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REMARKS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI PROF. PETER M.F. MBITHI DURING THE INDUCTION WORKSHOP OF THE EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (ESDA) HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017 AT THE OLD COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 9.00 A.M.
Organizers,

Participants,

Ladies and Gentlemen,
Good morning,

It is my pleasure to join you today during this important Education for Sustainable Development in Africa induction workshop. As the Chair of the ESDA Team and the Vice Chancellor of the University of Nairobi, I am keen to see the progress being made on various ESDA activities in this institution.
“Education for Sustainable Development in Africa (ESDA) Program” which is being prepared in collaboration with the United Nations University (UNU) and the leading Africa African Universities, is spearheading sustainable development through three (3) thematic areas, namely; Sustainable Rural Development (SRD) implemented by Universities in West Africa, Mining and Mineral Resources (MMR) implemented by Universities in Southern Africa, and Kenya is participating in Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) through her two national
Universities i.e. University of Nairobi (UON) and Kenyatta University (KU).

The aim of the ESDA Program is to promote education for sustainable development in African Countries through training at the post-graduate level of professionals who may serve as policy makers for sustainable development in African countries.
Ladies and gentlemen,

The workshop brings together University of Nairobi’s Education for Sustainable Development in Africa–Sustainable Development (ESDA-SUD) faculty, students and stakeholders within UoN. The First session is designed to bring to the fore the rich history and experiences by the founder faculty and the ESDA Secretariat. Possible challenges and success stories will form basis for discussion by the participants.
The specific objectives are:-

1. Provide a forum of engagement with EDSA SUD new and older faculty members, and some selected students.

2. Enhance intra- and inter-university collaboration as regards to sustainable urban development

About 30 participants drawn from almost all colleges in the University are expected to participate.
The expected outcomes of the workshop include solution towards:

1. Sustainable ESDA-SUD training and research

2. Improved collaborative research activities on Sustainable Urban Development within the university

3. Increased cooperation among the various components of ESDA and other related programme, namely: ESDA-SUD, Next Generation Researchers (NGR) and African Youth Entrepreneurship project (AYES)

4. Add value to the post graduate ESDA Masters Programme.
With these few remarks, I wish you fruitful deliberations as I declare this workshop officially opened.

Thank you.

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