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REMARKS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI PROF. PETER M.F.MBITHI DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (ESDA) MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017 AT THE SEMINAR ROOM 106, DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES 9.30 P.M.
Organisers,

Participants,

Ladies and Gentlemen,
It is my pleasure to join you today during this important Education for Sustainable Development in Africa function. 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.

I am glad that the Next General Researchers were able to organize this meeting to enlighten the ESDA Students about expectations from them and to see how to move forward the research agenda.
I would like to reiterate to you that research is very important component for the growth of the University and must be taken seriously not only on under ESDA programme but even in other sub-disciplines.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I understand that the Next General Researchers have prepared a research proposal that will be discussed this morning to enable fieldwork. I would urge you all to take a keen interest in it and improve the work so that other processes can take place. Secondly, there are deliberations on book chapters on rural-urban linkages
and I hope a number of you have contributed papers and will be able to present these during the seminar for discussions.

As Chair of ESDA, I am keen to see the programme take off at the University and I would like to assure you my support in making the University of Nairobi Chapter successful in all matters.
With these few remarks, I wish you fruitful deliberations and now declare the meeting officially opened.

Thank you.

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