UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

REMARKS BY PROF. PETER M.F. MBITHI, VICE CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI DURING A PUBLIC LECTURE BY MR. TONY O. ELUMELU, CON HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018 AT CHANDARIA AUDITORIUM AT 2.00 P.M.
• Chief Guest, Mr. Tony Elumelu
• Business and Corporate Executives present
• Staff of the University and UBA Bank
• Students
• All invited Guests
• Ladies and Gentlemen
It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to the University of Nairobi to listen to one of prominent African entrepreneur of our time Mr. Tony O. Elumelu.

Mr. Tony, we are honoured to be the first university in Kenya to host you.
The public lecture titled “Africapitalism and Entrepreneurship” is coming at the right time when Africa is trying to claim its rightful position in the global business arena.

Tony O. Elumelu is an economist, investor, and philanthropist. He is the Chairman of leading pan-African financial services group, the United Bank for Africa, with a presence in 20 African countries, and
in Paris, London and New York. He also Nigeria’s largest quoted conglomerate, TranscorpPlc.

He is the Founder and Chairman of Heirs Holdings Ltd, a family owned investment with a portfolio spanning the power, oil and gas, financial services, hospitality, real estate and healthcare sectors, operating in twenty-three countries worldwide.
Tony is known for his significant contribution to entrepreneurship in Africa. In 2010, he created The Tony Elumelu Foundation, which has committed $100m in a 10-year programme to fund, mentor and train 10,000 African entrepreneurs. The Foundation’s mission is inspired by Tony’s economic philosophy of Africapitalism, which positions the private sector as the key enabler of economic and social wealth creation in Africa.
He sits on numerous public and social sector boards, including the global advisory board of the United Nations Sustainable Energy for All Initiative (SE4ALL), USAID’s Private Capital Group Partners Forum (PCG), and is co-Chair of the Aspen Institute's Global Food Security Working Group. Tony serves on the international advisory board of the Washington DC based think tank the Wilson Center, and is a member of the Global Advisory Council of the
Harvard Kennedy School’s Centre for Public Leadership. He is also a member of the World Economic Forum Community of Chairmen.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we have a lot to learn from this son of Africa.
Welcome Sir.

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