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Vision: A University for Valued Transformation of Society

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- *Chancellor Sir*
- *Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education*
- *Chairperson, Laikipia University Council and Chairpersons of other University Councils Present*
- *Members of Laikipia University Council and representatives of other University Councils Present*
- *Chief Guest, Hon. Justice Isaac Lenaola, LLB, MBA, MSC, MBS, CBS*
- *Vice Chancellor Laikipia University and Other Vice Chancellors Present*
- *Members of the University Management Board and Senate*
- *The Governor Laikipia County, Representatives of other County Governments present*
- *Graduands*
- *Laikipia University Staff and students*
- *Parents and Guardians*
- *Distinguished Guests*
- *Ladies and Gentlemen*

Good Morning

I am delighted to join the Ministry of Education in congratulating the Laikipia University fraternity that includes the over 1,500 graduands, their parents and guardians on this auspicious occasion of the 9th Graduation Ceremony. This indeed is a momentous occasion given the challenging circumstances the education sector has undergone due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

I applaud efforts by the University Council, Management Board, Senate and staff in the making of these graduands. The graduands being conferred degrees and awarded various diplomas signify this great achievement. This should be an inspiration to all of you whose sheer hard work and determination have ensured that you have the success that you are witnessing today.

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As a Ministry, we reiterate our continued support to Laikipia University as it walks the journey of realisation of its vision. The Ministry will ensure timely disbursement of financial resources with the expectation of prudent and strategic utilization of the same to elevate the infrastructural, academic and support services in the University. Nevertheless, I call upon Laikipia University to explore other resource mobilization strategies to supplement its financial resources.

I urge you to leverage innovations, in particular technology, to enhance classroom instruction, especially with digital and e-learning modes, and support professional development. As an institution of higher learning, you must re-centre your efforts on the core functions of Academics, Research and Innovation. This is the only way you shall regain your status and enhance visibility in the Development Agenda of the Nation. Research is the key solution to many problems bedevilling our country which universities have the minds and capacity to unlock. You ought to take advantage of the many scholarship opportunities that my Ministry advertises from time to time on our website.

Innovative ideas will continue to be churned out in universities if indeed continuity in learning and operations are embraced, and if indeed disruption is avoided in times of crisis such as the global pandemic witnessed in recent times. To this end, I extol the efforts you have made through the establishment of the Laikipia University ODeI Centre. I also congratulate you for the launch of the Laikipia University Radio which undoubtedly has added value not only for your media students but also to the community at large.

My dear graduands, receive my sincere and hearty congratulations! Kongole!

