LADIES AND GENT.......  

As the clarion call for Education for All (EFA) reaches sunset years in 2015, it is critical for the world community to reaffirm the education as a basic human right to all.
Together with others, it is important that we embrace the unique opportunity each stakeholder plays in the development of education to achieve the set international and national goals.
EFA 2015 is almost changing name to EFA Post 2015, and the development partners are taking stock of what magic can work to achieve EFA by 2015. This is one of the major reasons why we are here today and tomorrow.
Tracing the EFA path since Jointen, 1990 EFA conference, the journey has had several successes and challenges. Some of the challenges remain even today. Successive international commitments have been done towards EFA 2015.
Dakar, Senegal, 2000 meeting reiterated the commitments by coming up with 6 EFA goals. According to EFA Global Monitoring Report, 2012, 13 years today many of the EFA targets are slowing down and that most of the goals are unlikely to be met.
Ladies and gentlemen, we note that by 2010, 61 million children were noted to be out of school and majority are in Sub-Saharan Africa. Therefore, governments and other stakeholders, have a responsibility to increase support and address the out of school children to prevent falling back out of the track and losing the already hard earned gains in our education sector.
As we spend the 2 days in this workshop, let us focus on the urgent needs towards EFA 2015, and if we have to go post 2015, we need to redefine the path. Each organization represented here, should rethink the best path to fast-track the EFA agenda, which should help define our group commitments and actions for both national and international agenda towards EFA 2015.
In conclusion, this workshop has come at a better time when the education sector all over the world is looked upon to gear towards human capital development necessary to push the world to greater heights and in Kenya towards vision 2030.
University of Nairobi, the host of this workshop, is guided by the vision of being a world Class University committed to scholarly excellence towards provision of quality education and training to the global community. As we continue addressing how better we can meet our clientele demand, the outcome of this workshop will not only help us understand our role,
but will also challenge us to rethink on collaborative partnerships to address a common agenda of providing quality education for all now and beyond 2015.

WITH THESE FEW REMARKS.................