REMARKS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROF. GEORGE A. O. MAGOHA, DURING THE LAUNCH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI FLAGSHIP PROGRAMMES AT EDUCATION THEATRE II ON THURSDAY JUNE 19, 2014
Deputy Vice-Chancellors
Principal, CEES
Deans and Directors
Ladies and Gentlemen
I welcome you to the launch of the Master of Arts in Peace Education and the Master of Arts in Religious Studies - two University of Nairobi Flagship programmes that will contribute to the fulfillment of vision 2030 objectives. These programmes were developed by the College of Education and External Studies through collaboration between the Centre for Open and Distance Learning, the Centre for e-Learning, and the Department of Educational Studies at the School of Continuing and Distance Education.
and Department of Religious Studies in the Faculty of Arts.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the Master of Arts in Peace Education will benchmark our educational system with best practices and provide a peaceful atmosphere for the realization and achievement of Vision 2030, while the Master of Arts in Religious Studies programmes will develop capacity to manage diverse religious systems to create a more cohesive society.
I am happy that development of open, distance and e-learning materials for delivering these courses has been made possible by the capacity at the College of Education and External Studies including well developed e-Learning Portal in the University website and learner support at the Extra-Mural Centres and University Campuses distributed widely in the country. This shows that the University of Nairobi is ready and committed to developing Open, Distance and e-Learning materials for diversifying, enhancing and enriching our delivery modes in line with our vision.
The University of Nairobi as a world class University must remain at the forefront in the use of educational technology for delivery of Higher education and management of the University. As we launch these programmes and other developments that we have in the open, distance and e-learning instructional materials, we should encourage our students to utilize the uploaded materials on the University website and other open educational resources. This will enable the University to offer its
programmes beyond our campuses and national borders.
The use of these technologies will not only benefit our students but also help the University improve in its ranking and in addition ease the load on the teaching staff to enable them undertake research for creation of new knowledge.

With those few remarks Ladies and Gentlemen, it is now my pleasure to declare the following programmes officially launched:
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- Master of Arts in Peace Education (MAPE)
- Master of Arts in Religious Studies (MARS)

Thank You