

## A Vision 2030 Flagship Project

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs)  
Principals of Colleges present  
The Deputy Principal – Kenya Science Campus  
Directors of Institutes present  
Deans of Schools present  
Associate Deans, present  
Chairmen of departments present  
Other senior Members of the University fraternity  
Resource personnel  
Ladies and Gentlemen

Thank you all for accepting to grace this occasion.

This is a great day not only for the University of Nairobi but also for me as well. This is an important gathering as it brings key education scholars in the University of Nairobi. The fact that the DVC (AA) and other stakeholders are here is a clear testimony of the importance of this launch in our educational development process.

I note with appreciation the significant role that the Centre for Open and Distance Learning has continued to play in the implementation of this programme. You have continued to handle all the opportunities and challenges professionally and in consultations with partners in the department. The fruits are therefore evident for all to see. I attribute this success to your dedication to duty, being team players and working in partnership with all the stakeholders in the College of Education and External Studies.

Module writing workshop is an important event in the activities of this department. We have held such workshops in the past, the first four at the KWSTI, Naivasha and the fifth one at the Multi-Media University – Nairobi where three academic members of staff were trained on E-teaching/E Learning. The skills acquired in these workshops add much value to the quality of modules written at education provision in general. I therefore urge CODEL to hold similar workshops more often so that our institutions can benefit from professionally trained module writers.

I also wish to thank all members of staff in the department of Educational Foundations for their enormous support in making this exercise a success.

I am happy to report that a number of foreign students have made enquiries about our E-learning programmes. The latest request was made by a Ghanian by the name Ayayi, the day before yesterday. The Chairman therefore commits to work closely with CODEL, CEES, UoN and other stakeholders towards realization of Vision 2030.

As we launch the Masters of Education in Educational Foundations by Open, Distance in print and E-Learning modes today, I am happy to report that some modules on 5 areas of specialization namely History of Education, Philosophy of Education, Sociology of Education, Comparative and Contemporary Issues in Education, Adult and Community Development have been written. Other modules for second and third semesters are in the pipeline.

Finally, Ladies and Gentlemen, the success of the Launch (new baby) is dependent on the integrity and commitment of the people the chairman will appoint to teach. In this regard I would like to see better organized and streamlined operations that are cost effective, efficient and more business oriented.

I am aware that holding a function of such a magnitude require substantial resources and many hours of planning. I once more thank you for finding time to attend this important function.

Thank you and God bless you.