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CSAEA STATUS REPORT AS AT JUNE 2026



The CSAEA Graduating Class of 2026, invited Guests and Faculty joins Dr. Annette Massman -PHD (seated, 2nd left) for a photo session following the completion of the 2nd Graduation Ceremony held on February 7, 2026. ©CSAEA LIBRARY. FEBRUARY 2026.

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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

This report provides GLS Germany with the progress status of the College of Sustainable Agriculture for Eastern Africa (CSAEA) for the academic year as at June 2026.

CSAEA had a total student population of 61 students drawn from Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda as at June 30 2026. The students are trained and attended to by a combined staff of 15 members led by the Principal. Seven of the 15 staff members tutor the students. The remaining eleven members of staff offer support in the farms, kitchen, security and administrative duties.

So far, the CSAEA academic calendar has ran for a total of 21 weeks between the first and second semester of 2026. As such, 15 weeks remain to complete the 2026 academic year.

The first trimester commenced on 5th January and ended in March 26th, 2026. The second trimester started on 29th April, 2026 and will run up to 7th August 2026. The final trimester of 2026 will run from 9th September to 4th December 2026.

The January 2026 intake window saw a total of 11 new students join the class of 2026A.

In March 2026, 49 students sat for the CSAEA end of semester Internal Exams. These exams were offered between March 24th to 26th 2026. The students who sat for these exams were the cohorts of 28 students of 2024B, 10 students of 2025B and 11 students of 2026A. The college did not sit for the March 2026 KNEC Examination Series. The 2024B and 2025B students will sit for their year 2 and year 1 KNEC Examination in July 2026. The KNEC Examination will be offered between 20th July and 7th August 2026.

On student attachment, a total of 15 students drawn from the 2025A cohorts proceeded on attachment to SACDEP project areas for three months. The attachment ran from January 19 to March 27th 2026. The assessment of students on attachment was undertaken by the College Trainers from 24th to 27th March 2026.

Additionally, CSAEA held its 2nd graduation Ceremony on February 7th 2026. The Graduation Ceremony, themed “ *If not Youth, Then Who Will Transform Agriculture?* ” was attended by about 400 attendees. The attendees comprised of the graduates, their families and friends, government officials, SACDEP BOT and staff, as well as other invited guests. The ceremony was officiated by the Principal, Ms. Ruth Mukiri. The issuance of the Craft Certificates and commencement speech was delivered by Chief Guest- Dr. Annette Massman, PHD of GLS-FFD. A total of 74 students graduated with Craft Certificates in Sustainable Ecological Agriculture as issued by KNEC.

On co- and extra-curricular activities, CSAEA continues to actively engage students in sports and societies both internally and externally. Students have so far participated in a number of competitive and friendly tournaments so far. The College will have one Prayer Day in-campus before the commencement of the July 2026 KNEC Examination.

Looking ahead, CSAEA is embarking on the review of the Craft Certificate in SEA curriculum towards its upgrade to Diploma level starting July 2026.

CHAPTER 2: STAFFING

CSAEA's staff members is led by the Principal. The Principal is assisted by the Senior Deputy Principal – Finance and Administration, and Deputy Principal- Technical Training.

2.1. College Management Committee (CMC)

The staff is as follows:



Ruth Mukiri – C.M.C Chair

Principal – School of Sustainable Agriculture for Eastern Africa- SSAEA | **Serving since June 2024**

An experienced Development Communication and Project Development Practitioner.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Reporting, consulting and advising the Executive Director trends, tactics and actions required to drive institutional growth and success,
2. Provides overall sector leadership and strategic direction
3. Manages and oversees budgeting and technical training efforts as advised by the designated deputies
4. Trains in the following Units:
 - a) Communication Skills,
 - b) Life Skills,
 - c) Business Planning.



