Director General, Public Procurement Oversight Authority

Deputy Vice-Chancellors

Principals of Colleges

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Ladies and Gentlemen
I am pleased to come and preside over this important workshop on the amendments to the Public Procurement and Disposal Act, 2005 and Regulations, 2006.

As you will recall, when the Public Procurement Act was enacted, the University held several sensitization programs on the Act. During those sessions we partnered with the Public Procurement Oversight Authority (PPOA) in inducting senior members of the University and all Procurement Officers. We can now look back and note that it was a worthwhile
investment because the University has maintained a high compliance level.

As a result of the above, the University has deemed it fit to again organize sessions to new members to familiarize members of the University Management, with the changes that have been made to the Procurement Act so that we are at a better position to implement those changes.
Ladies and Gentlemen, the changes that have been made to the Public Procurement Act appear to be in three areas:

i) Public-Private Partnership  
ii) Procurement for Counties  
iii) Preference and Reservations for youth, women and the physically challenged

I can see from the program that the main discussant, the PPOA will highlight the areas of the Public Procurement Act that have been amended. I appeal
to all the managers not to lose sight of the reality that financial resources are limited, and despite which models we adopt, we must be careful to achieve value for money. Further, as we interact, it is important for all of us to understand how Public Procuring entities are expected to implement the law generally and specifically the 30% percent preference and reservation for youth, women and the physically challenged. After the workshop, all participants will be expected to implement the amendments.
With these few remarks, I wish you fruitful participation.

I now declare the workshop, officially opened.

Thank You