REMARKS BY THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI, PROF. JULIA OJIAMBO DURING THE MINISTERIAL ROUND-TABLE MEETING ON STRENGTHENING REGIONAL SYNERGIES TO BUILD AFRICA’S HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 19TH FLOOR, UON TOWERS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018 AT 08.30 A.M.
• The Cabinet Secretary for Education, H. E Ambassador Dr. Amina Mohamed,
• The Respective Hon. Ministers & country representatives,
• Invited guests,
• Ladies and gentlemen,
Good morning,

I am very much pleased that we have gathered here to host a Ministerial Round Table. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to each one of you for making it to this meeting. To me, this is the most comprehensive meeting for the diversity of stakeholders in Agriculture, Higher Education and Policy space.
As the nucleus for research and innovation, our universities play a critical role in revolutionizing the development of agriculture in Africa and globally. They provide agricultural solutions through scientific research and training.

When findings are properly utilized we have the potential of significantly improving human capital to support economic growth. With your support, we will enhance our Universities’
relevance and contribution to national development processes in Africa.

We are gathered here to highlight how we can respond to key challenges for improving higher education in Africa and offer policies that promote investment in Agriculture as a priority sector. Agriculture is strengthened by the use of science, technology and innovation (STI).
Therefore, development in Agriculture is one of the ways that foster food and nutritional security and promotes Africa’s competitiveness in cross-border value chain production.

I am confident that our deliberations will provide a platform for improving the quality and relevance of higher education in Africa.
Welcome!

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