REMARKS BY PROF. PETER M.F. MBITHI, VICE CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI DURING TRAINING WORKSHOP ON “BECOMING AN INNOVATION CHAMPION” FOR CHAIRMEN OF DEPARTMENTS, THEMATIC HEADS AND SELECTED MEMBERS OF STAFF HELD IN THE VIP LOUNGE AT UON TOWERS, ON MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018 AT 8.15 A.M.
• Chairmen of Departments
• Thematic Heads
• The trainers
• Staff of the University
• Ladies and Gentlemen
I take this opportunity to welcome you all to this training on becoming an Innovation Champion”. I have no doubt in mind that you will give the training your whole.

By the end of the training, you should be able to identify an innovation champion in your unit/department and also identify a problem-
opportunity that if solved can bring about significant visible impact.

Therefore, in order to become Champions, I would like to share with you the following nine points;

1. Innovation is for everyone, everyone should and must participate.
2. Innovation is a means to an end, the future we want; the impact we want to see (and sometimes we get more than we thought we were getting)

3. The University is ready for innovation everywhere!

4. We must believe in innovating everything.
5. We set the pace for innovation as leaders, our acceptance and embrace for change, however incremental is critical.

6. We must champion the future, not taking the past achievements as gold standard but pursue newer bigger standards in everything we do as a university.
7. Becoming an innovation champion means, we lead championing the future starting today.

8. We, therefore become both leaders and creators of the future we want! That is very exciting!!

9. The training today equips us with tools to get started now; you, me and all of us; out teams.
With those few remarks, I declare this training officially opened.

Thank you.

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