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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The University of Media, Arts and Communication (UniMAC) is undergoing a strategic transformation aimed at positioning the institution as a leader in media, arts, and communication education. This transformation is driven by the vision of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Eric Opoku Mensah (PhD), which he outlined during his investiture on 18th December 2024. His vision centres on Innovation, Sustainability, and Excellence, guiding UniMAC towards academic and institutional growth, enhanced research impact, and global competitiveness.

To translate this vision into reality, an Ad Hoc Committee on the Implementation of the Vice-Chancellor's Vision has been constituted, with the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Professor Winston Kwame Abroampa, as Chairperson, in addition to other distinguished members. The committee develop a comprehensive working document which will serve as the roadmap for the implementation of this strategic vision.

The Strategic Vision Policy is anchored on five key pillars:

- Human Resource Development & Management –
   Strengthening staff capacity, fostering research excellence, and instituting performance management systems.
- Infrastructure Development & Management –
   Addressing facility deficits, prioritising modern technology adoption, and enhancing operational efficiency.
- Financial Sustainability & Growth Strategy –
   Diversifying revenue sources through entrepreneurial initiatives, strategic financial planning, and institutional branding.

- 4. **Policy & Governance** Strengthening governance structures through policy development, institutional frameworks, and regulatory compliance.
- 5. Research Impact and Innovation Enhancing UniMAC's research culture by promoting mentorship, faculty development, grant acquisition, and global digital visibility.

This Strategic Vision Policy is designed to drive institutional excellence, enhance global recognition, and foster innovation across all facets of UniMAC's operations. Through a consultative, evidence-based approach, this policy will serve as a guiding document for UniMAC's transformation, ensuring academic distinction, industry relevance, and sustainable institutional growth.



#### **OVERALL VISION, MISSION AND CORE VALUES OF UNIMAC**



#### Vision

To become a first-rate university that pursues excellence in research and professional education and training in the broad fields of Communication and the Creative Arts, for societal transformation.



#### Mission

To deliver value-based education and training by utilising a technology-driven platform that allows academics, industry professionals, alumni, entrepreneurs, and students to work together to foster a culture that promotes distinctiveness in research, teaching, learning and practice.



#### Core Value

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Transparency and/in Unity
- Discipline
- Accountability
- Industrial and Community Relevance

#### Vice Chancellor's Vision Statement:

To transform UniMAC into a globally competitive centre of excellence in media, arts, and communication through academic innovation, research-driven education, strategic industry partnerships, and financial sustainability, while fostering a dynamic student experience and a strong institutional brand.



## LIST OF ACRONYMS

| Acronym | Full Meaning  |
|---------|---|
| UniMAC  | University of Media, Arts and Communication                 |
| VC      | Vice-Chancellor   |
| Pro VC  | Pro Vice-Chancellor   |
| DIABM   | Directorate of Institutional Advancement & Brand Management |
| HRD     | Human Resource Development                                  |
| DoF     | Directorate of Finance                                      |
| DoPD&E  | Directorate of Physical Development & Estates               |
| DoP     | Directorate of Procurement                                  |
| DoICT   | Directorate of Information & Communication Technology       |
| PRIF    | Policy Review and Implementation Framework                  |
| CDILU   | Career Development and Industrial Liaison Unit              |
| IGF     | Internally Generated Funds                                  |
| UMACEL  | UniMAC Enterprise Limited                                   |
| DRID    | Directorate of Research, Innovation, and Development        |
| CSR     | Corporate Social Responsibility                             |
| PPP     | Public-Private Partnership                                  |
| SWOT    | Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats           |

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION TO VC'S VISION & IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Vice-Chancellor's Vision provides a strategic blueprint for transforming the University of Media, Arts, and Communication (UniMAC) into a globally competitive institution in media, arts, and communication. Rooted in a commitment to academic excellence, innovation, industry collaboration, financial sustainability, and governance efficiency, this vision sets the course for UniMAC's long-term growth and impact.

Deduced from this strategic vision, the Implementation Plan serves as a structured roadmap to operationalise its objectives, ensuring that each initiative is systematically executed to achieve the university's overarching goals. This plan is shaped by the VC's five thematic growth areas, which define UniMAC's strategic priorities:

- Human Resource Development & Management Strengthening faculty qualifications, staff motivation, and welfare to build a world-class teaching and administrative environment.
- Financial Sustainability & Growth Strategy Diversifying revenue streams, enhancing fundraising efforts, and ensuring prudent financial management for institutional resilience.
- Infrastructure Development & Management Expanding and modernising physical and digital infrastructure to support academic excellence, student experience, and operational efficiency.
- 4) Policy & Governance Developing and harmonising critical policies, strengthening institutional autonomy, and implementing digital

- governance systems to enhance compliance, transparency, and decision-making.
- 5) Research Impact and Innovation Supporting the conduct of cutting-edge research to promote visibility and international ranking

These thematic areas guide the formulation of the Implementation Plan, which outlines key overarching goals for each area. These goals, drawn from the Vice-Chancellor's vision, provide a structured framework for execution, ensuring measurable progress towards institutional transformation. Furthermore, the Vice-Chancellor's Vision is built upon a comprehensive SWOT analysis, which examines UniMAC's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. This analysis provides critical insights into the university's current standing, challenges, and potential for growth, forming the basis for strategic planning and decision-making. Through this vision and its implementation, UniMAC is poised to strengthen its academic and operational foundation, ensuring that it remains a leading institution in media, arts, and communication on both national and global stages.



## 2.0 SWOT ANALYSES

#### Strength

- Unique specialisation and focus of the university
- Synergistical gains across operations and functions
- Enhanced academic offering
- Industry collaborations
- Strengthened reputation and prestige
- Youthful human resource
- Strategic campus locations
- Consolidated asset base
- Expanded access to funding and resources
- Cross faculty collaboration and research opportunities
- Enhanced community and national impact

#### Weaknesses

- Lack of student accommodation
- Lack of general infrastructure (lecture theatres, modern studios, laboratories, digital infrastructure, office complexes, libraries, etc.)
- Low research culture
- Absence of a service culture
- Loss of institutional identities and equities
- Limited number of senior academic staff
- Absence of harmonisation in staff placement.
- Challenges with operationalising aspects of Act 1059
- Lack of international ranking and accreditation
- Absence of key university policies
- Less diversified and attractive academic programme

## 2.0 SWOT ANALYSES

| Opportunities  | Threats   |
|--|---|
| <ul> <li>Multi-disciplinary diversification in media, arts, communication, business sciences, IT, etc.</li> <li>Hybridised learning and establishment of campuses.</li> <li>Research and Innovation</li> <li>Deploying strategic financial models for infrastructure developments</li> <li>International collaborations (Research, Exchange Programmes, Affiliations)</li> <li>Opportunities for professional and institutional collaborations (NADMO, ISD, Media Houses, CIMG, Advertising Ass. of Ghana, IPR, Ghana)</li> <li>Community Engagements and Corporate Social Responsibilities</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Intense and increasing competition in the higher education sector</li> <li>Budgetary constraints</li> <li>Student accommodation</li> </ul> |

## 3.0 THEMATIC AREAS AND THEIR CORRESPONDING OVERARCHING GOALS

The Vice-Chancellor's Vision sets out a bold and strategic roadmap to transform UniMAC into a globally competitive institution, ensuring academic excellence, financial resilience, infrastructural expansion, and effective governance. To translate this vision into actionable steps, the Implementation Plan is structured around five key thematic areas, which are Human Resource Development & Management, Infrastructure Development & Management, Financial Sustainability & Growth Strategy, Policy & Governance and Research and Innovation. Each thematic area has a corresponding overarching goal, serving as the foundation upon which specific objectives are derived. These objectives drive the implementation strategy, ensuring measurable progress and alignment with the University's long-term aspirations.