Damaris Mukiti

Deputy Principal - Finance & Administration | Student Affairs Head | Head of Catering and Accommodation Unit | **Serving since May 2025**
A professional with experience in budget, project management, and Public Health

Key Responsibilities:

1. Reporting, consulting and advising the Principal on institution's financial status, development and implementation of financial policies to enhance efficiency and compliance.
2. As Head of Student Affairs, fosters a supportive campus environment and promptly addresses student needs.
3. Conducts curriculum Implementation in:
 - (a). Value Addition
 - (b). Occupational Health and Safety



Jackson Mutuku Njiruh

Deputy Principal – Technical Training & Student Affairs | **Serving Since September 2025**

Jackson is an experienced Agricultural Extensionist with a background in Technical Training.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Leading and guiding technical training efforts
2. Managing and optimizing Agribusiness Initiatives (ABI)
3. Conducting curriculum training in:
 - a) Seed Production
 - b) Foundations of Organic Agriculture
 - c) Soil Science
 - d) Foundations of Sustainable Ecological Agriculture

2.2. Tutoring Staff



Name: Susan Romano

Designation: Full time Trainer

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Agri-Business Management and Diploma in Technical trainer education (General Agriculture)

Trains on: Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, Entrepreneurship, Crop production and Foundations of Organic Agriculture Production.



Name: Oliver Rop

Designation: Full time Trainer

Qualifications: Bachelor of science in Animal Science

Trains on: Principles of Livestock Production I, Principles of Livestock Production II, Biology, Information communication technology (I.C.T)



Name: George Mwangi,

Designation: Trainer on Contract

Qualifications: BSc Agriculture,

Trains on: Appropriate Technology for Sustainable Ecological Agriculture, Agricultural Extension Education, Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics

2.3. Support Staff

Item	Unit of Service	Name of Person	Designation
1.	Catering and Accommodation Services (C.A.S)	Esther Njeri	Head Cook
		John Mariga	Temporary Cook
		David Kimani	Temporary Cook
		Judy Wangui	Housekeeping
2.	Security	Joseph Kimemia	Security-in-Charge
		Musau Ndeti	Security Guard
		Evans Kibaru	Security Guard
		David Manoti	Temporary Security Guard
3.	Grounds Maintenance	Christopher Mwikya	Temporary Grounds Keeper

Table 1: CSAEA Support Staff Designations

CHAPTER 3: ACADEMIC AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

This section covers curriculum implementation during the 2026 academic year, enrolment status, examination results and student attachment.

3.1. 2026 Academic Year Enrolment Overview as at June 2026

CSAEA conducted 1 student enrollment exercise in January 2026. The January intake enrolled 11 students. Currently, the college is enrolling for the September 2026 intake. It is expected that the enrollment exercise will yield 50 new students.

3.2. Student Population as at June 2026

The college is currently hosting a total of 61 students drawn from the 2024B, 2025A, 2025B and 2026A cohorts. Students nationality is drawn from Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Of the 61 students, 26 are female and 35 are male.

The cohort numbers and gender distribution per class is as presented in Table 1 and 2 respectively below:

No.	Cohort	Month of Admission	Month of Competition	Total Enrolment	Completed/ Continuing	Status
1	2024B	Sept 2024	July 2026	35	28	On session. In 2 nd Year, 2nd Trimester. Will sit for their final KNEC Examination in July 2026. Expected to graduate in February 2027.
2	2025A	Jan 2025	Nov 2026	17	15	Was on attachment in SACDEP project areas from January 19 th to March 27 th 2026. Got back to active session on 29 th April 2026. Will sit for the internal Examinations in July 2026. Now in their 2 nd year, 1 st Trimester.
3	2025B	Sept 2025	July 2027	10	8	On session. In 1 st Year, 2 nd Trimester. Will sit for their 1 st KNEC Examination in July 2026. The cohort will then proceed for their attachment from September to November 2026. Resume active study in January 2027.
4	2026A	Jan 2026	Nov 2027	11	10	On session fir the 2 nd Semester of their 1 st year. Sat for end of semester Examinations in March 2026. Will sit for their second internal examinations in July 2026. Proceed for August Holidays. Resume Active studies in September 2026.
TOTAL				73	61	

