PROGRAMME FOR THE NATIONAL PUBLIC DEBATE TO BE HELD AT MOUNT KENYA UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR’S TOWER GROUNDS, THIKA ON 26TH, MAY 2017

Theme

“The Clash between Religion and Politics in Kenya: Is it Real or Perceived?”

Panelists

1. Professor PLO Lumumba, Director, Kenya School of Law
2. Professor Joseph Galgalo, Vice-Chancellor St. Paul’s University
3. Dr Esha Faki, Muslim Scholar, Maseno University
4. Dr Joyce Nyairo, Director, Santuri Media

Moderators

1. Professor Francis W. Muregi, CSAK Project Leader & Director, Research Grants and Endowments, Mount Kenya University
2. Professor Eunice Kamaara, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Moi University

The Panelists Profiles

1. Professor PLO Lumumba

Prof. PLO – Lumumba is the Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya School of Law. He is a Professor of Public Law and Founding Dean, Kabarak University School of Law. He has lectured law at the University of Nairobi, the United States International University (Africa), Widener University USA (Nairobi Summer School).

Professor Lumumba is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and Tanzania. He holds Bachelor of Laws and Master of Laws degrees from the University of Nairobi and a LL.D from the University of Ghent, Belgium. He is also a holder of the Degree of Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) from the University of Cape Coast in Ghana. He is a Certified Public Secretary CPS (K) and a Member of the Kenya Institute of Management (MKIM).

Professor Lumumba has been trained on Human Rights at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies University of London in England, Humanitarian Law at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute
of the University of Lund in Sweden and on International Humanitarian Law in Geneva, Switzerland.

Professor Lumumba is a renowned legal practitioner. He has written several books including: *Criminal Procedure in Kenya, An outline of Judicial Review in Kenya*, Kenya’s long search for a Constitution: *The Postponed Promise and Judicial Review and Administrative Law*. He has published numerous articles in refereed journals and several book chapters. He has co-authored *The Constitution of Kenya 2010 An introductory commentary* with Dr. Luis Franceschi. He has also co-authored several books on Ethics. His non-legal books include; *Swearing by Kenya*, *A Call for Political Hygiene in Kenya Politics* and *From Raw Deal to Real Deal*. He has also co-authored twenty seven (27) other Books on Integrity as School Series. He has recently ventured into fiction with his book ‘STOLEN MOMENTS’.

Professor Lumumba is a former Secretary of the Constitution of Kenya Review Commission and former **Director of the defunct Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission, (KACC)**. He is the Founding Trustee of the African Institute for Leaders and Leadership (AILL) and founding **Chairman of the Association of the Citizens Against Corruption (ACAC)**.

Professor Lumumba has been named and recognized by the International Commission of Jurists (Kenya Section) and the Law Society of Kenya for his exemplary contribution to the legal profession. He was recognized by the Kenya-USA Association for the Martin Luther King Jnr., Leadership Award in 1996 and was the recipient of the 2008 Martin Luther King Africa Salute to Greatness Award by the Martin Luther King Jr. Africa Foundation. He has also been included in the Marquis Who’s Who in the World and is the Distinguished Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Lecturer for 2014. He was the 11th Kwame Nkrumah Lecturer at the University of Cape Coast in Ghana in 2016.

2. **Professor Joseph Galgalo**

*Joseph D Galgalo*, Vice Chancellor, St. Paul’s University, Limuru, Kenya and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology with PhD in Systematic Theology from the University of Cambridge, UK.

Ordained minister in the Anglican Church of Kenya and honorary Canon of All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi, Kenya. A family man married to Jane Galgalo with three children.

Professor Galgalo has a long experience in teaching and administration and has served as the Head of Department in the Faculty of Theology, St. Paul’s University (2003 – 2006) and later as the Dean of the Faculty (2006 – 2010) and currently serves as the Vice-Chancellor (2010 – to date).

