



UNIVERSITY OF EMBU

SPEECH BY

**THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF EMBU COUNCIL**

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**ON THE OCCASION OF CELEBRATIONS
TO MARK ISO CERTIFICATION AND
LAUNCHING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
EMBU STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2028**

**TO BE HELD AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF EMBU – CHARTER HALL
ON**

FRIDAY, 5TH OCTOBER 2018 AT 9.00 A.M.



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- ✓ Mr. Harry Mwangi Gioche, Director, Livestock Production **representing** the Principal Secretary, State Department for Agricultural Research, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock & Fisheries, Prof. Hamadi Boga
- ✓ The Chancellor, University of Embu – Prof. Paul Musili Wambua
- ✓ The Vice-Chancellor – Prof. Daniel Mugendi
- ✓ Invited Guests
- ✓ University Council Members
- ✓ University Management & Senate
- ✓ Staff and Students
- ✓ Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good Morning.

This is indeed a great occasion for all of us at the University of Embu. On behalf of the University Council, let me start by welcoming all our invited guests, Staff, Students, well-wishers and all our



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Stakeholders to the University of Embu and to this important occasion.

I thank you all for honoring our invitation and coming to be with us as we celebrate very key achievements in our University that are bound to shape the future of this institution.

Today, we are a very proud University of Embu Family and we have come here to shout out to the whole world for everyone to know that our University has recorded great achievements that cannot go unnoticed.

We are here to launch our Strategic Plan - 2018-2028; as well as celebrate the University's **re-certification** to ISO 9001:2015, Quality Management System (QMS) and **certification** to ISO 27001:2013, Information Security Management Systems (ISMS).

I will begin with the University Strategic Plan:



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This is indeed a very exciting moment for us and in the University's history because it gives us a unique opportunity to position and maintain our University among the most prominent higher education institutions in our country and beyond through the new 2018-2028 Strategic Plan.

Planning for the future requires a carefully conceptualized picture of the future that we envisage for our University. With this picture in mind, we can then generate the actual strategies and activities required for us to get to our vision and also to deliver the expected strategic results.

I commend the team that was involved in the consultations, the discussions and the drafting of the new Strategic Plan. You will all agree with me that planning for the future is a tedious, time-consuming but very important task.



I know the team has spent hours and days in meetings, consultations, engagements, group working and re-working, incorporating fresh ideas from stakeholders and more so making sure that the Plan will be a solid foundation to guide the University to its next level following the successful implementation of the University's first 2014-2018 Strategic Plan.

The First Strategic Plan gave direction to the Constituent College with the main focus being on growth and development geared towards attainment of the Charter and a full-fledged University status.

The Second Plan that we are launching today, will take over from there and continue with the same momentum to transform the University's atmosphere and landscape with the aim of making the University of Embu a global leader in teaching and learning, training and skills development, and knowledge generation through cutting-edge research.



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I am confident that the team we have with us, led by our Chancellor and comprising of the University Council, the University Management, Staff and Students are all up to the task and we will be able to deliver on the promises of our new Strategic Plan.

On the University's **re-certification** to ISO 9001:2015, Quality Management System (QMS) and **certification** to ISO 27001:2013, Information Security Management Systems (ISMS), I must say hongera, congratulations to the whole University Community for becoming the first University in Kenya to attain ISO 27001:2013 ISMS Certification. This is indeed no mean feat.

As we strive to move this University to be the top world-class epicentre of excellence in training and research, we need to embrace the culture of maintaining very high standards in all our operations. We need to institutionalize the culture of excellence



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in every sphere of our operations through adopting internationally recognized standards and continuing to adhere to statutory regulations and compliance to high quality standards.

Finally, I believe from today onwards, the University of Embu will never be the same again. Through the Strategic Plan that we launch today, we will not sleep; we will not spare any effort or resources until we see that we have reached the place promised by our strategic plan.

I am very proud of all our capable and committed Council, Management, staff and students and I know we shall make it.

With those few remarks, I conclude by urging the government, both at the National and County level and all our friends to continue supporting us and helping us to grow just as you have done since the establishment of the University.



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I look forward to everyone bringing the best of what we have to make a better future for our University, where we can serve our students, staff, our stakeholders and the community even better.

Achievement comes as a result of great sacrifice and we are all ready to sacrifice and go the extra mile to build the University of Embu to be the best.

Thank You. God Bless You All.



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