UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

REMARKS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR DURING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ANNUAL REFRESHER TRAINING OF INTEGRITY ASSURANCE OFFICERS ON NOVEMBER 6, 2014 AT THE SCHOOL OF MONETARY STUDIES
CEO, Ethics and Anti Corruption Commission
CEO, Public Procurement Oversight Authority (PPOA)
Deputy Vice-Chancellors
Committee Members
Ladies and gentlemen,

I am happy to join you today during this retreat on corruption and prevention for committee members and Integrity Assurance Officers. I particularly welcome officials from the Ethics and Anticorruption Authority (EACC) and Procurement oversight
Authority (POA) who have honoured our invitation to facilitate at this retreat.

This retreat is a follow up to previous sensitization forums we have had with you and will mainly focus on specific deliverables to combat corruption and unethical practices. Part of the reason of this retreat is brought by new developments in government, particularly the embracement of e-procurement by the government which is now anchored in law, and members have to be abreast with the new
development in order to exercise responsibilities as required by the law. The EACC and POA officials who are present with us, and are key facilitators of the next sessions, will dwell in detail about this development.

Going back to where we began, the University of Nairobi implemented the Public Service Integrity Programme (PISP) in the year 2003. Since then, the University has made tremendous efforts in: Ensuring adherence to Zero tolerance to corruption; identified corruption risky areas and developed a matrix on
strategies to fight corruption in the University. In addition, the University is implementing the adopted Anti-Corruption Policy of 2010, that laid a framework of fighting corruption among others. The basis of this exercise is anchored in Chapter six of the Constitution, the Economic Crimes Act, the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission Act No 22 of 2011 and the Leadership and Integrity Act of 2012 of which we are expected to abide with as a public entity in respect to the rule of law and in combating corruption and unethical practices in the University.
Up to now, the University has made major strides towards achieving this goal by putting in place the anticorruption framework comprising 10 committees, developing an anticorruption policy, vetting members of the central corruption prevention committee among others. In the process, we have been institutionalizing corruption prevention mainly through submission of quarterly progress monitoring reports to EACC, publishing of an annual evaluation report and preparing reports on training of staff on integrity, ethics and anti-corruption.
Our emphasis now is on control of corruption with deliverables on specific control areas especially in corruption hot spots, focusing on external auditors report and observations, developing reports on institutional advisory/disciplinary committees on breach of codes and report on providing specific details of the actions taken.

We shall also focus on zero tolerance to corruption by ensuring that all staff are vetted which process has already began with the Central Prevention Committee members and will soon cascade to
teaching members of staff. By June 2015, we expect to have completed this exercise with the vetting of all non teaching members of staff. The vetting will be followed with stern action against members of staff who violate the integrity code and a report on specific internal control measures implemented will be published to indicate the level and depth of corruption control in all our units. So far our performance in this exercise has been impressive and achievements is rated at 65 per cent, meaning that we still have 35 percent to comply with before we can get our integrity certificate. We are targeting the
end of next year for integrity certification by EACC and as management; our systems are geared towards meeting this goal.

The integrity and Corruption prevention committees are in place and remain the key torch bearers of this process in the University, and its success is hinged on their performance. It is for this reason that this process was incorporated in Performance contracting exercise and it is a prerequisite for all units to comply and report on its progress.
I am therefore appealing to you, to take this exercise seriously, to ensure that we meet the requirements of EACC and POA and ensure a corruption free University with officers of high integrity and further improve our corporate image.

With these remarks, it is now my pleasure to wish you fruitful deliberations and to declare this retreat officially opened.

Thank you.