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DURING THE

AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY  
FORUM

HELD AT

THE UNIVERSITY OF EMBU

ON

WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2017

**The Chancellor;**

**Our Partners;**

**The Deputy Vice Chancellors and Members of  
the University Management;**

**Facilitators;**

**University of Embu Staff and Students**

**Distinguished Participants and guests;**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

**Good Morning,**

It is my great pleasure and privilege to welcome all of you to University of Embu and to this unique gathering, which brings together, key representatives from various Institutions, stakeholders, students and researchers on a most timely topic of interest: that is, Agricultural Biotechnology.

We are proud to host this event and would like to express our utmost gratitude to participants and our sponsors, The National Commission for Science and Technology Innovation (NACOSTI) and The International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-Biotech Applications.

The University continues to play a leading role in the development and expansion of opportunities for higher education and research and welcomes every event that creates a forum for sharing information on emerging technologies. It is for this reason that University of Embu seeks to develop a model for engaging stakeholders in various walks of life to dialogue and disseminate information to all citizens of our country led by the academia and researchers who are the primary generators of this knowledge.

I hope that this forum will provide you with an opportunity to exchange ideas on the role of Agricultural Biotechnology in Kenya and indeed globally.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

This forum provides an excellent opportunity for participants to gain a better understanding of Agricultural biotechnology. The world is looking for solutions to global and local challenges as well as advancing knowledge and innovations to enhance human wellness. However, there is a need for recognition of the role Agricultural biotechnology innovations play in enhancing and tackling challenges affecting humanity particularly in the area of food production.

We need to be involved and engage in the discussion as the issues unfold.

Therefore, over the next two days, we have the opportunity, and indeed the responsibility, to exchange ideas on the potential impact of Agricultural biotechnology in our country and in catalyzing development and human wellness.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

It is now my honor to introduce to you our Chancellor, Professor Paul Musili Wambua to give his speech and officially open the forum.

Thank you.

**Professor Daniel Mugendi Njiru**  
**Vice Chancellor, University of Embu**