



15th *Graduation Ceremony*

&

INSTALLATION OF PROF. ADEMOLA S. TAYO

4th Vice Chancellor

June 26-28, 2026

Installation Service

June 28, 2026, at 09:00 am

Guest Speaker

Inyangala, Beatrice Muganda, PhD, CBS

*Principal Secretary, State Department for Higher Education and Research,
Ministry of Education, Kenya*

Commencement Service

June 28, 2026, at 10:30 am

Guest Speaker

Osei-Bonsu, Robert, PhD

*General Vice-President, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
& University Council Chair, Adventist University of Africa*

Baccalaureate Service

June 27, 2026, at 9:00 am

Guest Speaker

Maka, Moses Ndimukika, PhD

*Executive Secretary, East-Central Africa Division
of Seventh-day Adventists*

Consecration Service

June 26, 2026, at 7:00 pm

Guest Speaker

Papu, Jongimpi D., PhD, DMin

*Associate Ministerial Secretary, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
& Editor of Ministry Magazine*



Statement of Vision

To be a premier University in postgraduate and professional education and research.

Statement of Mission

To deliver outstanding postgraduate education from a Biblical foundation to prepare competent leaders to serve the Church and society in a Christ-like manner.

Motto

Developing Leaders for Service

Our Core Values

Accountability
Fairness
Respect
Integrity
Collaboration
Adventist Heritage

The Chancellor's Welcome

Akombwa, Harrington Simui, DMin

*Chancellor, Adventist University of Africa and
President, Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division
of Seventh-day Adventists*



Esteemed graduates, distinguished guests, faculty, staff, and friends of the Adventist University of Africa, it is with profound joy and gratitude that I welcome you to the 15th Graduation Ceremony of our University. Today we gather under the inspiring theme, Rooted in Christ, Empowered for Service, a reminder that true leadership is anchored in faith and expressed through service.

To our graduating students, your journey here has been marked by perseverance, scholarly excellence, and a deepening of faith. Your graduating class colours—Regal Blue and Celestial Grey—embody both wisdom and balance, authority and calmness. Your motto—Truth, Service, Eternity—captures the essence of our mission: to prepare leaders who uphold integrity, serve with compassion, and live with eternity in view.

As you step forward, remember that your education is not merely for personal advancement, but for the transformation of the Church and society in a Christ-like manner. You are now part of a growing legacy of leaders who will carry the banner of Adventist University of Africa across Africa and beyond, demonstrating excellence in research, ethics, and ministry.

This weekend also marks a historic moment in the life of our University—the installation of our 4th Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola S. Tayo. We extend heartfelt congratulations to him and pray that the Lord will grant wisdom, strength, and vision as he leads Adventist University of Africa into its next chapter of growth and service.

Graduates, as you leave these halls, remain rooted in Christ. Let your service be empowered by His Spirit, and may your lives reflect the eternal values of truth and faithfulness. Congratulations to the Class of 2026 and to our new Vice Chancellor. Go forth as leaders for service.

The Vice-Chancellor's Welcome

Tayo, Ademola S., PhD

Vice-Chancellor

Adventist University of Africa



Distinguished guests, faculty, parents, guardians, friends of the University, and most especially the Graduating Class of 2026, I warmly welcome you to this memorable Graduation Ceremony of the Adventist University of Africa. Today marks a significant milestone in your academic and spiritual journey, and we celebrate God's faithfulness in bringing you to this important moment.

This year's graduating class theme, "Rooted in Christ, Empowered for Service," beautifully captures the essence of Adventist education and the mission of this University. Throughout your years at Adventist University of Africa, you have been nurtured spiritually, intellectually, and professionally to become leaders who will impact the Church, society, and the world for Christ.

Your class colours, Regal Blue and Celestial Grey, carry profound meaning. Regal Blue symbolises the authority, wisdom, trust, and excellence you have cultivated through disciplined scholarship and godly character. Celestial Grey reflects the balance, calmness, maturity, and modern sophistication required to navigate an increasingly complex global environment with integrity and grace.

As you step into the next phase of life, hold firmly to your class motto: "Truth, Service, Eternity." Let truth guide your decisions, let service define your leadership, and let eternity shape your priorities and purpose.

At Adventist University of Africa, we remain committed to raising Christ-centred leaders equipped for transformative mission and ethical service across Africa and beyond. You are ambassadors of this noble vision.

Congratulations, Class of 2026. May God continually direct your paths and empower you for greater service.

Installation Speaker

Inyangala, Beatrice Muganda, PhD, CBS

Principal Secretary, State Department for Higher Education and Research, Ministry of Education, Kenya



Dr Beatrice Muganda Inyangala is a passionate educator and leader who is committed to transforming higher education and its impact on the continent and globally. Prior to her appointment, she worked for the Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR); a Pan-African not-for-profit organisation, for eleven years, and exited as the Deputy Executive Director. Her accomplishments through the Pedagogical Leadership in Africa (PedaL) project are internationally acclaimed.

She has extensive knowledge of actors, issues, challenges and opportunities in African higher education and has trained over 3,000 teaching staff in 91 universities in eleven African countries in innovative pedagogies. She has contributed immensely to the formulation of education policy and participated in education policy debates within the region and globally: Association of African Universities; EU-Africa policy dialogues; London School of Economics Africa Summit, among others. She holds a B.Ed and M. Phil in Planning and Economics of Education, Moi University, Kenya; a PhD from the University of Athens, and has received further training at the International Institute of Educational Planning in Paris, France.

Commencement Speaker

Osei-Bonsu, Robert, PhD

*General Vice President, General Conference of
Seventh-day Adventists and University Council Chair,
Adventist University of Africa*



Pastor Robert Osei-Bonsu, PhD, is a theologian, and educational leader whose ministry has consistently united scholarship, spiritual leadership, and mission-focused service. Before his present global assignment, he served as president of the West-Central Africa Division. His ministry began in literature evangelism, and over the years, he has also served in pastoral ministry and church leadership in multiple fields of service.

He served as an Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Dean of the Theological Seminary, and Coordinator of the PhD in Biblical and Theological Studies at the Adventist University of Africa. He also held senior leadership roles at Valley View University, including Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Rector of the Techiman Campus. Married to Margaret Osei-Bonsu and blessed with three children, he remains deeply committed to developing leaders rooted in Scripture, faithful in service, and responsive to God's call in Africa and beyond.