Table 3.1: Thematic areas and overarching goals

| Thematic Areas                 | Overarching Goal                |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Human resource              | Attract, develop and retain     |
| development & management       | talent and expertise            |
| 2. Infrastructural development | Provide resources and needed    |
| & management                   | infrastructure to enhance       |
|                                | teaching, learning, research    |
|                                | and administrative work         |
| 3. Financial sustainability &  | Generate financial resources,   |
| growth strategy                | prudently manage and            |
|                                | equitably distribute them to    |
|                                | drive sustainable growth        |
| 4. Policy & Governance         | Develop critical policies and   |
|                                | standard operating practices    |
|                                | to guide academic work,         |
|                                | administration and              |
|                                | governance                      |
| 5. Research Impact &           | Build capacity to promote       |
| Innovation                     | cutting edge research that      |
|                                | aligns institution's vision and |
|                                | to improve visibility           |

#### 3.0 Implementation details

This Implementation Plan provides a structured roadmap to operationalise the Vice-Chancellor's Vision. While it outlines the strategic direction, key thematic areas, and priority objectives, its role is to serve as a guiding framework rather than a fully detailed execution document. Task owners, including directorates, faculties, and administrative units, are responsible for developing operational plans that refine specific actions, define implementation strategies, and account for financial, logistical, and regulatory considerations. These stakeholders will also ensure that timelines, risk management approaches, and performance tracking mechanisms are integrated into their respective plans to facilitate successful execution.



## 4.1 THEME ONE: HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT

### OVERARCHING GOAL: ATTRACT, DEVELOP AND RETAIN TALENT AND EXPERTISE

At the heart of UniMAC's transformation is the attraction. development, and retention of top-tier talent, ensuring a highly qualified faculty and motivated workforce. Academic excellence and institutional growth depend on the quality of faculty, staff, and students, necessitating strategic investment in professional development, welfare, and career progression. To achieve this, UniMAC will focus on enhancing faculty qualifications, particularly by increasing the proportion of academic staff with PhDs through a structured bursary and scholarship support system. Additionally, staff motivation and welfare will be improved through a performance-based reward system, career development programmes, and a structured welfare scheme. A key priority under this theme is to strengthen leadership development and succession planning for faculty and administrative staff. This will ensure that the university has a pipeline of well-prepared leaders who can seamlessly transition into critical roles, fostering continuity, institutional stability, and long-term excellence.





| Specific<br>Objectives  | Actions to achieve objectives  | Task<br>owners   | Timeframe                            | Specific<br>start Date | Resources<br>Required                                   | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/KPIs   |
|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|--|
| 1. Enhance faculty qualifications by increasing the proportion of academic staff with terminal degrees (PhD) from 24% to 80% within |  | VC/<br>HRD/DoF   | 2025-2028                            | April 1 2025           | Task Owners   | TBD             | <ul> <li>The development of bursary and scholarship support policy.</li> <li>50% of faculty enrolled on PhD programmes by 2027.</li> <li>Annual increase in PhD-qualified staff (Target: 11% per year)</li> <li>80% of faculty with PhDs by 2030.</li> </ul>                           |
| five years.   | ii. Develop a structured financial aid programme to support faculty members pursuing PhDs.                                       | DoF, HRD,<br>Scholarships<br>and Staff<br>Dev't<br>Committee | 2025-2028                            | April 1,<br>2025       | Financial<br>Resources,<br>Bursary Fund,<br>Task Owners | TBD             | <ul> <li>Establishment of a Bursary and scholarship support fund.</li> <li>5-10 Number of bursaries/scholarships awarded per year</li> <li>80% of faculty benefiting from funding/support by 2027.</li> <li>Gh250,000 Total funding allocated for PhD sponsorship annually.</li> </ul> |
|   | iii. Secure internal funding and budget allocation towards Bursary and scholarship support fund.  DoF, HRD 2025-2028 June 1, 202 | June 1, 2025   | Task Owners,<br>Budget<br>Allocation | TBD                    | 10% of internal budget dedicated<br>to PhD training.    |                 |  |

| Specific<br>Objectives  | Actions to achieve objectives  | Task owners  | Timeframe | Specific<br>start Date | Resources<br>Required  | Budget<br>(GHC)                        | Output/<br>Outcomes/KPIs  |
|---|--|--|-----------|------------------------|--|--|---|
|   | iv. Seek external<br>funding (e.g. from<br>government, private<br>sector, and donor<br>organisations)<br>towards Bursary and<br>scholarship support<br>fund. | DoF/HRD<br>Scholarships<br>and Staff<br>Dev't<br>Committee | 2025-2028 | June 1, 2025           | Task Owners,<br>Budget<br>Allocation                                 | TBD                                    | <ul> <li>Establishment of 2 new funding partnerships per year</li> <li>Minimum Amount of Gh150,000 secured annually through external partners.</li> </ul>   |
|   | v. Monitor progress<br>by create a tracking<br>system to assess the<br>progress of faculty<br>already in PhD<br>programmes.                                  | HRD,<br>Scholarship<br>Committee,<br>DoICT.                | 2025-2028 | September<br>1, 2025   |  | Data &<br>Analytics,<br>HR<br>Software | <ul> <li>Statistics, tracking and briefing on:</li> <li>The percentage of faculty who successfully complete PhDs per cohort</li> <li>At least 5 faculty completing PhD annually.</li> </ul>   |
| 2. Improve faculty and staff motivation, welfare, and service culture through structured incentives, career | i. Develop a<br>performance-based<br>reward system for<br>administrative staff.  | HRD & DoF  | 2025-2028 | April 1,<br>2025       | Task Owners,<br>Staff Appraisal<br>Framework                         | TBD                                    | <ul> <li>Existence of a structured performance-based incentive systems (e.g. Staff milestone recognitions, incentive programmes etc.)</li> <li>Evidence of staff benefiting from reward system</li> </ul>   |
| development,<br>and institutional<br>support<br>programmes.   | ii. Establish annual teaching excellence awards to recognise outstanding teaching, service & contributions.  | HRD, DoF,<br>Quality<br>Assurance                          | 2025-2028 | June 1, 2025           | Award Scheme,<br>External<br>Sponsorships,<br>Appraisal<br>Framework | TBD                                    | Evidence of awards given<br>annually across designed<br>categories.   |
|   | iii. Develop & implement a staff provident fund/<br>Tier 3 Scheme for financial security.  | HRD, DoF,<br>General<br>Admin &<br>Consular<br>Serv.       | 2025-2028 | June 1, 2025           | Task Owners  Consultant (If needed)                                  | TBD                                    | <ul> <li>Policy Framework for provident fund</li> <li>Stakeholder engagement across unions.</li> <li>Approved UniMAC Provident Fund Framework</li> <li>Acquire the necessary license/registration from relevant authorities (e.g. NPRA).</li> </ul> |

