

Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD)

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DR JULIUS JWAN HANDS OVER KICD BATON TO DR JOEL MABONGA

The handing over ceremony for the newly appointed Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) took place today (Monday) morning.

The outgoing CEO, Dr Julius Jwan arrived some minutes past 10 o'clock at the institute for the brief session that was witnessed by the Council Chairperson, Dr Sara Ruto.

Dr Joel Mabonga who is the Senior Deputy Director, Corporate Services will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the institute and implementation of the decisions of the KICD Council.

He promised to steer ahead the ongoing curriculum reforms in line with the KICD mandate. His appointment comes at a time when the country is keen to see the uptake of the CBC in middle school.

"I pledge to do my best to maintain the momentum set by Principal Secretary, Dr Jwan. As a team no heights will be insurmountable," Dr Mabonga said.

KICD is in preparing for roll out the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) in grade five following a successful implementation from Pre-primary 1 and 2 and grades 1 to four.

Dr Mabonga, who has vast experience in education matters, is expected to ensure high quality curriculum designs and teachers handbooks in various learning areas, are developed in time ahead of next year when the first cohort of learners under the CBC will move to grade five.

He holds a doctor of philosophy in Management of Education change from Kenyatta University, a Master of Philosophy in Educational Administration from Moi University and a bachelor's degree in Education from Kenyatta University besides other corporate governance courses.

He has served the nation in various capacities including as the CEO, Independent Police Oversight Authority (IPOA), Director-Voter Education and partnership at the

Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) and a lecturer at Kenyatta University. His exemplary performance saw him win the prestigious 2017 Ombudsman award for Public Service Delivery besides other accolades.

The appointment of Dr Jwan as Technical and Vocational Education (TVET) PS came barely a month after his contract for a second term at KICD, had been renewed.

During his first term, Dr Jwan was actively involved in the ongoing curriculum reforms that resulted to the development and implementation of the CBC up to grade four.

Dr Jwan has been instrumental in creating awareness about the CBC saying it is an improved version of the 8-4-4 system of education that is meant to help learners gain practical skills, values, and competencies that can enable them think beyond formal jobs.

He has been appealing to teachers and parents to refer to the Orange book available on KICD Website, which has a list of the books that the Institute has approved for use in schools.

Effective curriculum delivery risks being compromised if teachers and learners use misleading textbooks.

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