of 2020! Whether you are earning a diploma or a degree or even a cool new professional title, your hard work deserves recognition.

**BRAVO CLASS OF 2020!**



# Transition to Online Campus

Due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 in Kenya, the government took immediate measures and called upon all learning institutions to close and send all students home until the situation was under control. On Monday, 16th March 2020 Riara University fast-tracked its shift to blended learning by moving all courses to Online Campus (OC) so as to keep learning going for the remainder of the semester.



## Aspiring Innovator Intervarsity Competition (AIIC)

The AIIC has evolved as an annual two-day event whose objective is to showcase the outstanding innovativeness, quality and potential of the university students in Kenya in developing solutions to the various needs facing our society today.

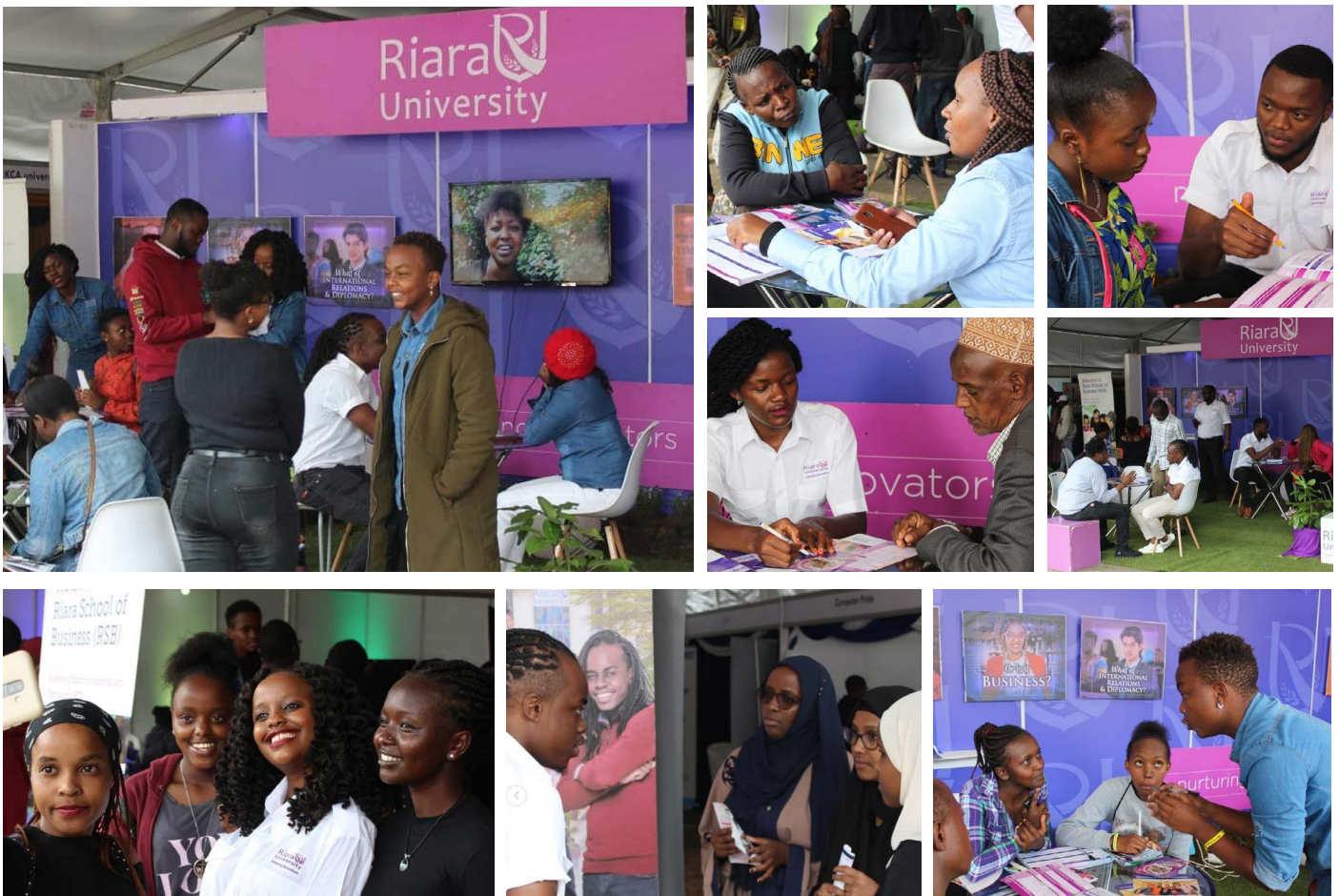
This is in addition to providing students with the opportunity to practice and enhance their technical, business, communication and leadership skills and to learn other life changing skills through interactions with peers, faculty and judges.

