UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

REMARKS MADE BY PROF. GEORGE A.O. MAGOHA, VICE-CHANCELLOR (UON)
DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP TO STRATEGIZE ON IMPROVEMENT OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

The Principal, CEES
The Dean, School of Education
Invited Guests
Ladies and Gentlemen

It is with pleasure that I come to participate and officiate at the opening
仪式 of this exercise where the staff of the School of Education are
supposed to strategize on improvement of academic programmes and
research.

The School of Education has made major contributions to the teaching of all
programmes in education both undergraduate and postgraduate.

In addition, the School has graduate programmes that are taught to
educational personnel of various cadre, and serving at different levels in the
Ministry of Education.

The undergraduate programmes were started in 1988 where as the graduate
programmes were started in 1996. Within this duration the School has
acquired new staff that need to be inducted and fully incorporated in the
School.

As you are aware, there has been an increase of opening of Universities in the
country offering the same academic programmes. As a result the number of
applicants wanting to join the School of Education has gone down due to competition.

The goals of this workshop are formulated as follows:-

- Take stock of the research activities of the school and develop strategies for improving them.
- Examine the School operations and attempt to align them with ISO standards.
- Propose the development of new programmes, partnerships and linkages.
- To competitively benchmark all academic programmes and prescribe world class standards to be met by each academic programme.
- To provide budgetary support to programmes to meet the set standards.
- To propose strategies of marketing programmes in the School.

It is my hope and belief that the workshop will manage to score on the above goals. That is the only way we can say the workshop will be successful.

I note with interest that the School has further picked on issues raised by the ISO audits, and the need to address them. In particular, the need to continue strategizing on improvement of academic programmes and research.

As you are aware, ISO certification and conformity with ISO standards entail being on your toes all the time, to ensure that standards are of the right quality and meet the customer requirements.

As you will note, the key words are “World Class Standards” which not only form the core of ISO, but are encapsulated in the University’s Vision.

Ladies and gentlemen,
The success of this workshop cannot be gauged today or tomorrow. It will take months and years. It is my earnest hope that each one of you, singularly or severally, manage to do what they set out to achieve with the days you will be here. Let us always ensure that our academic programmes and research are demand-driven, that it is designed to tackle the needs of the market and problems in society. This is core to our operations if we are to remain relevant.
With those remarks, it is my duty to declare this workshop officially opened. Have a good day and a blessed weekend.

Thank you very much.