

Kigali, 26th April 2021

ANNOUNCEMENT TO COHORT ONE

Dear Masters Candidates,

The African Center of Excellence in Energy for Sustainable Development (ACE-ESD) management appreciates your efforts invested in successively completing your MSc studies at the ACE-ESD/CST-UR despite challenges brought about by COVID-19 Pandemic. As such, the center management wishes to officially communicate to you the status and the way forward inline with getting your academic papers.

1. The Center Academic Council (ACEESD-CAC) was held on **27th of January, 2021** and approved ACE-ESD Masters cohort one final grades.
2. The College Academic Council (CST-CAC) meeting is scheduled on the **27th and 28th of April, 2021**. In this meeting, cohort 1 grades consideration and approval is on agenda
3. After CST-CAC approval, The University Senate shall sit; consider the approval the same grades. The center shall continue to give you updates on each activity in line with the subject matter.
4. In the mean time, a student in the same cohort can request a statement letter from the center certifying his/her academic progress status titled "**Whom It May Concern**" as usual until all grades are approved by University senate.
5. After approval by the University senate, and before graduation, students shall be eligible to apply for academic testimonial through the office of college registrar.
6. After **Masters Degree Conferral** ceremony, the office of college registrar shall announce the schedule, requirements, availability and the process of acquiring your official degree and academic transcripts.

Note: The center management also takes this opportunity to inform all Masters Candidates with degrees obtained outside of Rwanda to submit in time the **HEC equivalence** for their bachelors degrees. Candidates are reminded that they shall have to fill a **clearance** form in order to obtain their official academic papers. This clearance form shall be shared in time after **Degree Conferral ceremony**. Thus, all students who were not fully funded by the center or HEC are reminded to clear any university debts in time.

Thank you

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