Due to the current pandemic our Aspiring Innovator Intervarsity Competition that was slated for 26th - 27th March 2020 had to be rescheduled to a later date.



# Riara University at The Standard Media Group Career Mentorship Fair

The Standard Media Group career Fair is aimed at addressing challenges students face when selecting courses to pursue in university. The objective is to guide the students on career choices whether in universities, middle-level colleges or technical institutions. The fair themed "Booked for Life", which was held at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre, is organized by Standard Media Group PLC in partnership with local universities, colleges and leading recruiters. The event was informed by the large number of students who, for lack of information and guidance, face countless hurdles while applying for courses after high school.



## High School Partnerships

We value our stakeholders and in our quest to maintain these relations, RU participates and supports high school functions.

We endeavor to improve and to build on interpersonal skills of these students through motivational talks, career talks and fairs and even sponsoring academic competitions.

On the Following dates we were honored to partner with the following schools:

- Friday, 7th February 2020 - Nairobi Jeffery Academy
- Thursday, 13th February 2020 - Nairobi Academy
- Saturday, 29th February 2020 - Moi Forces Academy

# 22nd Nairobi International Education and Career Fair 2020

The fair which was held on 16th – 19th January 2020 offers Universities, Colleges and Organizations extraordinary marketing and networking opportunities to showcase their courses and services.

Over the years, the event organizers have been confronted with the challenge many high school students and graduates face - lack of information and opportunities on career guidance and mentorship. For this reason, the organizers have for the last 4 years, offered career counselling and mentorship workshops alongside the fair. These workshops have been hosted by partners from various organizations, institutions and Embassies who provide information that assists students in making informed Career choices.

Through this fair, Nairobi International Education and Career Fair aims at raising youth career awareness and helping students discover emerging careers. The fair aim to in the workforce of the future by: -

- Providing a platform for career guidance and mentorship;
- Helping students get internships to grow their skills and employability;
- Supporting career education; and
- Promoting student awareness of industries with future job opportunities.

This will enable youth on their path to rewarding careers.





# Open Day, Career Mentorship, Campus Tour And Motivational Talks

This year, the RU OPEN took place on Saturday, February 1, 2020. It attracted ... students from different schools. The OPEN DAY aims to reach prospective RU students and this year it included Motivational talks by Ms. Rachel Kinyanjui Admissions Manager and Dr. Julius Otundo, Faculty School of Education.

Campus tours take place throughout the academic year with emphasis on Intake periods. The walking tours are led by marketing officers and can be accompanied by student currently studying at the University.

Tours are not subject specific and are designed to give a general overview of the campus.

This is also where we share insights about careers of the future and have motivational conversations.

RU is intentional in shaping this nation in matters Innovation and that is why we continually commit to having these talks.

# Valerie Mugaza, Boru Golo and Sam Kyalo Admittance To The Bar

We are absolutely proud as Riara University Community of our Alumni

They continue to shine and sore high in their careers. On Wednesday, 5th February 2020 they were officially admitted to the bar.

Congratulations are in order.



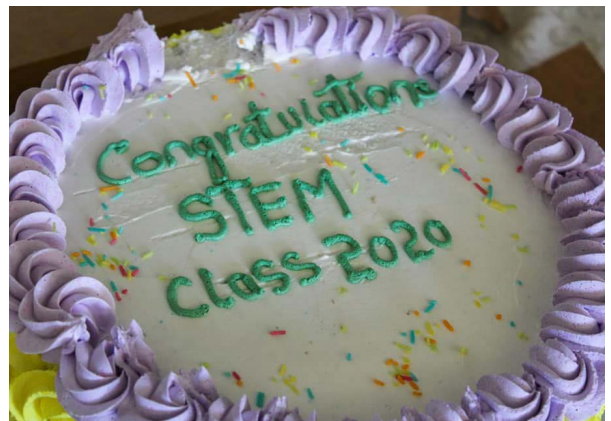
## STEM First Graduation

STEM is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics – in an interdisciplinary and applied approach. Rather than teach the four disciplines as separate and discrete subjects, STEM integrates them into a cohesive learning paradigm based on real-world applications.

On 5th February 2020 our first STEM Cohort graduands celebrated their victory and achievement.

