UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

VOTE OF THANKS BY THE CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI, DR. VIJOO RATTANSI DURING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NAIROBI INNOVATION WEEK, 2018 HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018 AT 10.00 A.M. IN TAIFA HALL, MAIN CAMPUS
Cabinet Secretary for Education

The other Cabinet Secretaries present

Vice Chancellor, University of Nairobi

Your Excellencies the Ambassadors

Distinguished CEO’s of Companies

Title Sponsor, Strategic Partners and all Sponsors

The College Principals

Stakeholders

Members of the University community

Ladies and Gentlemen
Good morning. Last year, I stood here and invited you to the Nairobi Innovation Week, 2018. At that time, it seemed so far, yet by the Almighty God’s grace and favour, we are here today, officially opening the event. Well, here I am, with a grateful heart, to move a vote of thanks.

I am extremely happy and humbled by your support through participation, mobilization of resources and generation of ideas that have made the Nairobi Innovation Week a successful and truly global event. My sincere thanks go to the Government of Kenya.
through H.E. the President and his able team for consistently supporting us morally and materially. Madam Cabinet Secretary, we welcome you again next year.

I also want to extend unfathomable gratitude to all our partners and sponsors for the immense support they have put. These not only include ideas, but also financial inputs and time to ensure that we create an enabling environment for innovation culture. In particular, I thank the sponsor, Barclays Bank and the Strategic Partners – Ministry of Trade, Ministry of ICT,
UNICEF, Atito University, Danish Embassy for their immense contribution.

May I also take this opportunity to thank all the sponsors, innovators, and exhibitors for their effort in creating value to this event and raising the bar every year. I am optimistic that your participation here will bear fruit and contribute in changing lives by providing solutions to our national challenges.
My appreciation also goes to the University Community, including the management, senate and students for hosting, coordinating and providing leadership to this program.

Finally, I want to thank the media in a big way for keeping us informed and adding taste to this event. Without your contribution the event would not be considered successful.
And I have the honor now to conclude by inviting all of you to next years’ innovation and hope that you will increase your participation and continue to shine.

Thank you and God bless you.

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CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI