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REMARKS BY PROF. PETER M.F. MBITHI, VICE CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI DURING TRAINING WORKSHOP ON INNOVATION FOR DEANS AND DIRECTORS HELD AT ARZIKI CONFERENCE CENTER ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018 AT 8.15 A.M.
• Directors and Deans
• The trainers
• Staff of the University
• Ladies and Gentlemen
I take this opportunity to welcome you all to this training, which the first high level training in the wake of the New Year. Having had a very successful and memorable University of Nairobi Prayer Day, I have no doubt in mind that you will give this training your whole.

The training workshop themed “Becoming an Innovation Champion” comes at a very strategic time
when the University is on top gear in preparation for the 4th Nairobi Innovation Week (NIW) scheduled for March 5 through 9, 2018.

All of us therefore must, at the end of this workshop, be able to drive the engine towards realizing the object of this year’s NIW theme “Innovating for a Better Tomorrow”
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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