Baccalaureate Speaker

Maka, Moses Ndimukika, PhD

Executive Secretary

East-Central Africa Division

of Seventh-day Adventists



Pastor Maka, Moses Ndimukika is an experienced minister, theologian, educator, church administrator, and counselor who has dedicated over 32 years of service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church across various leadership capacities.

Dr Maka spent ten years serving as a local church and district pastor. His extensive academic career spans 16 years as a classroom teacher and university lecturer. Notably, his longest tenure was at Bugema University, during which he also served as an adjunct professor at the Adventist University of Africa (AUA) for three years. Transitioning into executive leadership, he has spent the last six years in church administration. He previously served as the Executive Secretary and subsequently the President of the Uganda Union Mission. In July 2025, he was elected to his current role as the Executive Secretary of the East-Central Africa Division (ECD).

An accomplished scholar, Dr Maka holds a PhD in Old Testament Theology from Sahmyook University in South Korea. He also earned a Master of Arts in Theology from Newbold College in England and a Bachelor of Theology from Spicer Memorial College, [now – Spicer Adventist University] in India.

Pastor Maka is married to Janet. Together, God has blessed them with four biological children and many spiritual sons and daughters under their direct care.

Consecration Speaker

Papu, Jongimpi, PhD, DMin

*Associate Ministerial Secretary,
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
and Editor, Ministry Magazine*



Dr Jongimpi Papu is a scholar-practitioner in missiology and church leadership. His work integrates academic research with extensive ecclesial leadership and pastoral practice. He earned a PhD in Missiology from the University of the Free State, where his research examined the role of ancestors in African Christianity. He also holds a Doctor of Ministry in Leadership from Andrews University, with a focus on sustainable community development, as well as Masters' degrees in Missiology and Religion, and a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from Oakwood University.

Dr Papu has made significant contributions to the study of African Christianity, particularly in the areas of contextual theology, mission, and the interaction between Christian faith and African traditional religious practices. Further, he has served in various academic and leadership roles, including as a lecturer at the Adventist University of Africa and Helderberg College. His broader professional experience includes senior administrative leadership within the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division, where he has contributed to ministerial development, theological reflection, and strategic mission initiatives.

Dr Papu's work reflects an ongoing commitment to advancing missiological scholarship, fostering contextualized expressions of Christian faith, and equipping leaders for effective ministry in diverse cultural settings.

A Brief History of AUA

The rapidly growing membership of the Church in Africa challenged its leaders to find solutions to the questions of increasing demand for committed professionals. The need was for leaders with knowledge, skills and an appropriate attitude at all levels of the Church, as well as a highly equipped, nurturing ministry. The leaders realised that the solution to these challenges was inextricably linked with postgraduate education within the territory of the growing Church. They sent an appeal to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, requesting the opening of such an institution.

In 2001, the Annual Council of the Church appointed the Africa Graduate Education Taskforce (AGET), with the assignment to “plan and facilitate the establishment of graduate programs based in Africa and to prepare a detailed plan and timeline for the location, design, resource mobilisation, and governance of the graduate programs.” The Taskforce did its work and sent a recommendation to the General Conference for the establishment of such an institution. In 2003, the General Conference Annual Council voted to accept the AGET recommendation for a postgraduate university based in Africa. The University was issued a Letter of Interim Authority by the Government of Kenya to begin operation on May 9, 2008.

The first graduations were held in 2009, both at the AUA Campus and at the External Instructional Location in West Africa. On March 1, 2013, the University was granted a charter by the Government of Kenya. Since its inception, the University has graduated 1192 students who are serving in various capacities of the Church and society in Africa and beyond.

We praise God for how far He has brought the Adventist University of Africa.

Vice-Chancellors

1st Vice-Chancellor	Owusu-Antwi, Brempong, PhD	2006-2015
2nd Vice-Chancellor	Baker, Delbert, PhD	2016-2020
3rd Vice-Chancellor	Injety, Vincent, PhD	2021-2025
4th Vice-Chancellor	Tayo, Ademola S., PhD	2026-



Tayo, Ademola S., PhD

Short Bio

Professor Ademola S. Tayo is the Vice-Chancellor of the Adventist University of Africa, a distinguished Nigerian scholar, ordained Seventh-day Adventist minister, and Professor of Development Education. He earned a B.Sc. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Ibadan in 1985, followed by a Postgraduate Diploma in Religion and a Master's degree in New Testament Studies from the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIIAS), Philippines, in 1993. He later obtained a PhD in Development Education from Central Luzon State University in 1999, combining academic depth with a lifelong commitment to faith-based leadership and educational advancement.

Professor Tayo has built a remarkable career in higher education administration and institutional development. At Babcock University, Nigeria, he served in several key leadership positions, including Pioneer Director of Academic Planning, Head of the Department of Education and General Studies, Special Assistant to the Pioneer Vice-Chancellor, and Dean of the School of Postgraduate Studies, before he was appointed Vice-Chancellor in 2015. His international experience includes service as Visiting Professor at the University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, Kenya, and Acting Rector of the Adventist University of Cosendai, Cameroon. His leadership has consistently reflected a passion for academic excellence, innovation, and mission-centred education. Widely published and well-travelled, Professor Tayo is a fellow of several professional bodies and is recognised for his dedication to preparing leaders to serve both the Church and society with competence and Christ-like character. His vision for Christian higher education continues to shape institutions and inspire future generations. He is married to Professor Oluwatoyin Tayo, and they are blessed with two adult daughters.

The Eagle Graduating Class of 2026

Theme

Rooted in Christ, Empowered for Service

Motto

Truth, Service, Eternity

Class Colours

Regal Blue & Celestial Grey

Description

Regal Blue: Symbolises authority, trust, wisdom, and elegance.

Celestial Grey: Represents balance, calmness, neutrality, and modern sophistication.

