

**VICE CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS TO THE TVET STAKEHOLDERS
WORKSHOP ON 17TH FEBRUARY 2016 AT BISHOP STAM
PASTORAL CENTRE**

The Principal Secretary, Technical and Vocational Training, Dr. Dinah Mwinzi ably represented by Dr. Meshack Opwora, the Deputy Director, TVET, Principals and Deputy Principals of various institutes present here and other distinguished guests,

Deputy Vice Chancellors,

Director of Technical and Vocational Training for this region,

Principals of TTI's,

Guest Speakers,

Deans, Directors,

Chairmen of Departments,

All Participants,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning! Mulembe,

May I take this opportunity to welcome you to this Stakeholders' Workshop which is an important milestone in the development of our TVET curriculum. This Workshop also gives interested parties an opportunity to give their input and opinion about what type of technicians and technologists we should produce.

We recognize our very important partners from Technical Training Institutions, some of whom we already are collaborating with via MoUs, and the rest, hopefully all, whom we shall collaborate with to ensure progression alongside the TVET pathway. This University is determined to provide opportunities for tutors and graduates of TTI's to actualize their dreams of progression to higher qualifications which are offered by the University. We shall, indeed, endeavor to offer specialized training in areas where there are gaps in technical training.

The University has already rolled out technology-based programmes in Optometry and Vision Sciences, Nutrition and Dietetics, Medical Laboratory Technology, Sports Sciences and Agriculture. We believe that more programmes in this specialization will be the subject of discussion in this Workshop. It is our hope that the output from this Workshop will be instrumental in the development of quality and competence-based TVET programmes that meet the needs of industry and provide opportunities for self-employment. As a University, we believe that this is one of the sure ways of poverty eradication and employment creation through a pool of highly skilled manpower for attainment of our Vision 2030.

Ladies and gentleman, the University also aims at rolling out programmes in Technology Teacher Education at Diploma, Undergraduate and Post graduate levels to support the Government plan of creation of a Technical Training Institute in each constituency in Kenya. We hope that these programmes will be discussed in this Workshop and that noticeable progress will be made at the end of it all. For this reason, therefore, I wish to appeal to the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology to enhance its support to the University in terms of acquisition of training equipment and workshops for actualization of the TVET dream. A number of counties, e.g, Germany, South Korea, Malaysia and Taiwan have progressed via this TVET route.

May I, therefore, take this opportunity to wish you fruitful deliberations. We look forward to your reports and recommendations towards actualizing our dreams.

Thank you.

God bless MMUST. God bless Kenya.

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