The course is offered by Lani Learning in collaboration with Riara School of Computing Sciences.

The graduands are still in high school but they got the opportunity to learn soft skills in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics which would in turn guide them in choosing the appropriate university courses.



# Access to Justice Symposium

Riara Law School, in Conjunction with Birkbeck University of London, were pleased to host the Access to Justice Symposium on 20th – 21st February 2020. The Key Theme and Topic were ‘Access to Justice for Poverty Reduction’ and ‘Sustainable Development as the key Theme and topic’.

Access to justice, which is a fundamental right to everyone, is the most important legal issue of this generation.

The objective of the Access to Justice Program is the promotion of the citizen’s access to the courts of law in Kenya and Africa.

The program promotes access to justice through advocating for an independent and accountable judiciary in Kenya and in the region. It also engages the judiciary with the focus on the rule of law, and human rights with a view to constitutionalism.

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## Access to JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM

**Thur 20<sup>th</sup> - Fri 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020**  
**8.00am - 4.00pm**

**THEME: Access to Justice for Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development**

**TOPICS TO BE COVERED**

- \*Access to Justice Innovations
- \*Juvenile Justice
- \*Paralegals and Access to Justice
- \*Law Clinics and Access to Justice
- \*Pre-Trial Detention and its Over-use

**Riara University, Mbagathi Way, Nairobi Room G/15**

To RSVP and for any information on the symposium please contact Gilbert at [gmitullah@riarauniversity.ac.ke](mailto:gmitullah@riarauniversity.ac.ke) or Damaris at [dodero@riarauniversity.ac.ke](mailto:dodero@riarauniversity.ac.ke). You may also reach us on 0703 038 449

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## PROGRAMME

TIME	ACTIVITY:
10:00am - 10:30am	<b>A Legal Discussion</b> <i>Gilbert Mitullah, Lecturer, Riara Law School</i>
10:30am-11:00am	<b>Admission Criterion</b> <i>Rachel Kinyanjui, Admissions Manager</i>
11:00am-11:30am	<b>Student Government Matters</b> <i>Sikander Wallinmohamed, Student Chairperson</i>
11:30am-12:00pm	<b>University Tour</b>
12:00pm-12:30pm	<b>A Media Conversation</b> <i>Eric Kinyeki, Head of Studio</i>
12:30pm-1:00pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <i>Prof. Catherine Ngila, DVC, Academic Affairs</i>
1:00pm	<b>Snacking and Departure</b>

# RU Hosts The Homeschooling Community

As a learning institution, we are all about deliberate championing of internalization. On Friday, 21st February 2020 we had the opportunity to host a section of the home schooling community in Nairobi. We got a chance to share with them some of the courses offered at the university and the process and requirements for admission.

The Students also got an opportunity to tour the university and get a feel of the day-to-day functions on Campus. We are definitely a good fit for their academic journey based on the feedback received.



*Homeschoolers Visit*

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# Professional Mediation Training Course

On 24th - 28th February 2020 Riara University in partnership with the Professional Mediation Training Institute (MTI) had the pleasure of hosting a professional mediation course.

The benefits of the course were as follows:

- Accredited by the Law Society of Kenya 3 CPD points.
- Accredited by the International Mediation Institute (IMI) in the Netherlands.
- Accredited by the Singapore International Mediation Institute (SIMI) through MTI East Africa.
- Eligibility to be admitted by the Judiciary Mediation Accreditation Committee (MAC) as a court accredited mediator.

Watch out for future dates for this course!



The poster features the logos of MTI (International Mediation Institute) and Riara University. It includes a graphic of three stylized human figures holding hands. The text on the poster provides details about the course's accreditation, uniqueness, and training targets. It also lists the dates (Feb 24th-28th 2020), cost (KES 50,000/- PP, KES 45,000/- Student), and venue (Riara University). Contact information for registration and payment is provided, including a website, phone number, and M-PESA account details. Logos for MTI, SIMI, and IMI are also present at the bottom.

**mti** International Mediation Institute  
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**UNIQUENESS OF THE COURSE:**  
• Interactive skill enhanced training  
• Industry experience and trainers with decades of experience in mediation  
• First hand explanation of the skills and knowledge needed in the practice of professional mediation  
• A good understanding of Africa's unique environment in conflict resolution.

