



CLOSING SPEECH BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR  
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**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I wish to take this opportunity to thank and honour the almighty for having seen us through this course, for the last three weeks. My thanks goes to the participants and organizers, the School of Environmental Studies for the success of the training. I want to particularly thank the Governor of Baringo County Hon Stanley Kiptis for choosing the University of

Eldoret as the training institution for his staff. I look forward to a continuous engagement and collaboration in all fields of training, extension and outreach.

EIA and EA are tools or instruments used by NEMA as stipulated in the Environmental Management and Coordination Act (EMCA) of 1999. The importance of Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Audit

process in the life cycle of all development proposals and projects in Kenya today needs to be emphasized, more so if the achievement of the 'Big Four Agenda' of manufacturing, universal healthcare, affordable housing, and food security as well as Vision 2030 is in question.

It is critical to note that the EIA/EA process provides for the involvement and input of communities, stakeholders and

industry players affected by proposed and ongoing projects.

All these need to be done in accordance with internationally agreed measures and standards.

University of Eldoret, is an ISO Certified institution and therefore it is playing its rightful role in training experts for environmental management in Kenya and beyond.

Through its mandate in research, extension and outreach, the University appreciates the interactions between the environment and our cultural diversity, and thus the need for sustainable development.

## **Ladies and Gentlemen**

For attainment of environmental sustainability and sustainable development in Kenya and the World at large, we need to

ensure investors incorporate EIA/EA so as to anticipate impacts, prevent adverse effects and maximize environmental benefits. This is my challenge to you as stakeholders, upcoming experts and investors in environmental management. This course is approved by NEMA and is tailored to ensure that you become experts in this field and even register yourselves as Associate or Lead EIA experts. Ensure that your expertise is felt and let it produce a positive change in environmental

management and conservation. Embrace the code of practice and professional ethics in carrying out your role and be ambassadors of Baringo County, University of Eldoret and Kenya at large in the environmental field.

At this point I wish also to point out that the school of environmental studies developed Integrated Environmental Management Training Programme (EMTP) course for senior



managers and officials involved in the management of natural resources. The first batch of participants included CECs from Elgeyo-Marakwet County, Uasin Gishu County and scientist from Geothermal Development Company (GDC). The participants went through ten (10) days training here at UOE and ten (10) days training in Israel. This programme is offered as a short course just like EIA-EA course and it is open to senior managers with a previous EIA/EA training like you. I

encourage you to take advantage and enrol in the programme  
in the near future.

With these remarks Ladies and Gentlemen; I declare the 2018  
Baringo County EIA/EA training closed.

Thank you

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