UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS DURING DAY 2 OF THE CARREER FAIR

THEME: ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Principal Secretary, Kevit Dessai,

Our Panelists,

Guest Speakers

Distinguished Facilitators,

Ladies and Gentlemen
I am encouraged by the overwhelming support and the love that we have continued to witness from our stakeholders since we started working on this inaugural chancellor’s career day!

This country has a sizeable youth population! They are brilliant, talented and full of energy!

The youth is a huge resource that must be harnessed and put to good use for the rapid development of our country.

The modern University Students are a special category of youth. They are very influential and
they think globally! I want to appeal to the Ministry that deals with affairs to design specific programs that target to empower the University students to become entrepreneurs while they are still at the University. The environment at the university accords them the flexibility to make mistakes and learn from them. Some of the lessons would be too costly and painful outside the university environment.

Last week we celebrated the International youth day whose theme was creating safe places for the youth!
I listened to various conversations and the dominant narrative was that our youth are impatient. They want to get rich quickly! And that the youth are more ready to engage in corruption! Goodness me!

Kenyans do not want to invest more of their resources in building prisons and keeping the youth in jails! We want to see you rolling out impactful innovations and patenting knowledge. We want read about our youths getting global awards and shining out there!

Mahatma Gandhi teaches us that wealth must be earned! Respect must be earned! And everything must be earned. Our youth needs to refrain from bad
influence in society. You must seize the opportunities that come your way.

We want the youth, especially, those from this University to change be the change agents and be champions of positive values to their peers.

Seize opportunity to grow while still young and put yourself onto a success trajectory! You are the future of the nation. Work with diverse teams across faculties and across industry! The teams will enrich your ideas and come up with better solutions for your challenges!

I hope you will learn and benefit from immensely from today’s sessions.
Thank You and God bless you.