UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

SPEECH BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROF. GEORGE A.O. MAGOHA DURING THE LAUNCH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI (UON) CORRUPTION PREVENTION COMMITTEE AT THE CENTRAL CATERING UNIT (CCU) ON TUESDAY JUNE 22, 2010 STARTING 3.00 P.M.
Ag. Director, Kenya Anti Corruption Commission (KACC), Dr. John P. Mutonyi

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (A&S), Prof. P.M. Mbithi

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (AA), Prof. Jacob Kaimenyi

Principals of Colleges

Heads of Departments

Integrity Assurance Officers

Members of Staff

Students

Ladies and Gentlemen
I am pleased to welcome all of you to the launch of the University of Nairobi Corruption Prevention Committee. I also take this opportunity to thank the Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission Acting Director, Dr. John Mutonyi, for accepting our invitation to officiate today's launch.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the University of Nairobi has always been at the forefront in the fight for good governance and has actively supported the work of the Kenya Anti-Corruption Committee (KACC). Formalization of efforts to fight corruption in the
University date back to six years when the first 25
Integrity assurance officers were recruited and trained
to coordinate corruption prevention within the
university. They represent all the Colleges and Student
Welfare Authority (SWA) and were coordinated by a
central committee. Its objectives were to offer
technical expertise to the organization on corruption
prevention activities and assist management in
reforming governance at the University within the
larger frame work of public sector reforms that were
initiated by the government. Over time, we shall
increase the number of integrity officers to
commensurate with the increased activities at the University.

Ladies and Gentlemen, due to the size of the University of Nairobi, we have adopted the government anti-corruption initiatives based on our existing structure. Each college now has a committee chaired by the Principal while the central committee is chaired by the Vice-Chancellor and consists of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors and Principals. The Central Committee sets the agenda for the College based committees and through this system, the entire University is
represented. Among the key responsibilities of the committees include ensuring that corruption prevention initiatives are incorporated into the normal business and activities of the University. There will also be corruption report offices in all colleges and centres to expedite information gathering from all stakeholders.

As mentioned earlier, the university began setting the stage for Corruption Prevention over six years ago. However, due to the many changes the institution has undergone and other reform activities instituted by the
government to steer the reform process among them. Performance Contracting and Rapid Results Initiative (RRI), the launch of the Corruption Prevention Committee was delayed. This delay however does not mean that the Committee has been moribund because the University has made several achievements through its work among them streamlining processes and transmission of information on corruption prevention. Indeed management was able to come up with the structure to tackle corruption within a short time due to the initial groundwork of the Committee. The
delayed launch in one way has therefore energized the process which is now owned by all of us.

Today, we are formally launching this initiative as a sign of commitment from the University community to fight corruption activities and ensure that the process is owned by all our stakeholders. Our initial step is to ensure that all our members of staff are trained on anti corruption activities, something that can only be achieved through proper coordination and sensitization of stakeholders by the University Corruption Prevention Committee. As a public institution, we
have obligations that we must meet in the prevention of corruption and we shall do whatever it takes to ensure that corruption activities are not entertained within the university.

To share with us on this subject, I have the pleasure of inviting the Acting Director, Kenya Anti Corruption Commission Dr. John P. Mutonyi who will give more insights on the subject and officially launch the University of Nairobi Corruption Prevention Committee.

Welcome Dr. Mutonyi.