SPEECH BY CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI, DR. IDLE FARAH, DURING THE WORLD AIDS DAY, AT THE KENYA SCIENCE ON DECEMBER 1, 2014 FROM 8.00 A.M.
The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha

Deputy Vice-Chancellors

Facilitators

Students

Staff

Invited guests

Ladies and Gentlemen
I am honored to participate in commemorating the 2014 World AIDS Day whose theme is “Getting to zero; zero new infection, zero AIDS related stigma & discrimination and zero AIDS related deaths.

This is a time for celebrating the major progress achieved and recommitting ourselves to achieving an AIDS-free generation. Thank you all for joining us here today.

Every year, we reflect on milestones since the early years of the HIV epidemic. Today, Prevention,
treatment and care are now saving millions of lives worldwide. These are extraordinary achievements in HIV management.

At the University of Nairobi we have seen tremendous results and continue to adopt a multi-faceted approach focusing on clinical practice, research and policy formulation. The UoN HIV/AIDS policy helps in implementing various interventions thus allowing us to make progress in HIV/AIDS control and management. However, much work remains to be
done in a multidisciplinary approach focusing on most at risk populations to prevent new infections.

This fight extends far beyond our borders and UoN has continued to partner with other stakeholders on research, training and dissemination of HIV/AIDS information. Through its networks, UoN provides sponsorship for HIV fellowship programs to enhance capacity building and management of HIV/AIDS.

The UoN will remain a regional leader in the fight against HIV/ AIDS until
➢ All people can protect themselves from infection
➢ All those infected with HIV have access to the treatments
➢ There are no babies being born with HIV or AIDS
➢ An AIDS-free generation is achieved.

The war against AIDS cannot be won on one day; World AIDS Day. It is a continuous process which we must engage in diligently, persistently and purposefully for us to be able to build on the gains we have achieved so far. Each of us as a constituent member of the university community has a role to
play in this war, both at an individual and corporate level.

Thank you.