

SPEECH DELIVERED BY PROF. HENRY KIPTIONY KIPLANGAT, PHD, MBS, OGW, THE VICE CHANCELLOR, CHAIRMAN, KABARAK UNIVERSITY DURING THE SPECIAL UNIVERSITY SENATE MEETING ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.

Prof. Charles Ong'ondo, CEO, Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development;

Distinguished Guests from KICD;

Members of the University Senate;

Good morning.

- 1.0 It is my distinct pleasure to welcome Prof. Charles Ong'ondo, the CEO, KICD, and the team from KICD, to the Special University Senate Meeting.

- 2.0 The purpose for this Special Senate Meeting is for the members of this Senate to get a first-hand briefing from the experts from KICD on the meaning of Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC), and its implications for University Education.

- 3.0 Members of the University Senate, Our Chief Guest and the experts from KICD, I am pleased to mention that as a proactive and forward-looking University, we are conscious of the profound and momentous educational reforms taking place in our country and the trajectory the education sector is taking.

4.0 It is common knowledge that the CBC system has taken off and is currently being taught from PPI to Grade Five. It is anticipated that next year, CBC will be rolled out in Grade Six, and the First Cohort (Grade 7) is also expected to join Junior Secondary School in 2023. This means that we should expect the First Cohort to join the University in 2027.

5.0 In view of this scenario:

5.1 We are positioning the University to train CBC-compliant teachers for Junior and Senior Secondary schools. To this end, I am pleased to inform the University Senate and our guests from KICD that I have authorized the School of Education to develop relevant teacher training academic programs and units that will meet the needs of the Competency-Based Curriculum as well as the teaching areas prescribed by the Teachers Service Commission.

5.2 Second, we have purposed to develop our capacity in the University to re-tool the secondary school teachers who were trained for the 8-4-4 curriculum to shift the paradigm and become competent in the delivery of the Competency-Based Curriculum.

5.3 Third, we are set to review the University academic programs and appropriately aligned them to the Competency-Based Curriculum system.

- 5.4 Finally, we intend to equip all our academic staff and thoroughly immerse them in the CBC instructional and assessment methods as well as the new approach in curriculum development.
- 6.0 Ladies and gentlemen, the presence of KICD Staff in our Senate meeting today is a bold step towards the direction I have pointed out above. As I have said earlier, today, the experts from KICD will sensitize the University Senate on the Competency-Based Curriculum and its implications for us as a University.
- 7.0 God willing, we will invite KICD again to the University to conduct training for all academic staff in the Department of Education, the staff in the Directorate of Teaching and Learning, and the Directorate of Quality Assurance and Institutional Planning. Those who will undergo this training will become the Master Trainers who in turn will train the entire University academic staff on the essence of the Competency-Based Curriculum framework, the new instructional and assessment methods, the resources required for CBC, and the new approach in curriculum development.

Members of the University Senate, our Distinguished Guests, the Chief Guest today is **Prof. Charles Ong'ondo**, the Director and CEO at Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development. Prof. Ong'ondo was assumed this a position in September 2020. Immediately after his appointment at KICD, one the first tasks Prof. Ong'ondo undertook was to speak in our International Research Conference in October 2020. We have once again invited Prof. Ongondo as a Guest Speaker in our 11th International Research Conference on October 18, 2021.

Before he joined KICD, Prof. Ong'ondo was a Teacher Educator in English Language Teacher Education in the Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Educational Media in the School of Education at Moi University. It is now my pleasure to welcome Prof. Ong'ondo to introduce the team from KICD and address the University Senate. Welcome!

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VICE CHANCELLOR**

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