| Specific<br>Objectives | Actions to achieve objectives   | Task owners  | Timeframe | Specific<br>start Date | Resources<br>Required                                   | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/KPIs  |
|------------------------|---|--|-----------|------------------------|---|-----------------|---|
|                        |   |  |           |                        |   |                 | <ul> <li>Appoint a fund manager (if required)</li> <li>The establishment of the UniMAC Provident Fund/ Tier 3 Pension Scheme.</li> </ul>  |
|                        | iv. Enhance<br>healthcare and<br>wellbeing support<br>for staff.  | HRD, DoF,<br>General<br>Admin. &<br>Consular<br>Serv.                      | 2025-2028 | April 1,<br>2025       | Task Owners   | TBD             | <ul> <li>Approved policy for the UniMAC Health Fund.</li> <li>Partnerships with Health Insurance firms, Wellness Facilities,</li> <li>Employee wellbeing initiatives (e.g. monthly/quarterly games)</li> </ul>  |
|                        | v. Develop and enforce a staff code of conduct aligned with global academic and organisational standards. | HRD, Legal<br>Unit, Quality<br>Assurance,<br>Admin. &<br>Consular<br>Serv. | 2025-2028 | June 1, 2025           | Task Owners,<br>Collection of<br>existing<br>frameworks | TBD             | <ul> <li>Approved Code of<br/>Conduct/policy for staff.</li> <li>Staff Training and engagement<br/>pre and post approval.</li> </ul>  |
|                        | vi. Formulate a Service Excellence Charter/ Framework   | HRD, Legal<br>Unit   | 2025-2028 | June 1, 2025           | Task Owners,<br>Collection of<br>existing<br>frameworks | TBD             | <ul> <li>Approved policy</li> <li>Increased student satisfaction scores (e.g., via surveys or feedback forms).</li> <li>Prompt &amp; evident utilisation of feedback for management decision making and improvement in service culture.</li> <li>Higher staff engagement and retention rates.</li> <li>Reduced response times for inquiries or service requests.</li> <li>Improved rankings or reputation in university evaluations.</li> </ul> |

| Specific<br>Objectives  | Actions to achieve objectives   | Task owners                     | Timeframe | Specific start Date | Resources<br>Required  | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/KPIs   |
|---|---|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|--|-----------------|--|
|   |   |                                 |           |                     |  |                 | • Increased positive feedback from stakeholders (e.g., parents, alumni, or community partners).  |
|   | vi. Establish a<br>feedback<br>mechanism to<br>continuously assess<br>workplace morale. | HRD,<br>Quality<br>Assurance,   | 2025-2028 | June 1, 2025        | Employee<br>Satisfaction<br>Surveys systems<br>(e.g. digital<br>Feedback<br>Platforms) | TBD             | <ul> <li>75% of staff participating in periodic feedback surveys by endo of year 2025.</li> <li>Prompt &amp; evident utilisation of feedback for management decision making.</li> </ul>  |
|   | vii. Develop and<br>Institutionalise a<br>Comprehensive<br>Staff Welfare<br>Plan/Scheme | HRD,<br>Finance                 | 2025-2028 | April 1,<br>2026    | Collection of existing policies  A consultant (If required)                            | TBD             | <ul> <li>Approved and operational welfare policy by 2026.</li> <li>All staff enrolled on the UniMAC Welfare Scheme</li> </ul>  |
| 3. Strengthen Leadership Development and Succession Planning for Faculty and Administrative Staff | i. Develop and Implement a Faculty & Administrative Leadership Training Programmes.     | Pro VC,<br>Registrar and<br>HRD | 2025-2028 | April 1,<br>2025    | Task Owners, Leadership Training Modules, External Training Partners                   | TBD             | <ul> <li>At least leadership training sessions organised annually.</li> <li>Increase in average competency scores by a specific percentage.</li> <li>Increase in the percentage of leadership roles filled by internal candidates.</li> <li>Increase or improvements in verifiable and innovative initiatives.</li> <li>80% and above in stakeholder satisfaction scores.</li> <li>90% of participants (faculty and staff) rate the programme(s) as "highly effective".</li> </ul> |

| Specific<br>Objectives | Actions to achieve objectives                                  | Task owners   | Timeframe | Specific<br>start Date | Resources<br>Required                                    | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/KPIs  |
|------------------------|--|---|-----------|------------------------|--|-----------------|---|
|                        | ii. Implement<br>Leadership<br>Performance<br>Assessments      | HRD,<br>Registrar, Pro<br>VC, Deans &<br>HoDs                     | 2025-2028 | April 1,<br>2026       | Task Owners,<br>Leadership<br>Evaluation Tools           | TBD             | <ul> <li>Consultatively establish Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Leaders.</li> <li>Assess performance of leaders across the University on established KPIs.</li> <li>Publish annual leadership performance reports.</li> </ul> |
|                        | iii Create a<br>Structured<br>Framework/Plan<br>for Succession | HRD,<br>Registrar,<br>Management,<br>leaders and<br>heads, Deans. | 2025-2028 | June 1, 2025           | Career<br>Development<br>Framework, HR<br>Policy Updates | TBD             | <ul> <li>Performance and competency metrics for succession framework.</li> <li>Relevant number of staff identified for leadership succession across departments and directorates.</li> </ul>  |

# 4.2 THEME TWO: INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT

# OVERARCHING GOAL: PROVIDE RESOURCES AND NEEDED INFRASTRUCTURE TO ENHANCE TEACHING, LEARNING, RESEARCH AND ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

A world-class institution requires a modern, well-equipped campus with cutting-edge infrastructure to support teaching, learning, research, and administration. The infrastructural development strategy focuses on expanding, upgrading, and maintaining critical facilities to provide an enabling environment for academic and operational excellence. Key objectives include the implementation of a structured Infrastructural Financing and Expansion Strategy (IFES), which will explore government partnerships, private sector funding, public-private partnerships (PPPs), and innovative financing models to fund large-scale infrastructural projects.

UniMAC is set to embark on the construction of lecture halls, an administrative complex, a minimum 1,500-bed hostel facility, and the enhancement of digital learning spaces. Beyond expansion, the university will focus on infrastructure reconstruction and improvement, ensuring that existing physical and digital infrastructure is modernised and well-maintained. This will be driven by the Infrastructure Reconstruction and Improvement Drive (IRID), a structured initiative aimed at prioritising critical

areas of infrastructural enhancement. Additionally, a Comprehensive Campus Facilities Management Plan will be institutionalised to improve maintenance scheduling, energy efficiency, and long-term sustainability. Through these targeted actions, UniMAC will provide state-of-the-art learning and administrative environments that elevate student and staff experience while positioning the university as an institution of choice for higher education in media, arts, and communication.



