



**REMARKS BY THE
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**LAUNCH OF THE RESEARCH MANAGEMENT LIFECYCLE
WORKSHOP HELD AT THE CENTRAL CATERING UNIT (CCU) ON
FEBRUARY 23, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M.**

- The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi
 - Deputy Vice-Chancellors
 - Principals
 - Dean's and Directors
 - Colleagues
 - Ladies and Gentlemen
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Good morning ladies and gentle.

I wish to welcome you all to this important workshop graciously facilitated by Thompson Reuters.

The purpose of this workshop is to sensitize researchers, academic staff, journal editors and research administrators

on the need for effective research planning, branding and management.

As we may know, the highest-ranked universities are those that make significant contribution to knowledge through research and teaching.

One of the international journal ranking sites in 2014 released a report that indicated only four (4) journals in Kenya received international ranking status, that is,

- African Journal of Biotechnology
- Educational Research and Review
- East African Medical Journal
- International Journal of Genetics and Molecular Biology

According to the report, these journals received H-Index (which is a measure of scientific productivity and scientific impact of an individual scientist or that of a journal) of between 4 and 48 (Ms. Joy Owango will give us more insight regarding the H-Index measure).

One of the challenges we are facing in our University is publishing our research outputs in high impact journals. A quick scan at a listing of journals in our University revealed we have over twenty (20) journals produced in various Colleges. I however note that some of these journals are no longer functional, are inconsistent in production and wanting in quality, thus have low impact.

Through the insights we shall receive today from Thompson Reuters, I hope we shall look critically at our local journals and seek ways to improve on the quality and increase the impact factor.

Ladies and Gentlemen

Remember, publications and citations are key if we want to experience our vision of excellence in research, innovation and extension.

I would like to end with a quote cited in a World Bank report on the '*Challenges of Establishing World-Class Universities*' that states that,

“to become a World-Class university is not achieved by self-declaration rather, elite status is conferred by the outside world on the basis of international recognition”.

With these remarks, I wish to invite the Vice-Chancellor to give his
Opening Remarks.

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