



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

REMARKS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROF. GEORGE A.O. MAGOHA, DURING THE LAUNCH OF THE RAPID RESULTS INITIATIVE ON THE ROLE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA 2010, AND SENSITIZATION OF STAFF ON PUBLIC SERVICE INTEGRITY

{Speech read by Prof. Isaac Jumba, Ag. Principal, College of Education and External Studies on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, University of Nairobi }

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STUDIES, KIKUYU CAMPUS**

DATE: AUGUST 20, 2013 AT 2.00 PM.

- **Chairman of Constitution Implementation**

**Commission, Represented by Prof. Enos Njeru,
Principal, College of Humanities and Social
Sciences**

- **Vice Chancellor, Presbyterian University of East Africa (PUEA)**
- **Deputy Principal, CEES**
- **Ms. Naomi Njuguna, Resource Person – School of Law, UoN**
- **Chief Legal Officer, UoN**
- **Executive Director, UoN Alumni Association**
- **Deans & Directors of schools**
- **Chairmen of Departments**
- **The OCS Kikuyu, Police Station**
- **Staff**
- **Students**
- **Distinguished Guests**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen**

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to the launch of the Rapid Results Initiative (RRI) on the Implementation of the Constitution and the

sensitization of staff on Public Service Integrity at the College of Education and External Studies. I am happy to welcome our Chief Guest, Prof. Njeru and other distinguished guests for honouring our invitation to officiate at this function at short notice.

Ladies and gentlemen, the launch of the Constitutional sensitization of the constitution and the public integrity programme demonstrates that the University of Nairobi, remains the leader in spearheading and embracing public sector reforms. More crucially, this initiative will entrench our constitution in the lives of the University community and the larger society. I am extremely delighted that the College of Education and External Studies is part of this process.

Ladies and gentlemen, the University of Nairobi has made major strides in embracing the new constitution. At the University level, we have circulated both hard and soft copies of the constitution to our members of staff and students as the first step towards sensitization. The second phase, which is the most critical one, is the sensitization of the large University

community of over 200,000 comprising of staff, students and alumni who play critical roles in the affairs of the University and the country at large.

I am here to report that the College of Education and External Studies will remain steadfast in the realization of total implementation of all the phases of this 100-day Rapid Response Initiative. We warmly welcome our invited guests particularly from the surrounding environment to support the initiative.

In this second phase, we are partnering with the Commission for the Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) as the constitutional body and the Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission (EACC) as the body in charge of anti-corruption and integrity programme in the country. Our objectives is to increase awareness of the constitution and embrace integrity as part of our College culture that has continued to play a critical role in our lives. The University and indeed the College Management in consultation with CIC and EACC, will fast-track constitutional sensitization as part of the integrity

programme as enshrined in the constitution as a Rapid Results Initiative (RRI).

The reason for the RRI is obvious. It takes a shorter time in implementation and covers the wider university community, including individual staff and students in the sensitization. Indeed our experience in steering reforms using RRI has been successful especially with regard to student reforms such as online registration and clearance, and issuance of transcripts.

It is worth noting that the University of Nairobi staff have individually played key roles in the drafting and implementation of the constitution, and now it is time for a partnership with CIC to provide leadership in the sensitization of the document in this College.

For the EACC, the University has collaborated before with its predecessors for over 10 years. This collaboration has led to the training of integrity champions who are based in all colleges including the College of Education and External Studies, as well as the central administration departments. The prime

goal is to spearhead the anti-corruption crusade and inculcate integrity values.

Ladies and gentlemen, the launch of this sensitization programme will empower the College to participate fully in the execution of the University's reform programme. As our show of commitment, the programme has been entrenched in our College performance contract and we are expected to provide progress reports quarterly. At the end of the 100-day cycle of the programme, we expect the community to be enlightened on matters of the constitution and entrench the integrity programme. The programme also comes at the backdrop of a successful implementation of the New Universities Act, in which we were awarded a new charter.

With those few remarks, it is my pleasure to welcome Prof. Enos Njeru to give his remarks and launch the constitutional sensitization and integrity programme, on behalf of the Chairman of the Constitution Implementation Commission.

Thank you and God bless you all.