Table 2: CSAEA Active Cohorts as at June 2026

ITEM	COHORTS	NO. OF FEMALE STUDENTS	NO. OF MALE STUDENTS	TOTAL STUDENTS
3	2024B	15	13	28
4	2025A	3	12	15
5	2025B	2	6	8
4	2026B	6	6	12
TOTAL		26	35	61

Table 3: Gender Distribution List

3.3. Students in Session as at June 2026

The cohorts on session so far as at June 2026 are 2024B, 2025A, 2025B and 2026A. The photograph below captures some of students from these cohorts during their sessions.



Figure 1: A section of student cohorts on session as at June 2026.

3.4. Examinations Planning and Overview as at June 2026

As at June 2026, 43 students from Cohorts of 2024B, 2025B and 2026A students sat for college-administered internal examinations in March 2026. Three students from the Class of 2024B were incapacitated during the March 2026 Internal Examinations. They have since sat for RATs and CATs within the duration of the 2nd semester.

Additionally, 24 students from the cohort of 2024B, 26 students from the cohort of 2025B, and 1 student from the cohort of 2023B will sit for the July Series of the KNEC Examination. 4 students from the cohort of 2024B will sit for internal Examination.

3.4.1. KNEC Examinations — 2026

26 students from the Cohorts of 2026 A and 2026A will sit for Internal Examinations from 14th to 16th July 2026.

The college will also offer the November 2026 KNEC Examinations at a date to be communicated by KNEC.

3.4.2. Internal Examinations Analysis as at June 2026

As noted above, a total of 43 students sat for the March 2026 Internal Examinations.

The review and analysis on the November 2025 Results as well as the 2026A Class is currently on going. This is expected to be finalized by July 2026.

However, presented here is a section of the Course Work analysis for the classes of 2024B and 2025B as analyzed by CSAEA Faculty. The following presentation discusses the performance of the said cohorts.

3.4.2 (a). Module I Performance Analysis

Unit Code	Unit Name	Mean Score (%)
101	ICT, Entrepreneurship & Mathematics	83.8
102	Applied Science	79.1
103	Foundations of Organic Agriculture Production & Foundations of Sustainable Agriculture	83.9
104	Principles of Crop Production, Soil Science & Seed Production	85.6
105	Principles of Livestock Production I	87.6

Ranking of Units

1. 105 – Principles of Livestock Production I (87.6%)
2. 104 – Principles of Crop Production & Seed Production (85.6%)
3. 103 – Foundations of Organic Agriculture & Sustainable Agriculture (83.9%)
4. 101 – ICT, Entrepreneurship & Mathematics (83.8%)
5. 102 – Applied Science (79.1%)

Observations

1. Most students scored above 80% in Units 104, and 105.

3.4.2 (b). Module ii Performance Analysis

Unit Code	Unit Name	Mean Score (%)
201	Communication Skills	76.4
202	PCP II	81.9
203	PLP II	80.9
204	Appropriate Technology & Value Addition	78.9
205	Farm Economics & Extension	80.2

Ranking of Units

1. 202 – PCP (81.9%)
2. 203 – PLP II (80.9%)
3. 205 – Farm Economics & Extension (80.2%)
4. 204 – Appropriate Technology & Value Addition (78.9%)
5. 201 – Communication Skills (76.4%)

Observations

1. Principles of Crop Production II (202) was the best-performing unit, with consistently high marks across the class.
2. Farm Economics & Extension (205) showed a wide variation in performance, with scores ranging from the low 60s to high 90s.

3.4.3. Overall Programme Performance

The following units were found to be strongest across both Modules

1. 105 – Principles of Livestock Production I (87.6%)
2. 104 – Principles of Crop Production & Seed Production (85.6%)
3. 203 – PCP II (81.9%)

3.4.4. General Conclusion on programme Performance

The coursework results indicate good overall academic performance, with most unit averages above 80%.

