



UNIVERSITY OF EMBU

**SPEECH BY
THE CHANCELLOR,
UNIVERSITY OF EMBU
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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 Chairman of University of Embu Council – Dr. Margaret Gikuhi
- ✓ The Vice-Chancellor – Prof. Daniel Mugendi
- ✓ Invited Guests
- ✓ University Council Members
- ✓ University Management & Senate
- ✓ Staff and Students
- ✓ Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good Morning.

It is with great pleasure to come back to the University to participate in yet another Ceremony less than a month since we held the 3rd Graduation Ceremony. The purpose of ceremony this morning is



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to launch the University of Embu Strategic Plan 2018-2028 and to join the University Community in celebrating the University's **re-certification** to ISO 9001:2015, Quality Management System (QMS) and **certification** to ISO 27001:2013, Information Security Management Systems (ISMS).

Let me welcome all of you who are here with us today and thank you for joining us in the celebrations. It always gratifying when we have celebrations at the University especially when we are celebrating achievements. Indeed it has become our tradition at the University of Embu – there is always something to celebrate.

Today, even as we celebrate the University's achievements in ISO Quality Management System and Information Security Management System and chart out the future guided by our new Strategic Plan, we must remain conscious of the great challenges that are all over and around us. We are living in difficult



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times when the economy is not able to fully support Universities financially in terms of development; which means we have to work harder to generate resources to implement our Strategic Plan.

Yet despite these realities, the University must continue to do what it is supposed to do; that is to produce top-quality graduates, improve human lives, generate new knowledge, provide solutions for community needs through research and contribute to the intellectual capital of our nation and the world.

This means that our success or failure depends on how we manage these complex challenges. Therefore, it is upon each one of us to make their contribution in whatever capacity you are in so as to make the University successful.

As we launch the 2018-2028 Strategic Plan and celebrate ISO certification, it is my view that the following three elements remain critical to the University and its success;



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1. Provision of adequate facilities for Teaching, Learning and Research to enhance the students' and staff experience;
2. Maintenance of quality and compliance with high standards in all our operations; and
3. Building a strong brand and reputation anchored on excellence.

I commend the University Council and Management for their untiring efforts to ensure that the three elements are given the necessary attention even when the university encounters tough economic challenges. I must observe that so far we have made significant progress in this University since its establishment and it is our wish that we maintain this tempo with our new Vision 2028.

For us to achieve the strategic objectives of this plan we are launching today, we need to develop a stable and sustainable funding model for the University that compliments government funding – which as we all know might continue dwindling as the years go by. It



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is against this background that the University is working on the establishment of an Endowment Fund to be launched very soon. This fund is expected to plug in some fresh resources that will go a long way in improving the University facilities as well as helping needy students to go through their studies with much less difficulties.

On the implementation of the ISO certification for the two standards that we are celebrating today, I must also commend all the staff and the team that was involved in the journey towards certification. The attainment of ISO 9001:2015, Quality Management System (QMS) **re-certification** and **certification** to ISO 27001:2013, Information Security Management Systems (ISMS) mirrors the commitment of the University of Embu towards maintaining its reputation for being a University that cares for its customers and stakeholders. In this regard, providing the highest quality of service to our customers will



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always be our top priority and we will keep on improving until we attain the highest customer satisfaction rating.

Finally, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me conclude by wishing you all the best as we start this journey of implementing our Strategic Plan 2018-2028. I know we will rise to the occasion as we have done in the past; working together towards achieving our goals; supported by the Staff, the Students, the Community, our Well-wishers, and our Stakeholders; together we will make the wise decisions, find common ground, and take bold actions to ensure the success of the University of Embu.

God Bless the University of Embu.

Thank you.



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