REMARKS BY PROF. JULIA OJIAMBO, CHAIR OF COUNCIL, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI, KENYA DURING THE (RUFORUM) OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018 AT KICC AT 2.00 P.M.
• Your Excellencies

• Honourable Ministers present

• Honourable Members of Parliament present

• The RUFORUM Board Chair, Professor Mabel Imbuga

• The RUFORUM Executive Secretary, Professor Adipala Ekwamu

• Distinguished Vice Chancellor, Principals, Deans and Directors

• Ladies and Gentlemen
Ladies and Gentlemen, On behalf of the Chairmen of Councils of the RUFORUM Universities in Kenya, I wish to warmly welcome you to the Sixth African Higher Education Week and RUFORUM Biennial Conference.

It is gratifying to note that the University of Nairobi championed the partnership with RUFORUM and sister universities to organise this unique assembly of experts in the agricultural and higher education sectors. The spirit of
inclusiveness that forms the core of this Conference is commendable as it resonates well with the theme of “Aligning African Universities to accelerate attainment of Africa’s Agenda 2063”.

Universities are truly the catalyst that is needed to accelerate the drive to attainment of the Agenda for the benefit of our people. In the Kenyan context, this Conference is a boost to the big Four Agenda namely, Universal
Healthcare, Manufacturing, Affordable Housing and Food Security. It is anticipated that this Conference will help universities to outgrow their traditional ways of doing things in order to adapt to the new and ever changing environment.

Ladies and Gentlemen, with a network of over 85 Universities and the endowed brains therein, hunger in Africa should only be a subject for the historians. May I stop at this point to spare time
on deliberations on how to achieve the “Africa We Want”. I wish you fruitful deliberations as we look forward to receive outputs from this great event.

Thank you.

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