



REMARKS

BY

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DURING

**THE LAUNCH OF THE MURANG'A COUNTY'S LAND
SUCCESSION EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME**

ON

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AT

KANDARA SUB-COUNTY, MURANG'A COUNTY

1.0 Salutations

- ❖ **Your Excellency, the Governor of Murang’a County, Hon. Mwangi Wa Iria,**
 - ❖ **The Chief Land Registrar, Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning,**
 - ❖ **The High Court Judge, Murang’a County, ...**
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 - ❖ **The County commissioner, Murang’a County,**
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 - ❖ **The County Executive Committee (CEC) Member In Charge of Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development, Muranga County, Hon. Sarah T. Masaki,**
 - ❖ **All the CECs Present,**
 - ❖ **Colleagues from Mount Kenya University,**
 - ❖ **Distinguished Invited Guests,**
 - ❖ **The People of Murang’a County in general who are her physically or virtually in audience,**
 - ❖ **Ladies and Gentlemen.**
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2.0 Preliminaries

First of all, allow me to pass the warm greetings from the entire Mount Kenya University Fraternity both who are here with me this morning as well as many others who we are representing in this event.

Allow me at this point to acknowledge and introduce the team from Mount Kenya University, who are here with me this morning. Your Excellency Sir, it is our profound joy as the team from MKU to be here this morning, at Kandara Sub-County of the Murang'a County, joining you and other stakeholders from this County as we participate in the launch of an innovative land succession Programme that will have very significant impact in the lives of the local Wananchi.

Therefore, having read the very detailed Concept about the intervention we are launching here today, and having noted Your Excellency's personal desire to assist the Murang'a County's Wananchi through this initiative, I wish to pass a word of congratulation to Your Excellency the Governor of Murang'a, Honorable Mwangi Wa Iria for being the innovator in what is likely to be adopted by many other counties in the future.

3.0 The Role of MKU, School of Law as the Legal Knowledge Partner in Murang'a County Land Succession Programme

Your Excellency, as I have just mentioned, I have read concept on this programme that we are launching today in which you have very clearly outlined all vital details of this initiative under the title of **“MURANG’A COUNTY ADR AND LAND SUCCESSION PROGRAMME (MALP), BY: H.E GOVERNOR MWANGI WA IRIA, Dated February 2021).** Reading through this document, one appreciates the objectives of this programme as follows;

- i) Mobilization of two thousand (2000) or more, less fortunate members of the public to access courts for filing of their land succession cases.
- ii) **Provision of Legal advisory succession services** to 2000 or more of the most vulnerable people in Murang’a County in Partnership with the JUDICIARY, Mount Kenya University and trained volunteer educators/ mobilizers/legal officers.
- iii) Development and distribution of educational or training materials.
- iv) Provision of access to and institutionalization of alternative dispute resolution mechanism in land sector within Murang’a County.
- v) Provision of subdivision schemes, survey services and titles.

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen; with regard to the objective No.3 above, on provision of legal advisory succession

services, I wish to assure you Sir, and all the stakeholders of the programme that Mount Kenya University has joined in this programme with unreserved commitment in serving the people of Murang'a County with professional diligence and utmost respect.

Therefore, our role as a university in this programme is in line with MKU's current globally acknowledged status as the **United Nations Academic Impact SDG 10 on Reduced Inequalities Global Hub**.

As a University, we have received this highly venerated award to serve as the global hub on matters that contribute to reduced or if possible, ending all inequalities within the human communities across the world; a role we are serving between June 2021 and May 2024 with a possibility of a renewal. However, since “**Charity begins at home**”, we are happy to join in this programme and render our unreserved service to the people of the Murang'a County.

I urge the people of Murang'a County to move forward with speed and take advantage of this act of magnanimity as offered and facilitated by His Excellency the Governor of Murang'a County, Hon. Mwangi Wa Iria.

4.0 Conclusion

In conclusion, Ladies and Gentlemen, we appreciate to have been given the chance to serve in this programme.

In addition to the 4 objectives stated above, I urge the MKU scholars and researchers to join the students and staff who are here today as well as the project stakeholders in conducting joint empirical research on the short, middle and long term impact of this programme, to enable collaborative sharing of the knowledge and skills acquired, as a best practice innovation through refereed journals for possible replication both in Kenya and beyond.

Finally, we promise all the stakeholders and the people of Kenya in general of the our readiness as a university to be available whenever we are invited to offer our support in community engagement activities in line with our 3 mandates of teaching, research and community engagement. Therefore, we are ready to join in other similar initiatives in this county and elsewhere for the good of the peoples of Kenya and beyond.

I also do congratulate all those who will be the beneficiaries of this new initiative.

Thank you for your audience.

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