



UNIVERSITY OF EMBU

OPENING REMARKS

By

PROF. DANIEL MUGENDI NJIRU, Ph.D

Vice-Chancellor,

University of Embu

During

The signing of MoU

between

Equity Bank Ltd and University of Embu

On

Wednesday, 16th March 2022



- Mr. Polycarp Igathe, the Group Chief Commercial Officer (GCCO)
- Management and Staff of Equity Bank Ltd
- Members of Management and Staff of University of Embu

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning,

- It gives me great pleasure to note that the partnership that we started with Equity Bank Ltd has now materialized.
- Today's meeting is a culmination of a series of meetings and engagements jointly organized by the University and the Bank.
- I recall that the University hosted the team from Equity Bank led by the Group Chief Commercial Officer (GCCO), Mr. Polycarp Igathe on 20th May, 2021 where we lay the foundation for the development of the MoU that we are signing today.
- For us, this is a dream come true because the MoU will now concretize the partnership between the Bank and University for the mutual benefit of both our institutions and our members.
- I particularly wish to take this opportunity to thank the technical team from the Bank and the University that has been working on the finer details of this MoU for doing a thorough job and also being efficient in the Delivery of the document.
- The areas of cooperation shall include activities or programmes of mutual interest to both institutions as well as the empowerment of the community.
- Some of the specific areas of collaboration envisioned in the MoU include:
 1. Promotion of education, leadership development and mentorship
 2. Provision of competitive financial services



3. Capacity development
 4. Economic empowerment
 5. Energy and environmental conservation
 6. Supporting innovation through incubation
 7. Enhancing food security and Agriculture processes
 8. Provision of health and insurance services
- As a University, we are committed to ensuring that the objectives of this MoU are fully realized. We shall go flat out to develop, implement and strengthen the cooperative relationship between the Bank and the University as envisaged by this MoU.
 - I call upon the Joint Implementation Technical Team appointed by the two institutions will also work round the clock to pick out the aspects of the MoU that can be Implemented right away, that is in the short run and also map out the ones that are long term.
 - In conclusion, I once again commend the team from Equity Bank Ltd as well as the University of Embu team for a job well done. It is now time to go to the next level and start reaping the fruits of our relationship.
 - Ladies and gentlemen, with those few remarks, I thank you all and wish you all the best in this endeavor.

Thank you all and God bless you.

Prof. Daniel Mugendi Njiru, Ph.D
VICE-CHANCELLOR

