

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PHD GRADUATES 2026

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On this momentous occasion of August 21, 2026, the Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension proudly commemorates the outstanding achievements of our newest PhD graduates. It is with immense pride and profound admiration that we extend our warmest congratulations to **Dr. Margaret Njeri Mwangi, Dr. Dan Musau Wambua, and Dr. Moses Njiru Muchangi**. Their dedication, intellectual rigor, and groundbreaking research have culminated in this significant academic milestone, heralding a new era of leadership and innovation in the field of agricultural economics and extension. As you celebrate this important milestone from the University of Embu where knowledge transforms, we wish you a truly auspicious occasion and every success in the next chapter of your academic and professional journeys that we trust will have remarkable societal impact.

GOLDEN STATEMENTS ON DR. MOSES MUCHANGI, DR. MARGARET NJERI MWANGI & DR. DANIEL MUSAU WAMBUA

Moses Muchangi Njiru is an agricultural researcher passionate about strengthening the resilience of smallholder farming communities in the face of climate change. His PhD research, “*Climate Adaptive Agricultural Extension Services, Strategies, and Resilience of Sorghum Farming Households in Semi-Arid Areas of Embu and Tharaka-Nithi Counties, Kenya*”, examines how climate-responsive extension services and farmer adaptation strategies can enhance resilience to climate-related challenges among small holders in the drylands of Embu County. His work provides valuable evidence for transforming agricultural extension, strengthening farmers’ adaptive capacity, and promoting climate-resilient livelihoods. His broader vision is to advance evidence-based, farmer-centred solutions that enable smallholder communities to thrive in a changing climate.



Margaret Njeri Mwangi is an Agricultural Extension scholar passionate about harnessing digital innovation, improved seed technologies, and farmer-centred knowledge systems to transform the lives of smallholder and resource constraint farmers. Her research, *“Digital Extension, Seed Technology Adoption Dynamics, and Welfare Impacts in the Smallholder Potato Value Chain in Kenya”*, examines how digital extension services and access to quality seed influence technology adoption, productivity, incomes, and household welfare among smallholder potato farmers in Kenya. Her work generates practical evidence to inform policies and interventions that expand access to agricultural information, accelerate the adoption of beneficial technologies, strengthen value chains, and improve farmers’ livelihoods.



Margaret’s broader vision is to see research translated into practical solutions that promote an inclusive, innovative, and resilient agricultural sector where smallholder farmers can access relevant knowledge, quality technologies, productive resources, and markets. As she graduates, she carries forward a strong commitment to empowering farmers, strengthening rural communities, enhancing Kenya’s food and nutrition security, and creating sustainable pathways to prosperity.

Daniel Musau Wambua is a dedicated agricultural economist and researcher passionate about generating evidence, promoting market-oriented approaches, and strengthening agricultural value chains to improve farmers’ livelihoods and rural development. His doctoral research reflects a strong commitment to generating evidence that responds to real-world challenges in agriculture. His exemplary work in the coffee industry, with particular emphasis on coffee marketing and the determinants of coffee consumption, provides valuable insights into consumer behavior, market dynamics, and opportunities for strengthening the coffee value chain. His research contributes to understanding how evidence, innovation, and market-oriented approaches can enhance the competitiveness and sustainability of Kenya’s coffee sector.



Daniel’s broader vision is to see research translated into practical solutions that unlock the full potential of the coffee subsector, strengthen coffee markets, empower coffee farmers (both small and large scale) and consumers, and create lasting economic opportunities particularly for the youth. As he graduates, he carries forward a commitment to using knowledge and evidence to transform agricultural value chains and contribute meaningfully to Kenya’s development.

Finally, we extend our sincere congratulations and thanks to the supervisors—**Dr. W. Nyarindo, Dr. H. Isaboke, Dr. S. Ndirangu, Dr. F. Kaumi and Dr. H. Mogaka** for your guidance, mentorship, and steadfast support.

Your investment in these scholars is deeply appreciated and worth celebrating.