| Specific<br>Objectives   | Actions to achieve objectives  | Task owners   | Timeframe | Specific<br>start<br>Date | Resources<br>Required   | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/KPIs  |
|--|--|---|-----------|---------------------------|---|-----------------|---|
| 1. Expand University Infrastructure to Support Academic and Administrative Growth. | i. Develop an infrastructural financing and expansion strategy (IFES) Considering the following  - IGF & Revenue Sources - Government - University/Institutes' long-standing bankers - Consortium of banks - PPPs - Other financial Engineering methods - Consider appointing a consultant if need be. | VC/Directorat<br>e of Physical<br>Development<br>and Estates<br>(DoPD & E)/<br>DoF  | 2025-2028 | April 1, 2025             | Existing data, including land size, topography and locations, Task owners, Consultants (If required). | TBD             | <ul> <li>IFES document developed and approved by June year 2025.</li> <li>Identification and diversification of funding sources (IGF, Government, Banks, PPPs, etc.).</li> <li>At least 2 new financing partnerships secured annually.</li> </ul>   |
|  | ii. Project Conception (Planning, feasibility, Design & Engineering, Approvals & Permits Procurement and Contracting)  | VC/Directorat<br>e of Physical<br>Development<br>and Estates<br>(DoPD & E),<br>Directorate of<br>Procurement<br>(DoP), DoF,<br>Alumni &<br>International<br>Relations |           | October<br>1, 2025        | Task Owners,<br>Project<br>Management<br>Team,<br>Consultants   |                 | <ul> <li>Gh250 million infrastructure funding through varied &amp; sustainable financial instruments within the specified timeframe.</li> <li>Internal financial oversight team to monitor fund utilisation.</li> <li>Phased project plan: Hostel facility, Multipurpose Lecture</li> </ul> |

| Specific Objective | es Actions to achieve objectives   | Task owners   | Timeframe | Specific<br>start Date | Resources<br>Required  | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/KPIs  |
|--------------------|--|---|-----------|------------------------|--|-----------------|---|
|                    | iii. Construction of 3 major infrastructure projects An office/Administrat ion complex | VC/ Directorate of Physical Development and Estates (DoPD & E), DoF/Alumni & International Relations. | 2025-2028 | February 1, 2026       | Construction<br>Contractors,<br>Project<br>Management<br>Team, Task<br>Owners,<br>Consultants. | TBD             | Halls/Theatres and Office/Administrati on complex  Development of approved master plans and architectural designs.  Completion of all necessary regulatory approvals and environmental permits by 2027.  Preliminary works on all 3 major construction projects initiated between specified timeframes.  Groundbreaking and launch of the administration complex by 2026  Completion and commissioning of the administration complex by 2028. |
|                    | - A minimum of<br>1500 bed hostel<br>facility  |   |           |                        |  |                 | <ul> <li>Improved office space and working conditions for staff, enhancing productivity and governance.</li> <li>Integration of modern facilities, including smart offices, conference rooms, and disiral infrastructure.</li> </ul>  |

digital infrastructure.

| Specific Objectives  | Actions to achieve objectives  | Task owners   | Timeframe | Specific<br>start Date | Resources<br>Required   | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/KPIs  |
|--|--|---|-----------|------------------------|---|-----------------|---|
|  | - Multipurpose<br>Lecture Halls &<br>Theatres  |   |           |                        |   |                 | <ul> <li>First-ever on-campus student accommodation established at UniMAC.</li> <li>Groundbreaking and launch of hostel project by 2026.</li> <li>Completion of Phase 1 (750 beds) by 2028 and Phase 2 (750 beds) by 2030.</li> </ul>   |
| 2. Modernise and Improve University Infrastructure to Support Academic and Administrative Growth | iv Evpand and dayabae the  | VC/Dimetomat  | 2025-2020 | Luce 1                 | Construction  | TRID            | <ul> <li>At least 30% of total student population accommodated on campus by 2028.</li> <li>Strengthened revenue generation potential, as the hostel can serve as a long-term income source for UniMAC.</li> <li>Groundbreaking and launch by 2027.</li> <li>Completion of lecture halls by 2029.</li> <li>Increase in classroom capacity to accommodate student enrolment growth.</li> <li>Enhanced learning environments, equipped with modern technology and digital teaching tools.</li> </ul> |
|  | iv. Expand and develop the Infrastructure Reconstruction and improvement Drive (IRID) Policy by: | VC/Directorat<br>e of Physical<br>Development<br>and Estates<br>(DoPD & E), | 2025-2030 | June 1,<br>2025        | Construction<br>Contractors,<br>Project<br>Management<br>Team, Task | TBD             | Comprehensive<br>assessment report<br>completed on existing<br>infrastructure gaps by<br>December 2025.   |

| Specific Objectives | Actions to achieve objectives   | Task owners           | Timeframe | Specific start Date | Resources<br>Required     | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/KPIs   |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--|
|                     | - Identifying critical areas of infrastructural improvements (Physical/build & ICT)   | Directorate of<br>DoF |           |                     | Owners,<br>Consultant(s). |                 | Priority areas for physical and ICT infrastructure improvements clearly identified and categorised (urgent, medium, long-term).  |
|                     | - Develop and<br>Adopt an IRID<br>Document  |                       |           |                     |                           |                 | Stakeholder consultations held to ensure alignment with academic and institutional needs.  |
|                     | - Phase-Based Implementation of IRID by Prioritisation  |                       |           |                     |                           |                 | <ul> <li>IRID master plan developed, presented, and approved by December 2025.</li> <li>Strategic project list included in IRID document, covering renovations, digital upgrades, and new construction where necessary.</li> </ul> |
|                     | <ul> <li>Innovative         <ul> <li>Financing Models</li> <li>for IRID,</li> <li>Including CSR</li> <li>and Branded</li> <li>Philanthropy</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |                       |           |                     |                           |                 | <ul> <li>Financial models and<br/>funding strategies<br/>(including CSR and<br/>branded philanthropy)<br/>formalized to ensure<br/>project sustainability.</li> </ul>  |
|                     | - Implementation<br>of IRID   |                       |           |                     |                           |                 | <ul> <li>First phase of IRID projects launched by February 2026, focusing on the most urgent infrastructure needs.</li> <li>Key infrastructure rehabilitations</li> </ul>  |

| Specific Objectives | Actions to achieve objectives | Task owners | Timeframe | Specific<br>start Date | Resources<br>Required | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/KPIs  |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---|
|                     |                               |             |           |                        |                       |                 | <ul> <li>(classrooms, faculty offices, ICT systems) completed in phases.</li> <li>At least 3 CSR or philanthropy-based partnerships secured annually for IRID funding.</li> <li>GHC 50 million raised through external and innovative financing sources by 2030.</li> <li>Branded donor recognition model established (e.g., named lecture halls, ICT labs, or sponsored facilities).</li> <li>Project execution begins by February 2026, focusing on highest-priority infrastructure.</li> <li>Infrastructure improvements completed on schedule (Target: 80% by 2030).</li> </ul> |

# 4.3 THEME THREE: FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY & GROWTH STRATEGY

# OVERARCHING GOAL: GENERATE FINANCIAL RESOURCES, PRUDENTLY MANAGE, AND EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTE THEM TO DRIVE SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

A financially resilient institution is one that can sustain its growth, fund innovation, and achieve long-term stability without overreliance on government subvention. The financial sustainability strategy is designed to diversify UniMAC's revenue base, strengthen financial planning, and ensure prudent management of resources to support strategic expansion. To achieve this, UniMAC will establish UniMAC Enterprise Limited (UMACEL), a dedicated commercial entity tasked with managing business ventures, consultancy services, executive education, and commercial partnerships to generate substantial internal revenue. The university will also expand its fundraising capacity by launching a UniMAC Endowment Fund, aimed at securing longterm financial support for scholarships, faculty research, and infrastructure. Additionally, the university will seek international donor grants and industry sponsorships, leveraging global funding opportunities to support academic research and institutional development. At the core of this financial strategy is an emphasis on budgetary efficiency, cost control, and strategic investment to

ensure that all funds are effectively allocated towards UniMAC's core priorities. By implementing these financial strategies, UniMAC will establish a self-sustaining economic model, enhancing its ability to invest in academic programmes, infrastructure, and faculty development while maintaining financial independence.



