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## SPEECH BY

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DURING THE 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADUATION CEREMONY

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- *Chancellor Sir*
- *Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education*
- *Principal Secretary, State Department of University Education and Research*
- *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

### *Ladies and Gentlemen*

The University Council welcomes you all to the 9<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony of Laikipia University. I wish to congratulate the 1,509 graduands for this great achievement. *Hongera!* This achievement deserves commendation. Your dedication to pursuing higher education in our esteemed University has yielded empowered graduands. Today shall forever remain a distinguished day for the Laikipia University fraternity.



## ***Dear Graduands***

I have the conviction that the University has grounded you with knowledge and skills reverberating with our core values of quality, integrity, and respect. This places you in a better position to go out into the world as responsible citizens capable of defining individual and corporate destiny full of positive fruition.

## ***Ladies and Gentlemen***

We are privileged to gather here today to witness this momentous ceremony, I am delighted that the University Council has embraced a transformational agenda purposed to make Laikipia University match the best. The concerted effort to improve the learning environment cannot be over-emphasised. This is deeply appreciated. The completion of the ongoing capital projects is set to create a top-notch infrastructure for quality and enabling environment for learning. The University is in the process of reviewing academic programmes to align them with emerging trends that include the competency-based Curriculum (CBC). This is highly lauded. The University is also cognisant of improving student welfare. To this end, programmes to encourage skills development have been put in place and rolled out.

The University is heavily investing in information technology for effective and efficient delivery of services to all our stakeholders including students. Of importance is the programmed commissioning of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) that is set to transform and reinvigorate service delivery in all functional areas of the University. To this end, the university's human capital is being transformed through training and workshops among others.

The University has further joined in the government effort of expanding access to higher and technical education. The establishment of a TVET Institute, as well as an Open and Distance eLearning (ODEL) Centre, are among some of the programmes the University is actively focusing on.

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*Mission: To serve students and society through research, education, scholarship, training, innovation, outreach and consultancy*



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## *Ladies and Gentlemen*

Resource mobilization and investments is one of the emerging strategies that are expected to make universities stay afloat during the harsh economic times. The Council is putting in place policies and structures to revamp and capitalize on opportunities for alternative sources for its budget. I urge the University Management Board to fully take advantage of the support given by the Council to tap into additional support funds for the smooth operation of the University. The Directorate of Resource Mobilization and Investments is therefore expected to assist in the strategic mobilization of resources to complement the budget.

I urge our Alumni to consider partnering with the University Council in the realization of its mandate. Additionally, I urge both students and staff to support the University Council and University Management Board in their endeavour to make the University a Centre of Excellence in higher education. The University Council will continue to focus on its commitment to improved service delivery through the implementation of its Performance Contract, adherence to ISO Standards, and commitment to working within the set regulations of the Commission for University Education (CUE) to reengineer its services and programmes.



## *Ladies and Gentlemen*

I sincerely thank the Government of Kenya through our parent Ministry of Education for their continued funding of university programmes. It is through the Ministry's timely and prompt release of budgetary allocations that Laikipia University has been able to fulfil its mandate.

I take this opportunity to thank the University Management Board, the Senate, Faculty, Administrative, Technical, and Support staff for their singular efforts and dedication in ensuring a colourful graduation ceremony for the graduands.

*Our esteemed graduands, I wish you the best of luck in all your undertakings.*

