

Mount Kenya



University

REMARKS

BY

Prof. Stanley W. Waudu, Ph.D.

VICE-CHANCELLOR

AT

**MAKERERE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF HEALTH
SCIENCES AND MOUNT KENYA UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AGREEMENT
SIGNING CEREMONY**

ON

19TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

1.0 Salutation

- Madam Jane Nyutu, Co-Founder of Mount Kenya University,
- Dr. Vincent Gaitho, Vice-Chairman, University Council,
- Deputy Vice-Chancellors Present,
- Registrar, Academic Administration,
- Our Distinguished Guests:
 - ✚ Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, Vice Chancellor, Makerere University,
 - ✚ Prof. Charles Ibingira the Principal, College of Health Sciences
 - ✚ Goddy Muhangunzi Muhumuza, Ag. Director, Legal Affairs,
 - ✚ Prof. Moses Joloba, Dean, School of Biomedical Science
 - ✚ Prof. Nazarius Mbona , Coordinator

- Dr. Stanley Kangethe, Principal, College of Health Sciences,
- Deans of Schools present,
- Principals and Directors present,
- Heads of Departments present,
- Student Leaders present,
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

2.0 Welcoming Remarks

On behalf of the Mount Kenya University Management, I take this opportunity to welcome our guests from Makerere University. Indeed we are happy that the two institutions have agreed to work together. The benefits of working together are many including creating synergy necessary for effective implementation of the University mission. Also partnership brings optimism that facilitates:

- i) Seeing a glass as half full but not half empty.
- ii) Developing an attitude that is centred on what is good.
- iii) Seeing opportunities out of difficulties / challenges.
- iv) Enhancing competitiveness, the desire to be the best.

- v) Creating synergy that results in both effective implementation of the institutional mission and creating training centres of excellence that promote quality training and sharing of best practice.

Ladies and gentlemen, I believe the relationship between Mount Kenya University and Makerere University will lead to harnessing the benefits associated with partnerships and result in use of the growth strategies and the best practices that will lead to making strides in teaching, research and service provision.

Ladies and gentlemen, partnerships are critical in branding an institution and conveying a positive message that are a value addition as regards accreditation and ranking.

At this point, I acknowledge with appreciation the unequivocal support by the Board of Directors, University Council, Senate, Management Board, staff and other relevant stakeholders that has made it possible for MKU to meet the training standards of the following regulatory bodies:

- 1) Commission for University Education
- 2) Nursing Council of Kenya
- 3) Kenya Nutritionists and Dieticians Institute
- 4) Clinical Officers Council of Kenya
- 5) Kenya Medical Laboratory Technicians and Technologists Board
- 6) Medical Practitioners and Dentists Board.
- 7) Public Health Technicians and Officers Council at pre-accreditation level.

8) Pharmacy and Poisons Board at pre-accreditation level.

9) Council of Legal Education at pre-accreditation level.

Ladies and gentlemen, institutional competitiveness is achieved as a result of quality training that is measured through accreditation and ranking. For example webometric ranking of universities considers:

a) Impact / visibility

Number of external networks originating backlinks to an institution.

b) Presence

Number of pages size of the main domain of an institution.

c) Openness

Number of citations from top authors according to the source Google Scholar Citations.

d) Excellence

Top 10% most cited in 26 disciplines.

In the latest ranking of July, 2017, Mount Kenya University was at position 11 out of 70 Kenyan University (31 public university and 39 private universities).

3.0 Conclusion

Ladies and gentlemen, I am optimistic that the competitive advantages that will be derived from the partnership between Makerere University College of Health Sciences and Mount Kenya University College of Health Sciences will enhance the visibility, presence, openness and excellence of the two partner institutions.

Thank you and long live Makerere University - Mount Kenya University partnership.

GOD BLESS YOU.