| Specific Objectives   | Actions to achieve objectives  | Task owners   | Timeframe | Specific start Date | Resources<br>Required   | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/KPIs  |
|---|--|---|-----------|---------------------|---|-----------------|---|
| 1. Diversify Revenue Streams Through Strategic Business Ventures and Partnerships | i. Establish and Operationalise UniMAC Enterprise Limited (UMACEL) as a Revenue- Generating Business Arm following these specific actions: | VC/DoF, Business Dev't Unit, A UMACEL Adhoc Committee | 2025-2026 | May 1, 2025         | Business<br>Registration,<br>Market<br>Research,<br>Task Owners<br>& Consultants<br>(If required) | TBD             | <ul> <li>UMACEL fully operational by 2026.</li> <li>At least two business ventures launched by quarter 2, 2026.</li> <li>Annual revenue target of GHC 10 million by 2028.</li> <li>Profits reinvested into UniMAC's academic and infrastructural development projects.</li> </ul> |
|   | - Conduct feasibility study and market analysis to identify high-potential commercial ventures.  |   |           |                     |   |                 |   |
|   | - Complete legal registration and secure regulatory approvals for UMACEL.  |   |           |                     |   |                 |   |
|   | - Develop a structured 5-year business plan with clear revenue targets and sustainability strategies.                                      |   |           |                     |   |                 |   |

| Specific Objectives   | Actions to achieve objectives  | Task owners                                       | Timeframe | Specific start Date | Resources<br>Required                           | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/KPIs  |
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|   | - Recruit a<br>management team<br>and operational staff<br>for UMACEL by<br>2026.  |   |           |                     |   |                 |   |
|   | - Identify and establish strategic revenue-generating ventures under UMACEL (e.g., consultancy services, training programs, real estate projects, retail, media production, event management). |   |           |                     |   |                 |   |
|   | - Secure partnerships with private sector organizations to cofund and expand business opportunities.   |   |           |                     |   |                 |   |
|   | - Ensure financial reporting, transparency, and accountability within UMACEL operations.   |   |           |                     |   |                 |   |
| 2. Enhance Fundraising and Endowment Strategies to Secure Long-Term Financial Stability | Establish a UniMAC Endowment Fund to support teaching, scholarships and research following these specific actions:   | VC/DoF/<br>Business Dev't,<br>Alumni<br>Relations | 2025-2030 | June 1,<br>2025     | Endowment<br>Policy,<br>Fundraising<br>Strategy | TBD             | <ul> <li>Approved         Endowment Fund         Policy and         governance         framework</li> <li>UniMAC         Endowment Fund         formally launched         by Quarter 1,         2026</li> </ul> |

| Specific Objectives | Actions to achieve objectives  | Task owners | Timeframe | Specific start Date | Resources<br>Required | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/KPIs   |
|---------------------|--|-------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--|
|                     |  |             |           |                     |                       |                 | • Fund value reaches GHC30 million by 2030. Consistent annual disbursements to support specified institutional areas |
|                     | - Develop Endowment Fund Policy and governance framework.  |             |           |                     |                       |                 |  |
|                     | - Engage key stakeholders (alumni, corporate sponsors, and philanthropic organizations) for long-term contributions. |             |           |                     |                       |                 |  |
|                     | - Launch official fundraising campaigns, targeting domestic and international donors.                                |             |           |                     |                       |                 |  |
|                     | - Develop investment and risk management strategies to ensure fund sustainability.                                   |             |           |                     |                       |                 |  |
|                     | - Ensure endowment fund aligns with institutional priorities, funding faculty research and student scholarships.     |             |           |                     |                       |                 |  |

| Specific Objectives   | Actions to achieve objectives   | Task owners   | Timeframe   | Specific start Date | Resources<br>Required  | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/KPIs  |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------|--|-----------------|---|
| 3. Enhance Student Experience Management to Increase Loyalty, Recommendations, and Satisfaction with University Offerings | i. Establish a Student Experience Management Unit (SEMU) to track and enhance student satisfaction following these key actions: ii. Develop and approve a student experience management framework by 2026. iii. Create SEMU within Student Affairs, with dedicated personnel and resources. iv. Establish entry and exit surveys v. Prioritising anonymous lecturer/course assessments surveys. | Academic Affairs, Rectors, Quality Assurance, Dean of Students, Faculty Deans, HoDs | Academic Affairs, Rectors, Quality Assurance, Dean of | 2025-2030           | April 1, 2025  | TBD             | <ul> <li>SEMU fully operational by Quarter 4, 2025.</li> <li>Annual student satisfaction ratings improve by at least 25% by Q4 2026.</li> <li>Increased student retention and graduation rates due to improved engagement.</li> <li>Improved student perception and word-of-mouth recommendations.</li> <li>Teaching quality improvement based on student feedback data.</li> <li>Annual faculty training and development aligned with student learning needs.</li> </ul> |
|   | ii. Enhance student support<br>services (e.g., counselling,<br>academic advising, career<br>services).  | Dean of<br>Students,<br>Academic<br>Affairs,<br>Counselling<br>Unit                 | 2025-2030   | September 1, 2025   | Student Support systems and awareness creation, Wellness Programs, Task Owners | TBD             | 80% of students utilising support services by 2028.   |

| Specific Objectives  | Actions to achieve objectives   | Task owners   | Timeframe | Specific start Date | Resources<br>Required                      | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/KPIs   |
|--|---|---|-----------|---------------------|--|-----------------|--|
|  | iii. Establish a Career Development and Industrial Liaison Unit (CDILU) to Enhance Employability and Industry Collaboration following these specific actions:  - Develop a structured career development and employability framework by Q1 2026.  - Create an Industrial Liaison Unit to build partnerships with companies and organizations for internships, placements, and industry projects.  - Integrate career readiness programs, including resume writing workshops, interview preparation, and job search support.  - Host career fairs, networking events, and guest speaker series with industry experts. Develop an online career portal for job matching and graduate tracking | Registrar, General administration and consular services, Dean of Students, Academic Affairs, Counselling Unit, Business Dev't, Alumni Relations | 2025-2030 | September 1, 2025   | TBD  |                 | <ul> <li>CDILU operational by 2026.</li> <li>At least 5 major industry collaborations established per year.</li> <li>Internship and job placement rate increases to 80% within six months of graduation.</li> <li>At least 1,000 students engage in career development activities annually.</li> </ul> |
| 4. Expand and Diversify Curricular Offerings to Increase Enrolment | i. Conduct a market needs<br>assessment to identify new<br>programme opportunities  | Pro Vc,<br>Rectors, Deans,<br>HoDs, Quality<br>Assurance,   | 2025-2030 | April 1,<br>2025    | Survey Tools,<br>Industry<br>Consultations | TBD             | • Market needs assessment completed by Quarter 1, 2026.  |