3.5. Graphical Representation of Module 1 Course Work Performance

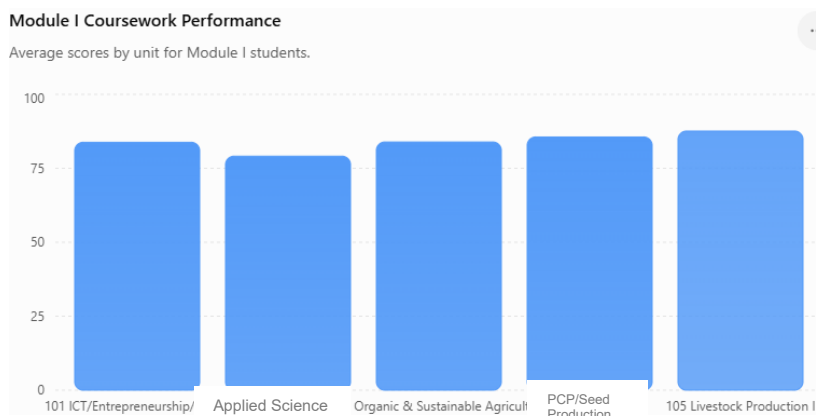


Chart 1: Module I Course Work Performance

3.6. Graphical Representation of Module ii Course Work Performance



Chart 2: Module 2 Course work performance

3.7 Attachment Overview — 2026

In January 2026, a total of 15 students from the cohort of 2025A proceeded for field attachment as part of their training programme.

The students undertook their attachment from 19th January to 27th March 2026 across various SACDEP project areas. Attachment assessments were conducted by college trainers from 24th to 27th March 2026.

Similarly, the 2025B cohort, comprising 8 students will proceed attachment within SACDEP project areas from September to November 2026. The cohort was scheduled to report back to the college in January 2027 to commence their second year of study.



Figure 2: Students on attachment carrying out practical exercises during the January to April 2026 attachment period

CHAPTER 4: CSAEA GRADUATION CEREMONY OF 2026

CSAEA College held its 2nd graduation ceremony on Saturday, February 7th 2026. The Graduation Ceremony, had a running theme titled “*If not Youth, Then Who Will Transform Agriculture?*” The overall attendance was approximately 400 attendees. The attendees comprised of the graduates, their families and friends, government officials, SACDEP BOT and staff, as well as other invited guests.

The ceremony was officiated by the Principal, Ms. Ruth Mukiri. The issuance of the Craft Certificates and commencement speech was delivered by Chief Guest- Dr. Annette Massman- PHD of GLS-FFD, Germany. A total of 74 students graduated with Craft Certificates in Sustainable Ecological Agriculture as issued by KNEC.

The graduation Ceremony was well covered in the press, garnering positive publicity for the college. Here below are the excerpts of the event coverage as a news item on social, and mainstream electronic and print media.



Figure 3. Excerpt 1. Chief Guest Dr. Annette Massman- PHD as captured on the CSAEA and SACDEP Socials live coverage during the commencement speech and tree planting. © CSAEA Library. February 2026

Tuesday, February 16, 2026 | The Mt. Kenya Times

Experts Raise Red Flag On Toxic Foods, Urge Government To Prioritize Organic Farming

By: John Njiru
@johnnjiru

Worth Noting:

Speaking during a graduation ceremony at the College of Sustainable Agriculture for Eastern Africa in Kisumu, SACDEP, led the charge, warning that the push for high yields has come at a deadly cost.

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He specifically called out "jet-rich-quick" superphosphates which have been found to be harmful to the soil.



Ngugi Mutuura Executive Director SACDEP with Chief guest Annette Massman from Germany.

Agricultural experts have issued a stark warning to the government, calling for an urgent shift toward organic farming as chemically produced foods continue to drive a surge in lifestyle diseases and cancers across the country.

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Agricultural experts warn of toxic foods, urge Govt to prioritize organic farming

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The Sustainable Agriculture Community Development Programme (SACDEP) Director Ngugi Mutuura speaking to the Press/Photo by John Wanderi

Figure 4. Excerpt 2. (left) CSAEA Graduation Coverage on Mt. Kenya Times Newspaper. February 2026.

