Chairman of CIC, Mr. Charles Nyachae
Chairman, EACC, Mr. Mumo Matemu
Chairman of Council, Dr. Idle Farah
University Management Board
University Senate
Distinguished guests
Ladies and Gentlemen
It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to this forum which is a part of the University’s Rapid Results Initiative (RRI) on the Implementation of the Constitution and the sensitization of staff on public service integrity at the University. I am happy to welcome our chief guest, Dr. Idle Farah, Mr. Charles Nyachae and other distinguished guests for accepting to be resource persons at this function.

Ladies and gentlemen, the continuation of the sensitization on the constitution and the public integrity programme demonstrates that the University of Nairobi remains the leader in spearheading and embracing public sector reforms.
More crucially, this initiative is expected to entrench our constitution in the lives of the University community and the wider society.

Ladies and gentlemen, I take pride in the fact that the University of Nairobi has made major strides in embracing the new constitution, for instance, at the corporate level; we have circulated hard and soft copies of the constitution to members of staff and students as the first step towards sensitization. In the second phase, which I dare say is the most critical stage, we are sensitizing the large University community of over 200,000 comprising of staff, students and alumni who play
critical roles in the affairs of the University and the country at large.

Ladies and gentlemen, in this second phase, we are partnering with the CIC as the constitutional body, and EACC as the body in charge of the anti-corruption and integrity programme in the country, to increase awareness on the constitution and embrace integrity, which is part of our corporate culture and plays a critical role in our lives. The University management, in consultation with CIC and EACC, is fast tracking constitutional sensitization as part of the integrity programme as enshrined in the constitution, as a Rapid Results Initiative (RRI). The reason for the RRI is obvious:
it takes a shorter time to implement, and it covers the wider university community. Indeed our experience in steering reforms using RRI has been successful especially in regard to student reforms such as online registration and clearance, and issuance of transcripts.

Ladies and gentlemen, this sensitization forum today, is part of the activities that have been carried out in our colleges and central administration units; this forum today is targeting the top organs of the University: the Council, the University Management Board, and Senate. It is worth noting, that our members of staff, in their individual capacity, have played roles in the
drafting and implementation of the constitution; it is now time for a partnership with CIC to provide leadership in sensitization and interrogation of the document. I wish to acknowledge that we have collaborated with the EACC, and before that its predecessors for over 10 years in the training of integrity champions, who are based in all colleges and central administration departments, to spearhead the anti-corruption crusade and inculcate integrity values.
Ladies and gentlemen, this sensitization programme will empower top management in executing reform in the University. Implicitly then, the programme has been entrenched in our performance contract and each unit is expected to report on its progress. At the end of the 100-day cycle of the programme, we expect an enlightened management, ready to embrace and own the constitution, while entrenching on integrity in public service. This programme, has come at the backdrop of the successful implementation of the new universities Act, in which we were awarded a new charter.
With those few remarks, it is my pleasure to welcome the Chairman of Council, Dr. Idle Farah to give his remarks and set the tone for this forum on sensitization on constitutional and integrity issues in the University.

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