

REMARKS BY PROF. DANIEL MUGENDI

VICE-CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF EMBU, DURING THE 2nd CHANCELLOR'S STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS HELD ON 26TH MARCH 2019

- ✓ The Chancellor, University of Embu – Prof. Paul Musili Wambua
- ✓ Chairman of Council, Dr. Margaret Gikuhi
- ✓ Members of Council,
- ✓ Chairman and Board of Trustees, University of Embu Endowment Fund
- ✓ University Management Board,
- ✓ Members of the University Senate,
- ✓ Staff and students,
- ✓ Distinguished Guests,
- ✓ Ladies and Gentlemen

Good Morning

Mr. Chancellor Sir, allow me to start by introducing key guests attending the 2019 Chancellor's State of the University address:

<<<Introduce Key Guests and stakeholders Present >>>

Mr. Chancellor Sir,

First, I take this opportunity to welcome you to the University; Thank you for coming; we all recall that the Chancellor was here last during the Launch of the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan and Celebrations to mark ISO certification on 5th October 2018 and thereafter during the Launch of the University Endowment Fund on 25th October 2018.

I am so proud of our Chancellor - Prof. Paul Musili Wambua for his great enthusiasm to see the University of Embu becoming the best University in the region, the nation, and the world; and with his visionary leadership and hands-on approach, I believe we are well on

our way towards achieving this dream. The State of the University Address is in fact an initiative of the Chancellor himself.

I also appreciate all our invited guests and the Embu County leadership, for finding time to attend this event. I welcome the Chairperson of the University Council – Dr. Margaret Gikuhi and Council Members, Members of Staff and Students of the University to the 2019 Chancellor's State of the University Address

The past year 2018 has certainly been an eventful one, the University has grown in leaps and bounds and that is the reason that we are gathered here today to review our performance and appreciate the challenges we have faced as we celebrate our achievements.

This is the second Chancellor's State of the University address, with the first one having been held on 12th January, 2018; the event has now been included in the University calendar as an annual event.

I would like to thank the University Council, Management, Senate, and Staff who have worked with such commitment, and energy to ensure that University of Embu attained and maintained its excellent position in the ranks of higher education throughout the year.

Universities not only serve as custodians of knowledge, but they also serve as engines of the economy, as drivers of change meant to uplift the society, as foundations of our democracy and as generators of ideas. I am glad that we have continued to play this role over the past years since the establishment of the University in 2012 and if we do sustain our current momentum, we will continue to do so for many years to come.

I also appreciate the contribution of the Chancellor, University Council, University Management, Senate, Staff and Students to the continued growth of the University

The objectives of the Chancellor's State of the University address are:

1. To re-affirm our commitment to the University's mission and purpose.
2. To inform the public of the current good work going on in all sections of the University.
3. To review University's achievements and opportunities for further improvement.
4. To acknowledge the challenges, we face and to chart the way forward for the future of the University of Embu.
5. To appreciate our stakeholders for their role in the continued growth and prosperity of the University.

Mr. Chancellor Sir,

I also appreciate our partners and stakeholders for their continued support. We are an excellent university because we have excellent human resources, excellent partners and supportive stakeholders. As we move to the years ahead, we must take further concrete steps to establish more partnerships and collaborations to help us grow this University.

I assure you of the commitment of the University Management and staff to the realization of the University vision which is: *to become a dynamic epicenter of excellence in training and research for service to humanity.*

It is important that we continue to work collaboratively with local, regional and national authorities and with other major players in the economy because it is only by engaging closely with them that we can ensure that the University remains influential on crucial issues pertaining to economic and social development of the community.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Securing University of Embu's sustainability over the coming years will entail careful management and protection of our resources and tapping into new sources of revenue – all while improving our financial planning and ensuring greater efficiency in our work. Together we will make University of Embu not only a University that reflects the society it serves, but one that is able to transform the society through knowledge. This will in turn help make our world better, more inclusive and fundamentally more comfortable to live in for everyone.

Therefore, I call upon each one of us present here today, to join hands with us as we work together to build a formidable and respected world class University.

In conclusion, I urge all of us to continue upholding the good image of the University of Embu wherever we are and in whatever we do. Let us all make the most of the time we have here in this privileged and wonderful institution. This way, we will leave it even better than we found it. Let us keep our eyes firmly fixed on the future, without forgetting the values that bind us together and interests that unite us. May God Bless the University of Embu.

THANK YOU

- ✓ Introduce the Chancellor: Read a short biography of the chancellor.

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- ✓ Invite the Chairperson of University of Embu Council to make her remarks and invite the Chancellor to deliver the 2019 State of the University Address.