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To: All Secondary School Head Teachers

### **UPDATES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW LOWER SECONDARY CURRICULUM AND NCDC@50 CELEBRATIONS**

Greetings from National Curriculum Development Centre (NCDC). This is to provide you updates on two important activities where NCDC is directly engaged.

#### **A: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW LOWER SECONDARY CURRICULUM**

##### **Introduction**

The Ministry of Education and Sports through the National Curriculum Development Centre rolled out a Competency based Curriculum for Lower Secondary in January, 2020. The first Cohort of learners is now in Senior Three. This curriculum brought about a paradigm shift in the following areas:

##### **Pedagogy**

The curriculum emphasises the use of Learner Centered approaches in the teaching and learning process to enable learners fully participate in the process. However, some schools still use teacher centred methods and dictate notes to learners. This discourages the development of critical thinking and other important traits among the

learners. Head Teachers are encouraged to supervise Teachers on this matter.

## **Projects**

Projects in the New Lower Secondary Curriculum promote practical learning and make learning relevant. They contribute to the 20% of school based assessment. However, we have noted that many schools have not exposed learners to projects. Please note that, every learner will be required to have done a project in every subject to be registered by UNEB and that without school based assessment scores, candidates will not be graded. Also some schools are overcharging students under the guise of projects. Please guide learners to do projects which utilize locally available low cost resources. Field trips are not projects. The period between 2:55 pm to 4:30 pm must be used for projects, co-curriculum activities and research not for teaching.

NCDC appreciates all schools which are implementing the New Lower Secondary Curriculum as guided.

## **B: NCDC@50 CELEBRATIONS IN JUNE 2023**

NCDC will be celebrating 50 years of executing its mandate of curriculum development and implementation in June 2023. As part of the celebrations, NCDC is organizing a curriculum week from 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Trends in Curriculum Development and Implementation on 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The theme of the conference is “Reconceptualising Curriculum in the 21st Century for Socio-Economic Transformation”.

The thematic areas for the conference include;

- i. The 21st-century curriculum (design and development, implementation, assessment, evaluation, innovations, skills and pedagogies)
- ii. Localisation and decolonisation of the curriculum in Africa
- iii. The ICT revolution in Education
- iv. Competency-based curriculum development and implementation

- v. Quality Education for socio-economic transformation
- vi. Stakeholders' involvement in Education
- vii. Global trends in Education reforms
- viii. Current and future financing for curriculum development and implementation.

This is to invite you to participate in NCDC@50 celebrations through donations and physical presence at the various events marking the celebrations. For more information, please contact Mr. Habiyaremye John Tel. No. +256 772 877882, Mr. Tweheyo Gregory Tel. No. +256 702 980271 and Mr. Bwambale Tadeo tel. no. +256 772 379357.

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