Figure 5. Excerpt 3 (right): CSAEA Graduation Coverage by Kenya News Agency. February 2026.



Figure 6. Excerpt 4: CSAEA Graduation Electronic Coverage by Kameme T.V. February 2026

The ceremony was also well covered in digital media as captured in this link

<https://saccoreview.co.ke/agricultural-experts-warn-of-toxic-foods-urge-govt-to-prioritize-organic-farming/#:~:text=%E2%80%9CWe%20are%20raising%20a%20red%20flag,%20The,to%20excessive%20use%20of%20fertilizers%20and%20harmful>

CHAPTER 5: EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

5.1. International Students visits

CSAEA hosted 15 students and staff from the University College of Copenhagen, Denmark on Thursday January 29th 2026. The students from Denmark lived a day in the life of a CSAEA Student where they attended classes as visiting students, undertook practical lessons. T the conclusion of the visit, both CSAEA and Copenhagen students shares experiences over a meal on what development means to Kenyan and the Danes.



Figure 7. CSAEA Student Council President Ronald(1st right, holding Knife) taking the students from Denmark through a value Addition Practical Class. © CSAEA Library. January 2026.

5.2 Sports and Games

The sports department is headed by a Games Master, who is one of the college trainers. Students have been exposed to a variety of games both within and outside the college. This is central to promoting holistic student development and team building.



Figure 8: Students during inter-class games..

5.3. Clubs

The college has the following clubs active as of 2026:

- Debate Club:** Students actively participate in debates every Wednesday. These debates focus on pre-selected topics designed to sharpen and enhance their knowledge in Sustainable Ecological Agriculture.
- Environmental Club:** This club focuses on promoting environmental conservation. Members engage in activities such as tree planting, landscaping, and waste disposal and management, both within the CSAEA compound and through volunteer activities at other locations.



CSAEA Environment Club Members join the Kilimamboho Community members during a tree planting exercise in Ol-Donyo Sapuk National Park.

5.4 Societies - There are two religious societies in the college

- a) Christian Union (C.U.)
- b) (Young Catholic Action (Y.C.A.)

Members of both societies meet twice a week, on Thursday and Sunday evenings. The societies also take the lead during college morning assemblies held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They additionally contribute to the school choir. Both societies are guided by a pastoral programme patron, who is a trainer at the college.

CHAPTER 6: FUTURE PLANS

CSAEA has the following plans for the 2026 academic year and beyond:

1. Review of the Craft Certificate in SEA and development of a Diploma course in SEA.
2. Operationalising the CSAEA Graduate Internship Project.

CHAPTER 7: CONCLUSION

So far, the 2026 academic year has been a grounding year that is seeking to fully operationalize the Farm Equipping project.

The year so far has seen 74 students graduate with Craft Certificate in Sustainable Ecological Agriculture. 15 students completed their attachment. Additionally, 32 students have been aptly prepared to undertake the KNEC Examination in July 2026.

Regarding the Diploma project, the college is looking to starting the Development of the Programme in July 2026 as discussions have been ongoing with GLS. Additionally, as discussed severally, CSAEA is contacting foundations such as Safaricom Foundation, Equity Foundation for additional support. CSAEA trust that these engagements will yield additional funding.

CSAEA envisions continuously improving the quality of training by strengthening student welfare on campus and investing in the college's infrastructure and human capacity

GLS-FFD continues to be a steadfast partner to the College. This is so working alongside SACDEP to mainstream Sustainable Ecological Agriculture (S.E.A.) across the region, and with CSAEA to build the knowledge and skills that this agenda demands. GLS's support during the year so far under review has benefited not only scholarship recipients, but the broader student body as a whole.

CSAEA is grateful to GLS-FFD for this support and looks forward to continued collaboration and partnership. CSAEA look forward to many more years of walking this road together.

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