Class Officers

President

Ikhane, Harriet Osaretin

Secretary

Namasaka, Martha Simuli

Treasurer

Dube, Meluleki Henchman

Chaplain

Ataburo, Godfred Kwesi

Sponsor

Masfa, Gabriel, PhD

CONSECRATION

Friday, June 26, 2026 (7:00 pm)

Simeon Nyachae Auditorium

Song Service		<i>Choristers</i>
Processional	<i>Music for the Royal Fireworks</i>	Handel, George
Welcome and Introduction		Nwaomah, Angela, PhD <i>Faculty, Adventist University of Africa</i>
Opening Hymn	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	SDAH 12
Opening Prayer		Tchamba, Augustin, PhD <i>Faculty, Adventist University of Africa</i>
Special Music		Graduating Students from Angola <i>Eagle Graduating Class, 2026</i>
Scripture Reading	<i>Matthew 22:37–40</i>	Karbah Sr, Jallah Sahwo <i>Eagle Graduating Class, 2026</i>
Introduction of the Speaker		Tayo, Ademola S., PhD <i>Vice-Chancellor, Adventist University of Africa</i>
Consecration Sermon	<i>Why Service Matters</i>	Papu, Jongimpi, PhD, DMin <i>Associate Ministerial Secretary, General Conference of SDA</i>
Class Response		Ataburo, Godfred Kwesi <i>Chaplain, Eagle Graduating Class of 2026</i>
Consecration Prayer		Lumwe, Samuel, PhD <i>Associate Director, Global Center for Adventist Muslim Relations</i>
Closing Hymn	<i>Take My Life and Let It Be</i>	SDAH 330
Benediction		Papu, Jongimpi, PhD, DMin <i>Associate Ministerial Secretary, General Conference of SDA</i>
Recessional	<i>Lohengrin-Prelude to Act III</i>	Richard Wagner

Pianist: Villagomez, Matthew Christian C.

Coordinator: Deya, Derick, PhD

Choristers:

Njine, Pauline, MSc; Ndhlovu, Khumbulani, PhD; Abuto, Haggai, MSc; Kipkoech, Pauline, MPH

SABBATH SCHOOL

Saturday, June 27, 2026 (9:00 am - 10:15 am)

Simeon Nyachae Auditorium

Song Service

Choristers

Welcome and Introduction

Odhiambo, Paul

Eagle Graduating Class, 2026

Opening Hymn

Praise to the Lord

SDAH 01

Opening Prayer

Kenu, Moses

Eagle Graduating Class, 2026

Special Feature

Jorka, Kifile Soboka

Eagle Graduating Class, 2026

Special Song

Rest

For Him

Mission Report

Bopoto, Gwinyai

Eagle Graduating Class, 2026

Lesson Study

Panelists:

1. Simweemba, Nelson Muchindu
2. Paulino, Enoque
3. Cassoco, Rufino José
4. Abobo, Robert Nyandoro

Facilitator: Tsegaw, Melak, PhD

Closing Hymn

Hark! The Voice of Jesus Calling

SDAH 359

Closing Prayer

Fufuji Gama, Isaac Kannuda

Eagle Graduating Class, 2026

Pianist: Villagomez, Matthew Christian C. Coordinator: Tchamba, Gisele, PhD

Choristers:

Odhiambo, Elizabeth, MBA, MSc; Mercy Chebichiy, MBA, Caiombo, Gildo Miguel Vela; Chicambi, João Valério

BACCALAUREATE

Saturday, June 27, 2026 (10:30 am -12:30 pm)

Simeon Nyachae Auditorium

Song Service

Choristers

Processional

Water Music – Air from Suite No. 1

G. F. Handely

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

SDAH 694

Invocation

Maka, Moses Ndimukika, PhD

Executive Secretary, East-Central Africa Division

Welcome and

Ambuchi, Alex, PhD, DMin

Introduction

Chaplain and Director, Student Services, AUA

Opening Hymn

Trust and Obey

SDAH 590

Pastoral Prayer

Burt, Merlin D., PhD

Director, Ellen G. White Estate

Offertory

Mutero, Gideon, PhD

Associate Treasurer, General Conference of SDA

Piano Piece

*All Hail King Jesus
with Majesty*

Villagomez, Matthew Christian C.

Scripture Reading

Namasaka, Martha Simuli

Secretary, Eagle Graduating Class, 2026

Introduction of the

Tayo, Ademola S., PhD

Speaker

Vice-Chancellor, AUA

Special Song

I Need You Now

For Him

Sermon

*Rooted in Christ,
Empowered for Service*

Maka, Moses Ndimukika, PhD

*Executive Secretary, East-Central
Africa Division*

Closing Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be

SDAH 330

Benediction

Maka, Moses Ndimukika, PhD

Executive Secretary, East-Central Africa Division

Recessional

Water Music – Air from Suite No. 1

G. F. Handelet

Coordinator: Ambuchi, Alex, PhD, DMin

TRIBUTE

Saturday, June 27, 2026 (3:00 pm - 5:00 pm)

Simeon Nyachae Auditorium

Welcome and Introduction	Govender, Paul <i>MDiv Graduand, Eagle Graduating Class, 2026</i>
Presentation of Colours	Bondo, Maurice Asango <i>MPH Graduand, Eagle Graduating Class, 2026</i>
Invocation	Kanomero, Michel <i>MDiv Graduand, Eagle Graduating Class, 2026</i>
Tribute to Family/Spouses	Kuleti, Nancy Vanessa <i>MBA Graduand, Eagle Graduating Class, 2026</i>
Tribute to Faculty and Staff	Zishiri, Tinashe <i>PhD Leadership Graduand, Eagle Graduating Class, 2026</i>
Tribute to University	Akpalu, Matilda Elorm <i>MPH Graduand, Eagle Graduating Class, 2026</i>
Tribute to Sponsors	Bonya, Hopeson Stanford <i>MBA Graduand, Eagle Graduating Class, 2026</i>
Presentation of Class Gift	Dube, Meluleki Henschman <i>MBA Graduand, Treasurer, Eagle Graduating Class, 2026</i>
Presentation of Roses	Anyona, Talent Ombaki <i>MChap Graduand, Eagle Graduating Class, 2026</i>
Closing Remarks	Mendy, Simon D.L <i>MAMiss Graduand, Eagle Graduating Class, 2026</i>
Closing Prayer	Kahangu, Samkai <i>MABTS Graduand, Eagle Graduating Class, 2026</i>

