

**THE VICE CHANCELLOR'S KEYNOTE ADDRESS DURING THE
KENASA NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS' FORUM AT MASINDE
MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ON
THURSDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 2016**

The Leader of Majority of the National Assembly of Kenya, Hon. Aden Duale,

H.E Hon. Wycliffe Ambetsa Oparanya, the First Governor of Kakamega County,

KENASA National Office,

KENASA members drawn from across the country,

Masinde Muliro University Staff,

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, Good morning!

First, allow me to most graciously thank Hon. Duale and our Governor, H.E Hon. Oparanya for taking time off your busy schedules to personally grace this occasion. Special mention goes to the KENASA leadership for choosing MMUST, the University of Choice to host this very important forum. You are at the right place and we in MMUST are indeed honored to have you with us on this auspicious occasion that brings together professionals to exchange knowledge.

We at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology are the hub of knowledge in Western Kenya. As you unveil the first draft of the Secretaries Bill to the KENASA family during this stakeholders' forum, I want to let you know that MMUST has the capacity to help KENASA members to claim its rightful place and recognition among professionals.

We have the requisite manpower and resources and are ready to collaborate with KENASA to ensure that together we develop tailor-made

curriculum that will enable secretaries to access courses that will spur your career growth.

Indeed, I hope that the time and resources that you have invested in this National Stakeholders' forum will not only be beneficial to you as individuals but should be cascaded to benefit the society at large. It is gratifying to note that KENASA is already playing a major role in enhancing professional and ethical standards for secretaries in this country. Allow me to commend you on your efforts and urge to do even better, and this you can achieve if you partner with likeminded institutions as MMUST.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we all appreciate that for a long time, there have been misconceptions about the secretarial profession which need to be corrected. It is in this vein that I call upon the KENASA membership to lobby the political leadership to unanimously pass the Secretaries Bill into an Act so that this profession receives the recognition it deserves as we all are aware of the important role that secretaries play in the workplace.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my sincere hope that after the training, knowledge and ideas exchanged during the two days that you will be here, you will go back to our various stations re-energized to improve service delivery. Do not leave without enjoying the true hospitality of Western Kenya.

God Bless MMUST, God Bless KENASA, God Bless Kenya and God bless us all.

Thank you.

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