Professor Galgalo has served on the Inter-Anglican Theological and Doctrinal Commission (2001-2007), Archbishop of Canterbury’s Panel of Reference (2005-2006), Theological Education Reference Group for Council of Anglican Provinces in Africa (CAPA) (2004-2008), member of Ecumenical Theological Education Board of WCC (2003 – 2006); Member of the Executive committee of the Inter-university Council of East Africa (IUCEA) – (2010 – 2013); Member of Board of Trustee of Kenya Education Network (KENET) and Chairman of KENET Audit and Risk Management Committee since 2015; and has been chairman of many Boards including Board of World Vision Kenya (2007-2014), and chairman of the Advisory Council to
the Bible Society of Kenya (BSK to date), Kivulini Trust (2009 to date) and a Board Member of the Ecumenical Disability Advocacy Network (EDAN- WCC).

Professor Galgalo has keen interest in inter-contextual and contextual theologies, and theological education. Current research interests include Developments in contextual theologies, especially African Christianity, inculturation Christologies, Theological Education and Church Relations. Authored, *African Christianity: the Stranger Within*, 2012 (Zapf Chancery, Eldoret); and co-edited, *Theological Education in Africa*, 2004 (Zapf Chancery, Eldoret), and also *Theology, Disability and Society*, 2010 (Zapf Chancery, Eldoret); and has published several book chapters and articles in refereed Journals on various subjects including African Christology, Eucharist, Theological Education, Theology in the University, God and Disability, human sexuality, and church growth.

3. **Dr Esha Faki**

Dr Esha Faki Mwinyihaji is a Lecturer in Islamic Studies at Maseno University, Kenya. She has a Post-doctoral Fellowship with Foundation in Iner-religious and Intercultural Dialogue from the University of Geneva. She received her PhD in Philosophy and Religious Studies from Maseno University and her MPhil in Islamic Studies from Moi University. In 2010, she published *The Persistence of Divination among the Swahili Muslims in Kenya: Beliefs and Practices* (Saarbrücken: LAP Lambert, 2010). She is a researcher in the field of Muslim Women’s rights with a focus on education, politics, marriage, inheritance and property ownership. She works with Kenyan Muslim women at the grassroots level concerning these rights. Dr Esha Faki was involved in a research project with Volkswagen Foundation on Sharia Debates in selected Muslim countries.

4. **Dr Joyce Nyairo**

Dr. Joyce Nyairo runs Santuri Media, a company that nurtures cultural memory projects. For twenty years, she taught at Moi University, Eldoret in the Department of Literature, Theatre and Film Studies. She spent five years as a Program Officer with the Ford Foundation Office for Eastern Africa, where she bridged theory and practice by initiating and managing cultural memory projects in the fields of Civil Society, Media, Arts and Culture. Currently, Dr. Nyairo is Co-Director on a project to assess character values and youth initiation programmes in Kenya, funded by the Templeton World Charity Foundation. (TWCF).

A regular columnist in the *Daily Nation*, Dr. Nyairo's writing interrogates the interface between politics, identity and culture. She has published on these subjects in refereed journals such as *African Affairs, Journal of African Cultural Studies* and *Journal of Eastern African Studies*. In 2007, she co-edited the groundbreaking study, *Urban Legends, Colonial Myths: East African Popular Culture and Literature*. Referred to as a Cultural Historian by some, Dr. Nyairo entrenched that label with her 2015 publication, *Kenya@50: Trends, Identities and the Politics of Belonging.*
Dr. Nyairo has served as a visiting fellow at the Centre for West African Studies, University of Birmingham, and she gave the 2005 Mary Kingsley Lecture of the Royal African Society at the University of London. She has also delivered guest lectures at Emory University, Indiana University, the University of Turku, Leiden University and the University of Amsterdam. Her Bachelors and Masters degrees are from the University of Nairobi. Her PhD in Humanities is from the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa.

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