VC INSTALLATION

Sunday, June 28, 2026, 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Simeon Nyachae Auditorium

Processional	<i>Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 in D Major</i>	Edward Edgar
National Anthem		<i>Choristers</i>
University Anthem		<i>Choristers</i>
Opening Prayer		Okindo, Joel, DTh <i>President, East Kenya Union Conference</i>
Declaration of Constituted Congregation		Akombwa, Harrington S., DMin <i>Chancellor, Adventist University of Africa and President, Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division</i>
Welcome and Introduction		Kibirango, Moses Mpiima, PhD <i>Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Administration, Adventist University of Africa</i>
		Osei-Bonsu, Robert, PhD <i>Council Chair, Adventist University of Africa & General Vice President, General Conference of SDA</i>
Musical Interlude	<i>I Need Thee</i>	Taji
Introduction of Speaker		Ndhlovu, Sheron, PhD <i>Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Financial Administration, Adventist University of Africa</i>
Keynote Address		Inyangala, Beatrice Muganda, PhD, CBS <i>Principal Secretary, State Department for Higher Education and Research, Ministry of Education, Kenya</i>
Vice-Chancellor's Profile		Odhiambo, David, PhD <i>Faculty, Adventist University of Africa</i>

Installation, Robing
and Presentation
of Symbols of
Authority

Akombwa, Harrington S., DMin
*Chancellor, Adventist University of Africa &
President, Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division*

Osei-Bonsu, Robert, PhD
*Council Chair, Adventist University of Africa &
General Vice President, General Conference of SDA*

Ooko, Samson Otieno, MSc, MPhil
Registrar, Adventist University of Africa

Oath of Office

Nyaundi, Ken, PhD, FCI Arb
Advocate

Installation Charge

Akombwa, Harrington S., DMin
*Chancellor, Adventist University of Africa &
President, Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division*

Acceptance of the
Charge,
Speech and
Response
Congratulatory
Messages

Tayo, Ademola S., PhD,
Vice-Chancellor, Adventist University of Africa

Osei-Bonsu, Robert, PhD
*Council Chair, Adventist University of Africa &
General Vice President, General Conference of SDA*

Akuno, Emily, PhD, OGW
*Vice-Chancellor, Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of
Science and Technology*

Dedicatory Prayer

Shongwe, Paulus Dingindawo, D.Litt.et Phil.
President, Southern Africa Union Conference

Presentation of
Gifts

Onyambu, Perris, MBA
Director, Marketing, Public Relations and Alumni Affairs

Music Interlude

In His House

Taji

Master of Ceremony: Kibirango, Moses Mpiima, PhD
Choristers: Njine, Pauline, MSc, Juma, Betty, BBA and
Odhiambo, Elizabeth, MSc, MBA

COMMENCEMENT

Sunday, June 28, 2026, 10:30 am

Simeon Nyachae Auditorium

Introduction of the Commencement Speaker	Tayo, Ademola S., PhD <i>Vice-Chancellor, Adventist University of Africa</i>
Commencement Address	Osei-Bonsu, Robert, PhD <i>Council Chair, Adventist University of Africa & General Vice President, General Conference of SDA</i>
Introduction of Deans to Present the Candidates	Kibirango, Moses Mpiima, PhD <i>Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academic Administration, Adventist University of Africa</i>
Presentation of the Candidates	Bonde, Lossan, PhD <i>Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies</i> Ponyatovskiy, Feliks, PhD <i>Dean, Theological Seminary</i>
Conferral of Degrees	Akombwa, Harrington S., DMin <i>Chancellor, Adventist University of Africa and President, Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division</i>
Presentation of Degrees	Tayo, Ademola S., PhD <i>Vice-Chancellor, Adventist University of Africa</i> Ooko, Samson Otieno, MSc, MPhil <i>Registrar, Adventist University of Africa</i>
Students Excellence Awards	Kibirango, Moses Mpiima, PhD <i>Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academic Administration, Adventist University of Africa</i>
Vice-Chancellor's Charge	Tayo, Ademola S., PhD <i>Vice-Chancellor, Adventist University of Africa</i>
Class Response	Ikhane, Harriet Osaretin <i>President, Eagle Graduating Class, 2026</i>
Induction to the Alumni Association	Mochoge, Gerald Nyarega, DMin <i>President, AUA Alumni Association</i>
Vote of Thanks	Ndhlovu, Sheron, PhD <i>Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Financial Administration, Adventist University of Africa</i>

Dissolution of Constituted
Congregation

Akombwa, Harrington, DMin
*Chancellor, Adventist University of Africa and President,
Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division*

Benediction

Udoh, Bassey, PhD
President, West-Central Africa Division

Recessional

Trumpet Voluntary

Jeremiah Clerk

Coordinator: Masfa, Gabriel, PhD

Master of Ceremony: Kibirango, Moses Mpiima, PhD

Official Graduation Photos

1. Platform Party
2. Faculty and Platform Party
3. Master of Arts in Leadership
4. Master of Business Administration
5. Master of Public Health
6. Master of Science in Applied Computer Science
7. Master of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies
8. Master of Arts in Missiology
9. Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology
10. Master of Chaplaincy
11. Master of Divinity
12. PhD Leadership
13. Doctor of Ministry
14. PhD Biblical and Theological Studies
15. Graduates and Platform Party

2026 Masters Graduates

School of Postgraduate Studies

(Dean: Bonde, Lossan, PhD)

Master of Arts in Leadership

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| 1. Nziku, Herbert Ignas | Business Leadership | Tanzania |
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Master of Business Administration

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| 1. Ambuchi, Kennedy Mulisa* | Management | Kenya |
| 2. Amoako, Kofi | Finance | Ghana |
| 3. Bonya, Hopeson Stanford* | Finance | Malawi |
| 4. Dube, Meluleki Henchman* | Finance | Zimbabwe |
| 5. Kuleti, Nancy Vanessa | Finance | Malawi |
| 6. Oloo, Felix Odhiambo | Finance | Kenya |

