



# MA IN WCNREG: AN OVERVIEW

**ORIENTATION**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023**



# INTRODUCTION: THE MA PROGRAMME



- Women's, Children's and Nature's Rights in Environmental Governance – programme domiciled at the University of Nairobi (UoN)
- The programme is an outcome of thirty years of partnership between, UoN, University of Malawi, SEARCWL University of Zimbabwe and the University of OSLO.



# BROADER WCNREG



## Components:



Masters programme



PhD fellowships



Joint publications



Policy hub



Academic mentorship (early career and mid-career academics)



# MA IN WCNREG - GOAL



To equip you with **grounded, multidisciplinary and transformative skills** to facilitate the meaningful participation of women and children in environmental governance and the protection of the rights of nature as an essential element in the resolution of the global multiple crises.



# LEARNING OUTCOMES



- ❑ Critique the current paradigms and frameworks informing environmental governance.
- ❑ Formulate alternative approaches to environmental governance which recognise and facilitate the participation of women and children; and recognise the rights of nature.
- ❑ Develop transformative jurisprudence in light of legal, policy, and theoretical implementation gaps in environmental governance.



# LEARNING OUTCOME



Carry out research that applies a combined, critical, grounded and contextual approach to the study of women, children and nature rights environmental governance

Apply multilevel, engendered and interdisciplinary approaches to resolve global environmental challenges and realise sustainable development goals within an African context.



# STRUCTURE



- Two – years
- Number of units
  - Seven core units
  - Five elective units
- Graduate project undertaken in year II,  
Semester II



# BLENDED



Virtual classes

Face-face in-country engagements

E-learning mode





# CONTENT



Code

Course title

## Year one: Semester one – Core Units

GEG 6101

Applied Research Methodology in Women, Children and Nature Rights in Environmental Governance

GEG 6103

Women rights in Environmental Governance (core)

GEG 6105

Nature's Rights in Environmental Governance

GEG 6107

Environmental Governance



# CONTENT



Code

Course title

## Year one: Semester two - Core Units

Core Units

GEG 6102

Children's Rights in Environmental Governance

GEG 6104

Justice for Women, Children and Nature

## Year one: Semester two – Electives (Learners to choose any TWO)

GEG 6106

Indigenous Knowledge and Customary Practices in Environmental Governance

GEG 6108

Urbanization for Sustainability

GEG 6110

Marine and Ocean Governance

GEG 6112

Sustainable Biodiversity and Equality

GEG 6114

Soil and Land Governance



# CONTENT



Code	Course title
<b>Year two: Semester one - Core Course</b>	
GEG 6201	Seminars in Research Design
<b>Year two: Semester one – Electives (Learners to choose any THREE)</b>	
GEG 6203	Scientific Knowledge for Transformative Policy Advocacy
GEG 6205	Disaster and Risk Management Policies and Practices
GEG 6207	Livelihoods and Climate Change



# CONTENT



**GEG 6209**

One Health Governance

**GEG 6211**

Corporate Responsibility and Environmental Governance

**Year two: Semester two**

**GEG 6202**

Research Project



# TIMETABLING



**Mon. – Thu.**

Virtual classes

**Friday**

personal study/  
planned  
face to face in-country  
engagements

**6:00 – 9:00 PM**

**EAT**

**5.00 – 8.00 PM**

**CAT**



# ASSESSMENT



Formative Assessment



Summative Assessment



Pass-mark in all courses = 50%



# PROCEDURAL MATTERS



Programme registration –  
registration number



Course registration – each course,  
every semester



# ACADEMIC CALENDAR



Commencement of classes – 9<sup>th</sup> October  
2023



Christmas break – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023



Examinations – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024





# SUPPORT



Academic – course leaders & country coordinators

Administrative- country administrators & regional administrator

ICT related – regional ICT officer