SPEECH BY VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROF. GEORGE A. MAGOHA, DURING A PUBLIC LECTURE BY MARCELO GIUGALE, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD BANK GROUP’S GLOBAL PRACTICE ON MACROECONOMICS AND FISCAL ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2014 IN THE 8-4-4-MULTI-PURPOSE HALL AT 2.40 P.M.
• Management
• Members of staff
• Students
• Ladies and Gentlemen
It is my pleasure to welcome all of you to the University of Nairobi and in particular welcome Marcelo Giugale, Senior Director of the World Bank Group’s Global Practice on Macroeconomics and Fiscal Management to interact with us.

Before I introduce our guest, I would like to underscore the strong relationship between the World Bank and the School of Economics in particular and the University of Nairobi in general. This relationship has culminated in shared intellectual resources among them lectures, researches and consultancies.
Indeed many of our schools have at one point had a joint project with the World Bank. As management, we are grateful for this harmonious relationship and will nurture it to optimize our mutual benefits.

Ladies and Gentlemen, our speaker, Mr Giugale, is the Senior Director of the World Bank Group’s Global Practice on Macroeconomics and Fiscal Management, the professional home of the Group’s 300-plus macroeconomists. He has 25 years of experience spanning the Middle East, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Latin-America, and Africa, where he led senior-
level policy dialogue and over thirty billion dollars in lending operations across the development spectrum.

Mr. Guigale has published on macroeconomic policy, finance, sub-national fiscal rules, development economics, business, agriculture and applied econometrics and was also the chief editor of collections of policy notes published for the presidential transitions in Mexico (2000), Colombia (2002), Ecuador (2003), Bolivia (2006) and Peru (2006). In 2014, he authored “Economic
Development: What Everyone Needs to Know”, a featured volume by Oxford University Press.

He pioneered the World Bank Group’s first sub-national budgetary support operation (Mexico, 2000), the “Listening to Latin America” and “Listening to Africa” initiatives, in which mobile phones were used to conduct continuous household surveys, the Africa Gender Lab impact evaluation unit, and the Human Opportunity Index.
Mr. Guigale publishes in leading newspapers and blog-sites of the USA, Latin-America and Africa. He received decorations from the governments of Bolivia and Peru, and taught at the American University in Cairo, The London School of Economics, and the Universidad Católica Argentina. A citizen of Argentina and Italy, he holds a Ph.D and a M.Sc in Economics from The London School of Economics, and a Summa-Cum-Laude BA in Economics from Universidad Católica Argentina.
It is now my pleasure to invite Marcelo Giugale to interact with the University of Nairobi Community.

Welcome Mr Giugale.