Master of Public Health

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| 1. Akpalu, Matilda Elorm | Health Promotion | Ghana |
| 2. Bondo, Maurice Asango | Nutrition | Kenya |
| 3. Deng, Lual Aboui Arok | Environmental Health | South Sudan |
| 4. Monjeza, Edson Dinala Kolmiha | Health Promotion | Malawi |
| 5. Mukwekwezeke, Livers | Health Promotion | Zimbabwe |
| 6. Mutungamiri, Kudzaishe | Health Promotion | Zimbabwe |
| 7. Zayzay, Louise Preston | Nutrition | Liberia |

Master of Science in Applied Computer Science

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| 1. Buhatwa, Joyner Chrisostom | Cyber Security | Tanzania |
| 2. Sinang, Pierre* | Cyber Security | Cameroon |

Theological Seminary

(Dean: Ponyatovskiy, Feliks, PhD)

Master of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies

1.	Bahati, Emmanuel Habyarimana	Biblical Languages	Democratic Republic of Congo
2.	Juma, Khalid Sadiki	Biblical Languages	Tanzania
3.	Kahangu, Samakai	Systematic Theology	Zambia
4.	Mao, Leopold Giye	Biblical Languages	Tanzania
5.	Odhiambo, Paul	Old Testament	Kenya
6.	Ratovonandrasana, Irina Andriamandranto	Old Testament	Madagascar
7.	Rowe-Rowe, Kim Frederick	Biblical Languages	South Africa

Master of Arts in Missiology

1.	Boakye, Frederick Opoku	Islamic Studies	Ghana
2.	Ephraim, Jidauna	Islamic Studies	Nigeria
3.	Garga, Ngola	Islamic Studies	Cameroon
4.	Kamano, Saa Jonathan	Islamic Studies	Guinea
5.	Kenu, Moses	Islamic Studies	Ghana
6.	Koikoi, Arthur Moni	Islamic Studies	Liberia
7.	Maspha, Abraham	Islamic Studies	Cameroon
8.	Mendy, Simon D. L.	Islamic Studies	Gambia
9.	Murage, Immaculate Muthoni	Islamic Studies	Kenya
10.	Obed, Manoah	Islamic Studies	Nigeria
11.	Tarheri, Monday Oghenechovwen	Islamic Studies	Nigeria
12.	Tong, Martin Marieu Pioth	Islamic Studies	South Sudan
13.	Tut, Duol Thor Dok	Islamic Studies	South Sudan

Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology

1. Albino, Adelino Calei Burica	Angola
2. Alemão, José Diogo	Angola
3. Américo, Paulino Jaime	Angola
4. António, Francisco Agostinho	Angola
5. Bernardo, Fragoso	Angola
6. Cachilenga, José João	Angola
7. Caiombo, Gildo Miguel Vela	Angola
8. Calembe, Francisco Cassoma	Angola
9. Cambinda, Augusto Jorge	Angola
10. Candambo, Osvaldo Calembe Baptista	Angola
11. Cangombe, Adelino Laurindo	Angola
12. Cassoco, Rufino José	Angola
13. Daniel, Cuvalela Salusinga	Angola
14. Daniel, Elídio De Castro	Angola
15. Eliseu, Samuel Tchalita	Angola
16. Ernesto, Miguel Evaldine	Angola
17. Feka, Adriano Delfim	Angola
18. Fernando, Enoque Aurélio	Angola
19. Fonseca, Pedro Simão	Angola
20. Heleca, Costa João	Angola
21. Hingombe, Isaías Sabonete Tchupalanga	Angola
22. Jacinto, Martins António Ngola	Angola
23. João, Rafael Manuel	Angola
24. Jorka, Kifile Soboka	Ethiopia
25. Katanha, Jorge Celestino Salomone	Angola
26. Laureano, Chingombe Quelino	Angola
27. Lucamba, Emanuel Capinala Nhina	Angola
28. Manuel, Eugénio Capingala	Angola
29. Manuel, Malaquias Belchior	Angola
30. Mariano, Henriques	Angola
31. Merquisedec, Dos Santos Mabureira Lumbungululo	Angola
32. Miguel, Ageu Prélio	Angola
33. Muinza, Henrique António	Angola
34. Muondo, Miguel De Sousa	Angola
35. Paulino, Enoque	Angola

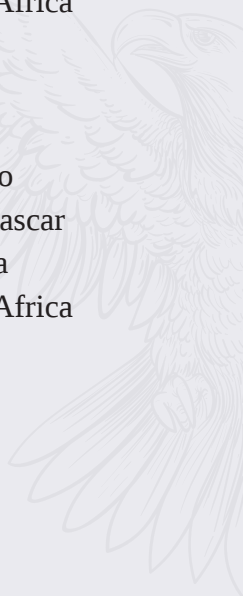
36.	Pedro, Manuel Cambandua	Angola
37.	Quiabolo, Costa José	Angola
38.	Romeu, Henriques Capingãla	Angola
39.	Salote, Lauriano Martinho Depeta	Angola
40.	Samissende, Alberto Catumbela	Angola
41.	Sapembé, Moisés Vasco	Angola
42.	Sebastião, João Pedro Quissanga	Angola
43.	Sousa, Francisco Domingos	Angola
44.	Tchikambi, João Valério	Angola
45.	Tomás, Nsavo Gonçalves Cordeiro	Angola
46.	Tomás, Pedro Vasco Francisco	Angola
47.	Victorino, Jones Ndala Adriano	Angola

Master of Chaplaincy

1.	Abobo, Robert Nyandoro	Campus Ministry	Kenya
2.	Anyona, Talent Ombaki	Campus Ministry	Kenya
3.	Baingana, Moses Mwijukye	Campus Ministry	Uganda
4.	Michelo, Adrian	Campus Ministry	Zambia
5.	Musa, Munaji Iliya	Campus Ministry	Nigeria
6.	Namasaka, Martha Simuli	Campus Ministry	Kenya
7.	Nna, Emmanuel Chidiebube	Campus Ministry	Nigeria
8.	Ocholla, Michael Onyango	Campus Ministry	Kenya
9.	Ontweka, Joseph Nyakundi	Campus Ministry	Kenya

Master of Divinity

1.	Adu, Kwadwo	Ghana
2.	Antwi Boasiako, Albert	Ghana
3.	Ataburo, Godfred Kwesi	Ghana
4.	Bopoto, Gwinyai	Zimbabwe
5.	Chisala, Gift	Zambia
6.	Fufuji Gama, Isaac Kannuda	Tanzania
7.	Getahun, Yeabesra Wubneh	Ethiopia
8.	Gidang'ash, Daniel Gitianga	Tanzania
9.	Govender, Paul	South Africa
10.	Gumikiriza, James	Uganda



