ADDRESS BY PROF. HENRY W. MUTORO, PRINCIPAL, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND EXTERNAL STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI DURING THE LAUNCH OF VISION 2030 FLAGSHIP PROGRAMMES AT THE MAIN CAMPUS EDUCATION HALL II ON FRIDAY 22ND JUNE 2012.
➢ The Vice Chancellor, UoN,

➢ Deputy Vice Chancellors, UoN,

➢ Principals of Colleges,

➢ Deputy Principal’s of Colleges,

➢ Deans and Directors,

➢ Chairmen of Departments,

➢ Staff members of the university,

➢ Students,

➢ Ladies and Gentlemen.
It is my pleasure to welcome you for the official launch of our two vision 2030 flagship programmes that is Master of Arts in Project Planning and Management and Master of Distance Education.

First of all I want to thank the Vice Chancellor Prof. George Magoha for the support he has extended to our College which has enabled us to reach this far.

I also want to thank the Centre for Open and Distance Learning and the e-Learning Centre which have been instrumental in making sure that these programmes are delivered through open, distance and e-Learning modes.

The School of Continuing and Distance Education through the Department of Extra-Mural Studies and Department of Distance Studies has also been instrumental in realizing this project.
Ladies and Gentlemen, the College of Education and External Studies, in the year 2011/2012 identified and committed itself to develop self instructional materials in print and e-Learning forms in readiness to launch these two programmes.

It is expected that these programmes will contribute directly to the achievement of the vision 2030 goals set by the Government.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the objectives of Master of Arts in Project Planning and Management are:-

- To provide training and opportunity in Project Planning and Management.
- To expose the learners to the concepts, principles and theories of Project Planning and Management.
- To provide the learners with knowledge and skills for developing, Managing, monitoring and evaluating projects and
- To develop capacity in Project Planning and Management for steering the country’s endeavour of achieving vision 2030.

Similarly, the objectives of Master of Distance Education are:-

- To provide advance training and opportunities in Distance Education.
- To expose the learner to theories and concepts for planning, developing and producing effective distance materials for solving education problems.
- To provide learners with skills and knowledge necessary to critically evaluate effectiveness of different media used in open and distance education and
- Finally, to develop capacity for managing the in-service required for changing the mindset of Kenyans to cope with the requirements of the vision 2030.
Ladies and Gentlemen, the College of Education and External Studies has been in forefront in diversifying, enhancing and enriching its academic programmes to meet the needs of the learners. It is through this effort that has enabled the College to offer its programmes to students who are scattered all over the country.

It is expected that with the launching of these programmes, the College will not only reach students who are anywhere in the country, but also those who are anywhere in the world.

Ladies and Gentlemen, currently the College through its units collaborates to offer various programmes through Open and Distance Learning Modes with other Colleges of the University. It is our believe that these programs will soon start being offered using the e-learning technology as well. On the same note I take this opportunity to challenge our sister colleges the embrace the Open Distance and e-learning
technologies since this is the way to go for any thinking world class university.

The College of Education and External Studies will continue to be at the forefront in utilizing these new technologies in its delivery of academic programmes.

Ladies and Gentlemen, with those few remarks, I now wish to invite the Vice Chancellor to address us and officially launch the Vision 2030 Flagship Programmes.

God bless you.