| Specific Objectives         | Actions to achieve objectives  | Task owners             | Timeframe | Specific start Date | Resources<br>Required | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/KPIs   |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--|
| and Institutional Relevance | following these specific actions:  - Develop a market research framework to assess industry and academic trends.  - Engage stakeholders (students, alumni, employers, industry leaders, professional bodies) to determine demand for new programs.  - Analyse enrolment trends and graduate employability data to identify program gaps.  - Benchmark against regional and international universities to identify competitive program offerings.  - Compile a comprehensive report with recommendations for new academic programmes. | Business<br>Development |           |                     |                       |                 | <ul> <li>At least 5 new crossdisciplinarity high-demand programmess identified and developed by Q4, 2025.</li> <li>Programmess aligned with job market needs, industry trends, and national development priorities.</li> </ul> |
| 5.                          | <ul> <li>ii. Introduce Interdisciplinary and Hybrid Programs that Combine Media, Arts, Business, and Technology following these specific actions:         <ul> <li>Develop a strategic roadmap for</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |                         |           | 2025-2030           | April 1, 2025         | TBD             | <ul> <li>At least 3 interdisciplinary programs launched by 2028.</li> <li>Increased student enrolment in</li> </ul>  |

| Specific Objectives | Actions to achieve objectives  | Task owners | Timeframe | Specific start Date | Resources<br>Required | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/KPIs  |
|---------------------|--|-------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---|
|                     | launching interdisciplinary degree programs.  Integrate emerging fields (e.g., digital media, artificial intelligence, entrepreneurship, sustainability, creative industries).  Create joint programs between faculties to encourage cross- disciplinary learning.  Engage GTECH to approve new programmes.  Develop Executive and Professional Short Courses for Working Professionals. |             |           |                     |                       |                 | innovative programs.  Enhanced employability of graduates due to diverse skill sets.  At least 10 executiv and professional short course launched by Q. 2025.  Increased revenugeneration from professional education programs.  Greater industry engagement and university visibility. |

#### **4.4 THEME FOUR: POLICY & GOVERNANCE**

# OVERARCHING GOAL: DEVELOP CRITICAL POLICIES AND STANDARD OPERATING PRACTICES TO GUIDE ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE

A robust governance framework is essential for efficiency, transparency, and institutional excellence at UniMAC. As a growing institution, strengthening governance structures, harmonising policies, and ensuring regulatory alignment are critical to supporting its transformation into a world-class centre for media, arts, and communication education. UniMAC will advocate for legislative amendments to strengthen its operational framework, ensuring that governance structures align with evolving higher education policies. A key focus in this regard will be reviewing and proposing refinements to the University of Media, Arts and Communication Act, 2020 (Act 1059) to iron out redundancies and jurisdictional overlaps that may hinder efficient decision-making, policy implementation, and strategic institutional development. This effort will be complemented by the development and codification of essential policies across governance, academic, financial, and human resource domains to ensure that all operational frameworks are comprehensive, harmonised, and aligned with national higher education regulations and global best practices. To sustain an effective governance structure, UniMAC will establish a Policy Review and Implementation Framework (PRIF) to ensure that institutional policies remain relevant, adaptable, and responsive to emerging trends and the university's evolving needs. Additionally, a digital governance platform will be implemented to

streamline decision-making, enhance administrative efficiency, and improve record-keeping processes, ensuring that governance structures are data-driven and transparent.



| Specific Objectives  | Actions to achieve  | Task owners   | Timeframe | Specific      | Resources                    | Budget | Output/  |
|--|---|---|-----------|---------------|------------------------------|--------|--|
|  | objectives  |   |           | start Date    | Required                     | (GHC)  | Outcomes/KPIs  |
| 1.Develop and Implement Key University-Wide Policies to Strengthen Governance and Operations | i. Develop and codify essential policies, including academic, financial, HR, and research policies. | HRD, DoF,<br>Exec. Mgt. legal<br>Affairs, DRID  | 2025-2030 | April, 2025   | TBD                          | TBD    | <ul> <li>Comprehensive list of university-wide policies and procedures developed by 2026.</li> <li>100% policy coverage across governance, academic, and financial domains.</li> </ul> |
|  | ii. Develop and implement a Code of Ethics and Conduct for faculty, staff, and students.            | HRD, Legal<br>Affairs, Student<br>Affairs/Dean of<br>Students, all<br>Directorates,<br>Rectors, Unit<br>Heads and<br>Unions | 2025-2030 | April 1, 2026 | TBD                          | TBD    | <ul> <li>An approved UniMAC Code of Ethics and Conduct for faculty, staff, and students by Q1, 2026</li> <li>100% of faculty, staff, and</li> </ul>                                    |
|  | iii. Conduct a policy<br>harmonisation audit to<br>integrate policies across<br>all institutes.     |   | 2025-2030 | April 1, 2025 | Stakeholder<br>Consultations | TBD    | students trained in ethical standards BY Q2, 2026.  • 80% of policies harmonised across UniMAC institutes by Q1, 2027.   |

| Specific Objectives   | Actions to achieve objectives  | Task owners  | Timeframe | Specific<br>start Date | Resources<br>Required   | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/KPIs   |
|---|--|--|-----------|------------------------|---|-----------------|--|
| 2. To create a robust and transparent legislative framework that supports the successful establishment and operation of UniMAC, ensuring accountability, efficiency, and alignment with national educational goals. | i. Advocate & lobby for legislative amendments to address provisional redundancies, overlaps and conflicts.  | University<br>Council, VC,<br>Legal Affairs,<br>Public Affairs | 2025-2030 | April 1, 2025          | Policy Advocacy<br>Team, Government<br>Liaison  | TBD             | Key amendments to<br>Act 1059 completed<br>by 2027.  |
| 3. Implement a digital governance platform to enhance decision-making and record-keeping.   | Develop and deploy a digital governance platform for administrative efficiency.  | Directorate of ICT, VC, Pro-Vc, Rectors, Deans                 | 2025-2030 | April 1, 2025          | Digital Governance<br>Tools/Technology,<br>Training,<br>Consultant(s) If<br>required. | TBD             | <ul> <li>Digital         governance         system fully         operational by         2027.</li> <li>Increased         efficiency and         accessibility of         institutional         decision-making         processes.</li> </ul> |
| 4. Enhance Institutional<br>Communication,<br>Transparency, and<br>Stakeholder<br>Engagement and brand<br>management  | i. Develop and implement a university-wide communication and engagement strategy.  ii. Development a brand management framework/strategy to facilitate branding of UnMAC | Registrar, Directorate of Public Affairs,                      | 2025-2030 | April 1, 2025          | Communication Platforms, Media Strategy, Social Media Engagement Strategy             | TBD             | <ul> <li>Institutional communication and engagement strategy implemented by Q4, 2025.</li> <li>80% increase in stakeholder engagement by 2027.</li> <li>Branding of all entry/exit</li> </ul>  |

| Specific Objectives | Actions to achieve objectives   | Task owners  | Timeframe | Specific<br>start Date | Resources<br>Required                        | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/KPIs  |
|---------------------|---|--|-----------|------------------------|--|-----------------|---|
|                     |   |  |           |                        |  |                 | points and<br>managing<br>social media<br>handles and<br>outlets to<br>promote<br>visibility  |
|                     | Create platforms for continuous dialogue with faculty, students, alumni, and external stakeholders. | Public Affairs,<br>Directorate of<br>Student Affairs | 2025-2030 | September 1, 2025      | Townhall Meetings,<br>Feedback<br>Mechanisms | TBD             | <ul> <li>Designed channels and stakeholder engagement platforms.</li> <li>At least 8 (2 a quarter) stakeholder engagement sessions conducted per year.</li> </ul> |

#### 4.5 THEME FIVE: IMPACTFUL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

# OVERARCHING GOAL: BUILD CAPACITY TO PROMOTE CUTTING EDGE RESEARCH THAT ALIGNS INSTITUTION'S VISION AND TO IMPROVE VISIBILITY.

