



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND EXTERNAL STUDIES

WELCOMING REMARKS BY THE AG. PRINCIPAL, ON THE OCCASSION OF THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE DETA 2013 CONFERENCE AT KENYA SCIENCE CAMPUS JULY 29TH – AUGUST 1ST 2013

The Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, represented here by Prof. Collette Suda, Principal Secretary

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Nairobi, represented by Prof. Lucy Irungu, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, Production and Extension

Other Vice-Chancellors present

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Pretoria, Prof. Antony Melck

The Conference Organizing Committee steered by the co-chairs Prof. Henry Mutoro of the University of Nairobi and Dr. Johan Hendrikz of the University of Pretoria

Keynote Speakers

Deans of Faculties and Schools from the various Universities

Distinguished guests and participants

Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee which was ably chaired by Prof. Henry Mutoro who will be joining us shortly, I wish to warmly welcome you to the University of Nairobi College of Education and External Studies, and in particular to the Kenya Science Campus. I have noted that this Conference is being attended by participants from some 20 countries representing three continents – North America, Europe and Africa. Please feel absolutely at home while in Kenya.

Now allow me to say something about the college. It is one of the six colleges that constitute the University of Nairobi. For those of you who wish to know, the other five colleges are strategically located around the city each tasked with specific training and academic disciplines: Architecture and Engineering; Biological and Physical Sciences; Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences; Health Sciences; and Humanities and Social Sciences. The headquarters of the College of Education and External Studies (CEES) are located at Kikuyu Campus, some twelve kilometers north west of here. The college also has two satellite campuses located at Kisumu and Mombasa.

The vision of the College is “To be a leading Centre in Teacher Education, Open Learning Research and Community Service for sustainable development.” To realize this the college has set itself to spearhead the generation, acquisition, application, dissemination and preservation of knowledge in its areas of

competence, including consultancy and research, training of graduate teachers and open, distance and e-learning. In order to reach out to as many learners, the College has established regional centers across the country where our programmes are taught using face-to-face mode. The College also hosts the Centre for Open and Distance Learning and the Centre for e-Learning, both of which provide training and other services to the entire University. It is therefore befitting that the College is hosting this conference whose theme is “Teacher Education and Development in Africa: The need for access, equity, sustainability, quality and relevance within the context of globalization.”

We at CEES are happy to be associated with DETA, and we are more than delighted to host DETA 2013. Today we are formally making it a reality following a long journey of preparations. May I therefore take this opportunity to wish you a very fruitful participation and enjoyable stay in Nairobi.

It is now my pleasure and honour to call upon the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Research, Production and Extension to make some remarks and then invite the Principal Secretary Ministry of Education, Science and Technology to officially open the conference on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary.

Thank you and be blessed abundantly.

Prof. I. Jumba
Ag. Principal, CEES