11.	Kanomero, Michel	Rwanda
12.	Khoeli, Tsebang Justinus	Lesotho
13.	Lefume, Xolisa Archibald	South Africa
14.	Maphasa, Matsoso Kennedy	Lesotho
15.	Matikinca, Bamba	South Africa
16.	Mbangani, Khuselo Variance	South Africa
17.	Mupenzi, Esdras	Rwanda
18.	Musonda, Reagan	Zambia
19.	Ngqina, Buyisile Christopher	South Africa
20.	Nkalai, Sello Gibson	South Africa
21.	Nkuebe, Lebalele	Lesotho
22.	Ntema, David Ntema	Namibia
23.	Nwarungwa, Sylvanus Ejike	Nigeria
24.	Nyabali, Asiphe	South Africa
25.	Oheneba Bobieh, Israel	Ghana
26.	Okoffo-Asante, Samuel	Ghana
27.	Ondabu, James Oigo	Kenya
28.	Poosho, Mzimcul Sam	Lesotho
29.	Rasolonjatovo, Landiela	Madagascar
30.	Shimunzhila, Mainza	Zambia
31.	Stander, Patrick	South Africa

2026 Doctoral Graduates

Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership

1. Buruchara, Josephine

Strategic Business Leadership

Kenya

Dissertation Title: *Exploring Experiences of Advancement to Top Leadership in Corporate Organisations Setting: A Phenomenological Study of Female Leaders in Nairobi County, Kenya*

Primary Adviser: Odhiambo, Janet, PhD

Secondary Adviser: Deya, Derrick, PhD

Methodologist: Ponyatosvka, Lilia, PhD

2. Chesilim, Paul Kiplagat

Strategic Business Leadership

Kenya

Dissertation Title: *Leadership Styles and Competencies and Quality Assurance Compliance in Educational Institutions: A Case of West Kenya Union Conference*

Primary Adviser: Razafiarivony, Marie-Anne, PhD;

Secondary Adviser: Nyamache, Tom, PhD;

Methodologist: Ganu, Josephine, PhD

3. Geli, George

Organizational Leadership

Ghana

Dissertation Title: *Impact of Team Ministry Strategies and Leadership Styles on Growth of Seventh-day Adventist Churches in Southern Ghana Union Conference*

Primary Adviser: Agyekum, Peter, PhD

Secondary Adviser: Matekenya, Dennis, PhD

Methodologist: Deya, Derrick, PhD

4. Muzira, Joshua

Strategic Business Leadership

Zimbabwe

Dissertation Title: *An Investigation on the Transformational Leadership Influence on the State of Buildings of Seventh-day Adventist Church, Health and Education Facilities in Zimbabwe: The Case of Zimbabwe East Union Conference*

Primary Adviser: Deya, Derrick, PhD

Secondary Adviser: Gichung'wa Miriam, PhD

Methodologist: Some, Eliab, PhD

5. Ndonga, Jackson Saya**Organizational Leadership****Kenya**

Dissertation Title: *Investigating the Relationship Between Digital Maturity and Organisational Resilience Among Seventh-day Adventist Self-Supporting Ministries in Kenya*

Primary Adviser: Onongha, Kelvin, PhD

Secondary Adviser: Deya, Derrick, PhD

Methodologist: Ganu, Josephine, PhD

6. Rammidi, Kago**Organizational Leadership****Botswana**

Dissertation Title: *Relationship Between Leadership Traits and Successful Fundraising for Faith-Based Organizations in Botswana*

Primary Adviser: Deya, Derrick, PhD

Secondary Adviser: Nyakora, Musa, PhD

Methodologist: Razafiarivony, Marie-Anne, PhD

7. Sebahire, Joseph**Strategic Business Leadership****Rwanda**

Dissertation Title: *Determinants of Tithing Behavior Among Seventh-day Adventist Church Members in Rwanda: The Role of Trust, Commitment, and Demographics*

Primary Adviser: Ganu, Josephine, PhD

Secondary Adviser: Razafiarivony, Marie-Anne, PhD

Methodologist: Role, Elizabeth, PhD

8. Zishiri, Tinashe**Strategic Business Leadership****Zimbabwe**

Dissertation Title: *A Comparative Study of Employee Voice and Performance in Zimbabwean Universities: Mediating and Moderating Influences*

Primary Adviser: Ganu, Josephine, PhD

Secondary Adviser: Nwaomah, Angela, PhD

Methodologist: Razafiarivony, Marie-Anne, PhD

Doctor of Ministry

1. Apike, Paskwale Pacoto Okeny

Discipleship and Biblical Spirituality

South Sudan

Dissertation Title: *A Strategy to Address a Declining Participation of Youth in Outreach in Juba SDA Central Church Greater Equatoria Field, South Sudan*

Primary Adviser: Kesis, Rei, PhD

Secondary Adviser: Juma, Mahlon, PhD

2. Gregoire, Mbaya Mbaya

Discipleship and Biblical Spirituality

Democratic Republic of Congo

Dissertation Title: *Factors Associated with Backsliding of Members in West Congo Field: A Basis for a Retention Strategy*

Primary Adviser: Ponyatovskiy, Feliks, PhD

Secondary Adviser: Juma, Mahlon, PhD

3. Karbah Sr, Jallah Sahwo

Evangelism and Church Growth (Urban Mission)

Liberia

Dissertation Title: *Bridging the Gap: Understanding Church-Community Disengagement Among Seventh-day Adventist Members in Abidjan Through a Phenomenological Lens*

Primary Adviser: Tsegaw, Melak PhD

Secondary Adviser: Park, Jim, PhD

4. Olaoye, Abiodun Oluwasegun

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Nigeria

Dissertation Title: *Mentoring Teenagers to Reduce Bullying in Adeleke University High School, Ede, Osun State of Nigeria*