Our institution stands at a crucial juncture where enhancing our research capabilities will determine our future impact and reputation. To achieve our overarching goal of promoting cuttingedge research that aligns with our institutional vision while improving visibility, we must undertake a comprehensive approach. We will begin by strengthening our research foundation through strategic infrastructure development. This includes investing in core facilities and equipment while providing robust technical support to our researchers. Simultaneously, we will focus on talent development-recruiting promising researchers and establishing mentorship programs that nurture emerging talent within our ranks. To sustain these efforts, we will create a reliable funding pipeline through enhanced grant writing support, strategic seed funding initiatives, and cultivation of industry partnerships. Excellence in research requires focus and collaboration. We will identify 3-5 distinctive research domains where our institution can establish leadership, focusing our resources and attention for maximum impact. Breaking down departmental silos through

interdisciplinary collaboration will be essential, as will implementing rigorous internal review processes and ethics frameworks to maintain the highest standards of quality. Visibility must be deliberately cultivated. We will develop strategic publishing approaches targeting high-impact journals while exploring open-access opportunities. Supporting researcher participation in prestigious conferences and events will increase our institutional profile. Additionally, we will enhance our media engagement by developing accessible research communications that translate complex findings for broader audiences. We will track traditional metrics like publications and citations, but also monitoring our reputation among peer institutions and measuring knowledge transfer through patents, partnerships, and community applications.



| Specific<br>Objectives  | Actions to achieve goals  | Task owners                         | Timelines | Specific start Date | Resources<br>Required  | Budget<br>(GHC)  | Output/<br>Outcomes/<br>KPIs  |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|--|--|---|
| 1. Build capacity of<br>staff and graduate<br>students to<br>promote the<br>conducting of<br>cutting edge<br>research | i. Organise series of<br>workshops on<br>advanced research<br>methodologies and<br>tools by bringing in<br>expert facilitators<br>from partner<br>institutions and<br>industry. | DRID/Graduate schools<br>and Pro-VC | 2025-2028 | March, 2025         | Expert<br>facilitators,<br>honorarium,<br>online<br>learning<br>platform           | TBD  | Faculty and graduate students with requisite expertise for conducting research            |
|   | ii. Develop and implement a Mentorship and Collaboration Framework that allows pairing less experienced with established more experienced staff.                                | DRID/HR and Office of<br>Pro-VC     | 2025-2028 | 31st March,<br>2025 | Committee<br>members,<br>More<br>experienced<br>senior<br>faculty/staff<br>members | TBD  | Mentorship<br>Policy<br>developed and<br>being<br>implmented                              |
|   | iv. Enhance the use of the digital repository of research resources and publications  | Library/ DRID/SoGRaS                | 2025-2028 | March, 2025         | Library staff<br>to support<br>Faculty and<br>students                             | -  | Upload of all completed thesis and articles in non-virtual outlets to increase visibility |
|   | v. Establish Recognition and Incentive Systems by creating annual research excellence awards.   | DRID/ Pro-VC/Rectors                | 2025-2028 | June, 2025          | Award<br>committee<br>members  | Provision<br>made for in<br>the annual<br>budget;<br>percentage<br>of grants;<br>sponsorship<br>from<br>partners | Policy/guidelines on incentive and annual award for staff;  Organization of annual        |

| Specific<br>Objectives  | Actions to achieve objectives   | Task owners         | Timeframe | Specific<br>start Date      | Resources<br>Required  | Budget<br>(GHC)   | Output/<br>Outcomes/K<br>PIs  |
|---|---|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|--|---|---|
|   | vi. Ensure all staff members especially create research accounts such as Google Scholar, ORCID to improve University's research matrix. | DRID/Deans/HoDs     | 2025-2028 | June,2025                   | DRID and<br>Library staff<br>to assist<br>faculty<br>members                   | -   | incentive and awards programme All staff have to create research accounts; Data base created by by DRID to collate accounts of all staff and monitor international ranking and visibility |
| 2. Create a pool for funding research that aligns with institutional vision | i. Establish a Sustainable Research Fund by allocating a percentage of the university's annual budget to research                       | VC/DoF/Pro-VC/DRID  | 2025-2028 | December,2025               |  | 0.5% of IGF/0.5% grants/0.5% of Consultancy services provided by university | Creation of a<br>research fund<br>managed by<br>DRID and<br>Office of Pro-<br>VC  |
|   | v. Align funding with strategic research priorities by conducting a stakeholder consultation to identify priority research areas.       | DRID/Rectors/Deans  | 2025-2028 | September,2025              | Committee<br>members<br>formed for<br>each institute<br>coordinated<br>by DRID | Funded by institutes  | A profile of priority research areas by institutes aligned to universities vision   |
|   | vi. Develop a five-<br>year research strategy<br>document.  | DRID/Pro-VC/Rectors | 2025-2028 | 31 <sup>st</sup> July, 2025 | Selected<br>members<br>from institute<br>led by DRID<br>to put                 | TBD   | A 5-year<br>research<br>strategy<br>document  |

| Specific<br>Objectives   | Actions to achieve objectives   | Task owners    | Timeframe       | Specific<br>start Date      | Resources<br>Required  | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/K<br>PIs  |
|--|---|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------|---|
|  |   |                |                 |                             | profiled areas<br>together                                   |                 |   |
| 3. Empower DRID to foster donor engagement for grant attraction and management to intensify research | i. Develop a policy on grants management for the university.                                | DRID/Pro-VC    | March-July,2025 | 31st July,2025              | Committee members  | -               | Grant<br>management<br>policy<br>Developed  |
|  | ii. Recruit specialised<br>staff with expertise in<br>grant writing and<br>donor relations. | VC/HRD/DRID    | December, 2025  | December,<br>2025           | -  | -               | 2 staff members<br>trained to<br>search for<br>grants/DRID<br>representative<br>in institutes |
|  | iii. Provide<br>professional<br>development for<br>existing DRID staff                      | DRID           | July, 2025      | 31 <sup>st</sup> July, 2025 | Experts to<br>train staff and<br>DRIP reps<br>for institutes | -               | Staff and DRID representatives in institutes trained  |
|  | iv. Restructure DRID to create specialised units for different funding sources.             | VC/Pro-VC/DRID | July, 2025      | 31 <sup>st</sup> July, 2025 |  |                 |   |

| Specific<br>Objectives   | Actions to achieve objectives  | Task owners   | Timeframe               | Specific<br>start Date      | Resources<br>Required  | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/K<br>PIs   |
|--|--|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------|--|
|  | v. Develop a Comprehensive Donor Engagement Strategy by creating a database of potential donors/funders aligned with research priorities.                | DRID/Pro-VC   | March-<br>December,2025 | 2028                        | Small interdisciplin ary groups to work on calls by strategic donors/fund ers                                | TBD             | Development<br>of donor<br>engagement<br>strategy;<br>minimum of 5<br>applications for<br>grants every<br>year |
|  | vi. Enhance grant writing and management Support by developing a grant writing support unit within DRID.   | DRID/Pro-VC   | March-July, 2025        | 31 <sup>st</sup> July, 2025 | Officer to coordinate unit and reps from institutes  | -               | Establishment of grant writing support unit with institutional reps  |
|  | v. Build Strategic Partnerships by identifying and prioritizing potential institutional partners (universities, research institutes, industry).          | DRID/International<br>Relations/Alumni<br>Relations | March-<br>December,2025 | 2028                        | Grant support officers in institutes liaise with International relations to scout for institutional partners | TBD             | Profile on institutional partners  |
| 4. Strengthen DRID to promote standard practices that permeate all research activities | i. Develop and Implement Comprehensive Research Policies and Guidelines covering ethics, data management, intellectual property, and research integrity. | DRID/SoGRaS/Pro-VC                                  | March-Sept, 2025        | 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept,2025  | Committee<br>members<br>drawn from<br>institutes   | TBD             | Comprehensive<br>research policy<br>and guideline<br>developed   |

