



## JARAMOGI OGINGA ODINGA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST) is committed to environmental stewardship in all of its operation in teaching, research, outreach and consultancy. JOOUST has a reputable corporate policy of providing a safe and healthful work place, protecting the environment, and conserving energy and natural resources, formulated since its inception in 2009 as a constituent college and 2013 as fully fledged University. These are anchored on sustaining clean and healthy environment as a foundation of JOOUST's corporate policy objectives to:

- Provide a safe and healthful workplace and ensure that personnel are properly trained and have appropriate safety and emergency equipment.
- Be an environmentally responsible neighbour in the communities where we operate, and act promptly and responsibly to correct incidents or conditions that endanger health, safety, or the environment. Report them to authorities promptly and inform affected parties as appropriate.
- Conserve natural resources by reusing and recycling materials, purchasing recycled materials, and using recyclable packaging and other materials.
- Offer teaching, research, outreach and consultancy by offering services and products that are safe for their intended use, efficient in their use of energy, protective of the environment, and that can be reused, recycled or disposed of safely.
- Operate services through processes that do not adversely affect the environment, that include developing and improving operations and technologies to minimize waste, prevent air, water, and other pollution, minimize health and safety risks, and dispose of waste safely and responsibly.
- Ensure the responsible use of energy in our operation, that includes conserving energy, efficient energy use as well as preference to renewable over non-renewable energy sources as appropriate.
- Provide leadership in scientific, technological and innovation efforts to improve environmental protection and understanding around the world and share appropriate pollution prevention knowledge and methods.
- Utilize JOOUST products, services and expertise around the world to assist in the development of solutions to environmental problems.
- Meet or exceed all applicable environmental legal requirements in the country and voluntary requirements to which JOOUST subscribes.

- Strive to continually improve JOOUST Environmental Management System (EMS) and performance, and periodically issue progress reports to the general public.
- Conduct detailed audits and self-assessments of JOOUST compliance with this policy, measure progress of environmental affairs performance, and report periodically to the University Council.

Every staff, student, supplier and contractor on JOOUST premises is expected to follow this policy and to report any environmental, health, or safety concern to the University management and that are expected to take prompt action.



Signed.....

Prof. Stephen G. Agong' PhD, FAAS

VICE CHANCELLOR

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