Primary Adviser: Muganda, Baraka, PhD

Secondary Adviser: Ponyatovskiy, Feliks, PhD

5. Sinyangwe, Samuel

Discipleship and Biblical Spirituality

Zambia

Dissertation Title: *A Mentorship Programme for Enhanced Spiritual Growth and Participation in Local Church Ministries for Youths of Isoka Main Seventh-day Adventist Church, Zambia*

Primary Adviser: Nwaomah, Sampson, PhD

Secondary Adviser: Olaotse, Gabasiane, PhD

Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical and Theological Studies

1. Ikhane, Harriet Osaretin

World Mission Studies

Nigeria

Dissertation Title: *Toward a Model for Empowering Twenty-First Century Adventist Women in Nigeria as Mission Mobilizers*

Primary Adviser: Cincala, Petre, PhD

Committee Members: Appollis, Eddie, PhD and Olaotse, Gabasiane, PhD

2. Simweemba, Nelson Muchindu

Systematic Theology

Zambia

Dissertation Title: *Divine Love, Human Freedom, and the Universal Salvific Will of God: A Comparative Study of Hans Urs Von Balthasar and Norman R. Gulley*

Primary Adviser: Figueroa, Victor, PhD

Committee Members: Hachalinga, Passmore, PhD and Tchamba, Augustin, PhD

Note: * indicates October 30, 2025, Degree Conferral Graduates

Alumni Pledge to Our Alma Mater

ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY OF AFRICA

Preamble

We, the Administration and Alumni Association of the Adventist University of Africa, congratulate you for successfully making it to this 15th Commencement Service. Besides being a time of celebration of a significant milestone in your life, it is also a time to reflect on what AUA has done for you and what the University means to you. You can best do that as new members of the Alumni Association. We welcome, welcome, welcome you as new Alumni.

The rich history of AUA has been about Developing Leaders for Service. It has resulted in producing quality men and women of excellence and integrity who are serving our beloved continent, Africa and the world at large. Look back and look around you, and you will see men and women serving in various and distinguished capacities. Join us, the AUA Alumni Association, as we work together in building a better and more prosperous AUA. I now ask you and all present alumni to rise and raise your right hand and repeat the following after me.

Pledge

I solemnly pledge before God, before my Alma Mater, and before my peers, that I am today the proud graduate of the Adventist University of Africa.

Today, I commit to render competent leadership and service based on integrity, respect, and love to the church and society. No matter the challenges.

Vows

First, I vow here and now that I will encourage gifted, mission-oriented students to consider AUA as the institution for their postgraduate studies;

Second, I will network with my fellow alumni for the greater good of the Alumni Association and of the University;

Third, I will give generously of my skills and finances and will do my balanced best to promote and advance the good of AUA;

Fourth, I will be a faithful and passionate ambassador of AUA and support or start AUA Chapters wherever possible;

Fifth, I will conduct myself with integrity, honesty and morality to the glory of God and in keeping with the high principles of AUA;

By God's grace, I will always press toward the mark of the high calling in Jesus Christ and will happily make my alma mater, Adventist University of Africa, proud.

This pledge I take on Sunday, the 28th June 2026.

The Adventist University Of Africa Anthem

By Enslin Baxen
and Siti Magesa

Help us, Lord, to use our ed - du - ca - tion. To dai - ly grow in de - di -
On this lov - ly Hill of God's cre - a - tion. He is the Rock, our str - ong
We com - mit to lead with ex - ce - len - cy, To in - spire oth - ers with this

ca - tion. Our pur - po - ses reach be - yond - the sky, We
foun - da - tion. E - ach heart is bound as we ex - cel. In
le - ga - cy. So that by our lives trans - form hi - sto - ry. U -

Refrain
dai - ly lift - God's name high. A U A gives praise to God to - day!
love and ser - vice we dwell.
ni - ted t'wards e - ter - ni - ty.

Keep us lo - yal and faith - ful we pray. As we learn from what our men - tors say, To

has - ten the co - ming of the Lord.

Eagle Graduating Class Song

ROOTED IN CHRIST

We are rooted in Christ, empowered for His service
In truth we will serve, do service for eternity
For authority and wisdom, we will trust in God's leadership
In calmness and focus, we find balance in Christ

Chorus

As an Eagle G Class, we will soar above the storms in God's strength
As an Eagle G Class, we will have sharp visions to seek the lost souls
As an Eagle G Class, rooted in Christ.
We will care and nurture young believers
We are rooted in Christ, empowered to serve...
We are rooted in Christ
We're AUA Eagle Graduating Class (of 2026).

Explanation of Regalia

ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY OF AFRICA

Academic Regalia

The black caps and gowns worn by students and faculty in the academic procession have been the traditional costume of scholars since medieval times. These costumes indicate the wearer's degrees and colleges or fields of study.

The Cap and Gown

The black mortarboard type is the most common cap worn. Gowns are of three kinds. Each of the three academic degrees – bachelor's, master's, and doctorate – has its own distinctive gown and hood. The long, pointed sleeve distinguishes the bachelor's gown. The master's gown has a longer, narrower closed sleeve extending below the knee; the arm fits through a slit at the elbow. The doctor's gown has a full, bell-shaped sleeve trimmed with three bars of velvet. The velvet trim on the gown can be black or of a colour indicating the wearer's general field of study.

The Hood

The most colourful and distinctive part of the academic costume is the hood extending down the back. The bachelor's is the smallest of the hoods and the doctor's is the largest. Silk lining of various colours in the centre of the hood indicates the college or university which conferred the degree.

The departmental colours of the fields of study of this year's graduating class are:

<i>Business Administration</i>	<i>Drab</i>
<i>Education</i>	<i>Light blue</i>
<i>Leadership</i>	<i>Peacock blue</i>
<i>Theology/Religion</i>	<i>Scarlet</i>
<i>Public Health</i>	<i>Salmon pink</i>
<i>Physical Therapy</i>	<i>Sage green</i>
<i>Psychology</i>	<i>Gold</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>Golden yellow</i>

University Instruments

1. The Adventist University of Africa Charter, 2013 (an instrument of governance under section 34 of the Universities Act (2012))

The Adventist University of Africa Charter, 2013 was granted by the then President of the Republic of Kenya. As an instrument of accreditation, the charter establishes the university as a corporate body and legitimises its existence as a body of higher education, accredited by the Commission for University Education. The charter sets out the functions, objectives, mission and guiding philosophy of the University.

