UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

REMARKS BY PROF. PETER M.F. MBITHI, VICE CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI DURING THE OPENING OF CEPA TRAINING OF CHSS ACADEMIC STAFF AT CCU HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2018 AT 9.00 A.M.
Ladies and gentlemen,

Good Morning,
I have been informed that we are having at least 50 members of academic staff from the CHSS assembled here for the in-service training workshop in Pedagogy, Andragogy and mentorship facilitated by CEPA and I want to start appreciating the experts who will be sharing their skills with you: Prof. Justus Inyega, Dr. Cecilia M. Onyango, Dr. Catherine N. Kunyaga, Dr. Davies N. Karanja, and Dr. Gerald M. Muchemi.
You are aware that the learning environment has changed drastically in the modern digital age. The needs and attitudes of the learners have also changed a great deal.

It is therefore important and imperative to re-design new teaching methodologies and relevant approaches that are consistent with the needs and the environment of learners.
The new approach should focus on the following areas:

- Engaging and activating university learners during teaching.
- Importance of feedback in learning.
- Problem-based learning (PBL) approaches in university teaching
- Curriculum development and alignment to the University of Nairobi learning outcomes
• Lecturer/student mentorship to enhance teaching and learning at the University.

• Learner assessment in higher education institution.

• Experiential learning and integration of ICT in teaching methodologies.

• Communication skills.
I wish to reiterate that this training is in line with our strategic plan 2018-2023 which has positioned CEPA as a Centre of excellence in pedagogy, andragogy, and mentorship in Africa.

Our academic staff should therefore be the best in pedagogy, andragogy and mentorship to enhance the quality of graduates from the UoN.
I therefore want to thank the organizers of this workshop together with the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. It is my hope that it will enhance and sharpen your skills to be the best of best trainers in this region to enable us maintain our leadership position.

The University Management shall support the Centre to mount many of such workshops for our staff.
With those few remarks it is now my pleasure and humble duty to declare this workshop officially opened.

Thank you.

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