| Specific<br>Objectives   | Actions to achieve objectives  | Task owners                            | Timeframe               | Specific<br>start Date     | Resources<br>Required   | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/K<br>PIs   |
|--|--|--|-------------------------|----------------------------|---|-----------------|--|
|  | ii. set up an ethics<br>committee to review<br>methodologies and<br>tools of graduate<br>students before data<br>collection.                               | DRID/SoGRaS                            | March-June,2025         | 30 <sup>th</sup> June,2025 | Committee<br>members<br>drawn from<br>institutes                      | -               | Ethics Committee formed and Development of standardised templates and checklists for research protocols, ethics applications, and progress reporting |
| 5. Create Centres of<br>Excellence in each<br>Institute to liaise<br>with relevant<br>industry partners to<br>conduct research | i. Conduct strategic<br>analysis for centre<br>establishment by<br>identifying key<br>research strengths<br>and potential niche<br>areas of each institute | Rectors/Pro-VC/DRID                    | 2025-2028               | 2028                       | Team for grant proposal writing for establishment of centres          | TBD             | Establishment<br>of 2 centres by<br>2028   |
|  | ii. Perform industry<br>mapping to identify<br>potential strategic<br>partners for each<br>institute   | Business<br>development/Rectors        | March-<br>December,2025 | 31st<br>December,2025      | Staff of<br>business<br>development<br>and reps<br>from<br>institutes | -               | Dossier and data of strategic partners for each institute  |
|  | iii. Create robust governance and operational Structures by establishing advisory boards for each Centre with membership from both academia and industry.  | VC/HR/Rectors<br>/Business development | 2028                    | 2028                       | Selected<br>faculty<br>members and<br>industry<br>experts             | -               | Advisory<br>Boards for<br>centres of<br>excellence<br>established  |

| Specific<br>Objectives  | Actions to achieve objectives  | Task owners                               | Timeframe             | Specific<br>start Date | Resources<br>Required  | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/K<br>PIs  |
|---|--|---|-----------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------|---|
|   | iv. Develop Industry Engagement Frameworks by creating standardized but flexible partnership agreements for industry collaboration                 | Business<br>development/Rectors/<br>Deans | March-July,2025       | 31st July, 2025        | Staff and<br>committee<br>members to<br>develop<br>framework       | -               | Industry<br>engagement<br>and partnership<br>framework  |
| 6. Strengthen Business Development Unit to coordinate and commercialise research outputs/products | i. Develop and<br>Intellectual property<br>policy and coordinate<br>the commercialisation<br>of<br>Research output                                 | DRID/Business<br>development/Rectors      | March-August,<br>2025 | 31st Aug,2025          | Head of<br>Business<br>development<br>and<br>committee<br>members. | -               | Intellectual Property Policy and profile of research outputs that can be commercialised             |
|   | ii. Create a structured commercialisation Pipeline by developing clear processes for identifying commercially viable research.                     | Business development unit/Rectors/DRID    | March-<br>August,2025 | 31st Aug,2025          | Head of<br>business<br>development<br>and reps of<br>institutes    | -               | Clear and<br>comprehensive<br>guidelines for<br>identifying<br>commercially<br>viable research      |
|   | iii. Build Market Intelligence and outreach capacity by creating a marketing strategy for university research outputs.                             | Business development<br>/Rectors/DRID     | March, 2025           | June, 2025             | Head of<br>business<br>development<br>and reps of<br>institutes    | -               | A profile of<br>Industries and<br>institutions that<br>are potential<br>users of<br>research output |
| 7. Provide requisite infrastructure and digital tools to enhance research                         | i. Establish shared research facilities and equipment management system by creating centralised research facilities that all institutes can access | Library/DRID                              | 2025-2028             | June, 2025             | Research<br>facilities and<br>equipment                            | -               | State of the art<br>library<br>resources and<br>equipment<br>developed                              |

| Specific<br>Objectives | Actions to achieve objectives   | Task owners          | Timeframe | Specific<br>start Date | Resources<br>Required                                  | Budget<br>(GHC) | Output/<br>Outcomes/K<br>PIs                                   |
|------------------------|---|----------------------|-----------|------------------------|--|-----------------|--|
|                        | iii. Provide specialised<br>software for data<br>analysis across<br>different disciplines<br>for graduate students<br>and faculty | DRID/Graduate school | 2025      | 2028                   | Experts to<br>teach the use<br>of analysis<br>software | GHS<br>50,000   | Software for quantitative and qualitative data analysis bought |

## 5.0 CONCLUSION

The Vice-Chancellor's Vision and its Implementation Plan set a bold and transformative agenda for the University of Media, Arts and Communication (UniMAC), positioning it as a globally competitive institution in media, arts and communication education. This plan is not merely a statement of intent, but a structured, actionable roadmap designed to achieve measurable progress across human resource development, infrastructural expansion, financial sustainability, and governance excellence.

Guided by a comprehensive SWOT analysis, the plan responds to UniMAC's institutional strengths, challenges, and opportunities, ensuring that every strategic intervention is data-driven, goal-oriented, and aligned with national and global higher education standards. Each thematic area has been carefully structured with overarching goals, specific objectives, and implementation strategies, ensuring that UniMAC remains at the forefront of innovation, academic excellence, and industry relevance. The commitment to faculty and staff development, through structured bursary and scholarship support, leadership training, and welfare enhancement, ensures that UniMAC attracts and retains highly skilled professionals who will drive its academic and operational success. The expansion and modernisation of infrastructure, particularly in teaching, research, and student accommodation, will significantly improve the learning experience and administrative efficiency. Furthermore, the establishment of UniMAC Enterprise Limited (UMACEL), the UniMAC Endowment Fund, and strategic industry partnerships will provide sustainable financial resources to support institutional growth.

Crucially, the advocacy for policy refinement and governance reform, particularly the proposed amendments to Act 1059, will streamline institutional structures, eliminate redundancies, and enhance UniMAC's operational autonomy. The adoption of digital governance systems and a strengthened communication and stakeholder engagement strategy will

ensure greater transparency, accountability, and participatory governance. This Implementation Plan represents a collective vision and shared responsibility, one that requires collaboration, commitment, and innovation from leadership, faculty, staff, students, and external partners. As UniMAC embarks on this transformative journey, the focus remains steadfast on building an institution that is future-ready, globally relevant, financially resilient, and a leader in media, arts, and communication education. The successful execution of this plan will not only elevate UniMAC's standing in higher education but will also have a lasting impact on the creative and communication industries, producing graduates who are skilled, innovative, and globally competitive. With this vision in place, UniMAC is poised to chart a new course of excellence, one that will shape the next generation of media and communication professionals, drive groundbreaking research, and solidify its place as a premier institution for higher education in Africa and beyond.