2. The Adventist University of Africa Statutes (section 23 of the Universities Act (2012))

Based on the powers conferred to the University Council under section 23 of the Universities Act 2012, the Council is empowered to promulgate and gazette such statutes and regulations for the governance, control and administration of the affairs of the University; and for the better carrying into effect of the objectives of the University.

3. The Seal of the Adventist University of Africa (instrument of authority under section 65 of the Universities Act (2012))

The seal of the Adventist University of Africa is used for regulated official business, as in documents such as University deeds, certificates and other documents to denote authority and is deemed to be duly executed by or on behalf of the Adventist University of Africa. It was developed in 2006 to depict the University's geographic location, its primary service region and its affiliation to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The seal features the continent of Africa, including the island of Madagascar; three symbolic stripes representing the Three Angels' Message of Revelation 14:6-12, signifying a call to honour God as Creator, preach a clear and complete Gospel reflecting the Commandments of God and faith of Jesus to those who dwell on the earth—every nation, tribe, tongue and people. These figures are contained in a circle representing the globe, the University's wider scope of service. Between this and the outer band are inscribed the University's official name and its founding year, 2006. The seal's colours are Mediterranean blue and deep gold, which are the University's authorised colours. A scalloped border frames the seal.

4. The Adventist University of Africa Logo (instrument of authority under section 65 of the Universities Act (2012))

The Adventist University of Africa logo serves as a visual symbol for the branding, identification, and marketing of the Adventist University of Africa. It has the following symbols: an African map representing Adventist University of Africa's primary region, the year of inception, three symbolic stripes representing the Three Angels' Messages of Revelation 14:6-12, a distinctive belief of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

5. The Adventist University of Africa Mace (instrument of authority under section 65 of the Universities Act (2012))

The Mace represents the authority of the Adventist University of Africa as an institution of higher learning. The Mace bearer, a senior member of staff, carries this ceremonial mace during the graduation ceremony and leads the academic procession to symbolise the scholarly integrity of the University.

Created in 2012, the AUA mace has a two-dimensional carving of the map of Africa, symbolising AUA presence and service on the continent, placed to spin around an axis to which it is hinged, with three metallic strips representing the Three Angels' Messages. The vision, mission, and the core values of the University are embedded on brass rings spaced on the wooden post of the mace. The mace sits on a vertical wooden stand.

Congratulatory Message to the 4th Vice-Chancellor of **Adventist University Of Africa**

Distinguished Guests, Chair and Members of the council, Staff, Students and Alumni. Today, we have gathered to celebrate the installation of the 4th Vice-Chancellor of Adventist University of Africa. I extend my heartfelt congratulations on this special day and offer my full support and best wishes to Professor Ademelo Tayo and his wife Grace Tayo. This occasion marks not only a transition of leadership but also renewed commitment to the vision and mission of the University.

AUA plays a critical role in the mission of the church and the society by producing graduates who are leaders in their own right for mission and service. Leadership at this university is a sacred privilege more than administration, it is an opportunity more than qualification to lead to the University, a divine call than a transfer. It requires Godly wisdom, integrity, courage, and an unwavering dedication to Adventist Education, academic excellence and student success which I believe the Vice-Chancellor is endowed with by the grace and promises of our God. I express my confidence in his ability to guide this University through opportunities and challenges, while inspiring commitment, scholarship, and service.

Building upon the predecessors, the former team of Officers and Staff undertook initiatives and worked conscientiously to take the University to the next higher level. Today, AUA continues to have a proud tradition of fostering knowledge and research, develop character and faith of our graduates, and engage in service to the community. Professor Ademelo Tayo, as the 4th Vice- Chancellor of the University, you now assume the responsibility of building upon this legacy, strengthening the University further, building quality academic programs, advancing research and ensuring that every graduate is empowered for service and achieve their fullest potential.

May your tenure be marked by lasting contributions to the growth and mission of AUA and the Church. May your leadership be guided by God's vision, informed by wisdom, and strengthened by its core values of the University.
Wishing you God's blessings.

Vincent Injety, PhD
Former Vice-Chancellor, AUA, (2020-2025)
Public Campus Ministries, Coordinator
Southern Asia Division of SDA, India.



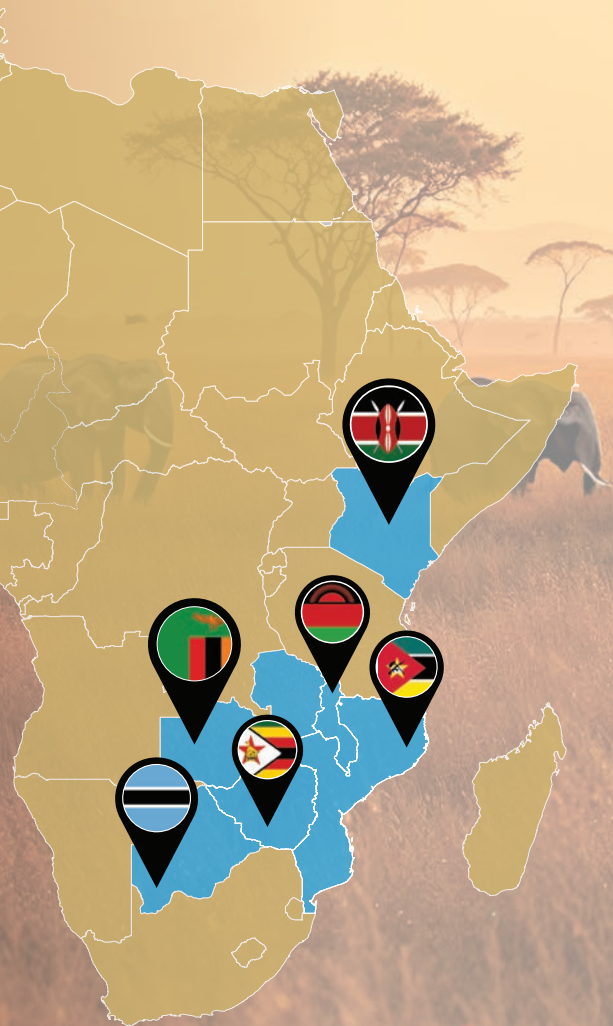
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