
Your Excellency, The President and Commander in Chief of the Defence Forces of Kenya,
Your Excellencies the Ambassadors and High Commissioners,
The Chancellor of the University of Nairobi, Dr.Vijoo Rattansi, and Other Chancellors present
Cabinet Secretaries present,
Members of Parliament,
Chairman and Council members of the University
Principal Secretaries present,
All invited Guests,
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the entire University of Nairobi community and on my own behalf, I warmly welcome you to the University, the College of Agriculture & Veterinary Sciences (CAVS), the Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace and Environmental Studies and to these grounds where we are constructing Phase I of the WMI Campus. To us this campus will reincarnate and immortalize the spirit of Prof. Wangari Maathai, the global icon, our own Professor and faculty.
In her spirit, we commit the institute to the service of the global community.

The cost of construction of phase I of the WMI at KES 600m is supported by the government of Kenya, the African Union through ADB and the UoN. We are optimistic that many more partners will come forward and extend their generosity to enable us mobilize KES 800m required for the second and final phase.

With your support, we shall do all we can to develop WMI into a global center of excellence that will contribute enormously in championing good
governance through teaching and research in peace and environmental management.

Your Excellency, allow me to make a special request to your government to declassify the Loresho–Ridge road which passes through this College. This is because it possesses continued and serious security challenges to the students and community of the College. I am kindly requesting that the road be newly classified as private.

Your Excellency, the main road joining Upper and Lower Kabete and serving these grounds is the Kabete/Kapenguria Road.
This road has a national significance.

It was used by the founding Father of the nation, Mzee Jomo Kenyatta on his way to Gatundu from Kapenguria to evade a trap laid by the colonialist along the main highway. We will appreciate if the whole stretch could be upgraded to bitumen to ease communication our three campuses.

Once again, we are sincerely most grateful for the support and kind understanding we continue to receive from your Excellency and your good Government. This has enabled UON to discharge its objectives and functions adequately.
On our part we shall with great passion deploy focused and consistent hard work to deliver the vision, mission and strategic plan of the University of Nairobi and we have solidly aligned to that of your Government and Vision 2030.

Thank you Sir.

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