**THE TRAINING TARGETS:**  
Professionals, College and University students and anyone interested in Mediation.

**DATES:**  
Feb 24<sup>th</sup>-28th 2020

**COST:**  
KES 50,000/- PP  
KES 45,000/- Student

**VENUE:**  
RIARA UNIVERSITY

To register, download the Course Registration Form from [www.riarauniversity.ac.ke](http://www.riarauniversity.ac.ke) or obtain a copy at the Riara University, Ngaraoni Way Campus, Nairobi. Return the completed Registration Form to the Admissions Office or email it to [admissions@riarauniversity.ac.ke](mailto:admissions@riarauniversity.ac.ke) or [dodero@riarauniversity.ac.ke](mailto:dodero@riarauniversity.ac.ke)

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## Farewell Benson Mugo

Benson passed away on Sunday Morning (23/02/2020). He was laid to rest on 29th February 2020 in Muranga County. He was a finalist student in the School of Business and was set to graduate with the class of 2020.

The Riara University will miss you sorely. We wish your family Peace, Comfort and Courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in their hearts.

Fare Thee Well.



# MoU Signing Between Nairobi Securities Exchange & Riara University

On Thursday, 5th March 2020, Nairobi Securities exchange and Riara University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the University. The MOU was signed by Prof. Robert Gateru, the Vice Chancellor, Riara University and Mr. Geoffrey O. Odundo, the Chief Executive Officer - CEO, Nairobi Securities Exchange. The MOU intensifies a closer strategic partnership between the two institutions in bridging the gap between practice and theory.

The deal is part of Riara's School of Business mission to enhance quality of financial literacy and education among the youth. Moreover, NSE will provide courses for instructors as well as technical and eLearning support services for students.

Speaking after signing of the MOU, NSE's, Chief Executive, Mr. Geoffrey O. Odundo said the partnership will see graduates equipped with requisite knowledge and skills in capital markets and NSE products and services, noting "We need to bridge the gap between theory and practice. This MOU will assist us in enhancing the level of knowledge of students making them market-ready". On his part, Riara University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Robert Gateru, affirmed that the signing of the MOU was in line with the university's commitment to ensure that all students understand market dynamics.



# RLS Guest Lecture By Amb. Nelson Ndirangu

On Thursday, 12th March 2020, Riara Law School students had the pleasure of listening to Amb. Nelson Ndirangu - Chairman, Competition Authority of Kenya give a talk on the history of multilateral Trading Systems and the participation of Africa and Kenya in International trade law.





Riarra University NIIT

## Certificate in BIG DATA

**What is Big Data Analytics?**  
Big data analytics is the often complex process of examining large and varied data sets, or big data, to uncover information such as hidden patterns, unknown correlations, market trends and customer preferences that can help organizations make informed business decisions.

**Why you should study Big Data**  
Companies have realized they need to hire data. With new technologies and approaches appearing every week, it is virtually impossible to be an expert in everything hence:

- Data driven decisions provide a competitive advantage
- Big Data skills are in high demand
- Studying Big Data will broaden your horizon

**NIIT Advantage**

- RECOGNIZED IN 40 COUNTRIES
- RESEARCHED OVER 20 MILLION LITERATURE
- SELECTED TOP FACULTY
- EXPERIENCED FACULTY

**Job Opportunities in Big Data**

- Big Data Engineer
- IT Systems Analyst
- Project Manager
- Programming Analyst

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**What is Digital Marketing?**  
Digital marketing is the use of the internet, mobile devices, social media, search engines, and other digital platforms to reach consumers.

**Why study Digital Marketing**  
Digital marketing encompasses, even more, roles and skills than marketing ever before, and it's this flexible, versatile nature of the business that makes it so fascinating.

Due to its versatility in reaching a wide customer base; Digital marketing has gained popularity in the millennial era compared to traditional marketing. Among the contributing factors that have led to the shift include:

- Millennials dominance on the digital space
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Riarra University SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

## Certificate in Teaching International Curricula

The Certificate in Teaching International Curricula (CTIC) is a programme that is designed to equip teachers with the requisite knowledge and skills to deliver and assess international curricula both locally and internationally, introduce teachers to modern pedagogical approaches that are learner-centered and skills-based, as well as strengthen their capacity in the integration of ICT in teaching, learning and research.

CTIC covers the following six areas of study:

1. Internationalism and International Education
2. The British National Curriculum (BNC)
3. The International General Certificate of Education (IGCSE)
4. The International Baccalaureate (IB)
5. Introduction to Computer Applications
6. Inquiry-Based Pedagogical Approaches & Practicum

**Course Duration and Intake**

- The programme runs over the duration of one (1) semester.
- New classes commence every school holiday: April, August & December.

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