



**SPEECH BY THE AG. VICE-CHANCELLOR UNIVERSITY OF
ELDORET**

**DURING THE STAKEHOLDERS MEETING ON SUSTAINABILITY
OF TOWN CAMPUS**

AT

THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION COMPLEX BUILDING

ON 14TH FEBRUARY 2019

Salutation!

Invited Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, good morning! I wish to take this opportunity to welcome you all to this important Stakeholders Meeting.

The University of Eldoret-Town Campus is the only campus outside the main campus. Given its location, within the Eldoret Central Business District, we have a great opportunity to position ourselves as the preferred learning place within Eldoret and beyond. We need to take advantage of the name, location, and our potential to market ourselves and improve student enrolment.

However, due to stiff competition from other Public and Private Universities within the region, I want to report that we are not doing well in terms of student's enrolment. Currently, the Campus has a total of 765 students, which is below par as compared to the total accommodation of more than 2,000 students that the Campus can comfortably hold.

Yes. I agree that there are challenges but these challenges are not unique to us, as other campuses are enrolling more students than us. There are things that we are not doing right and we need to identify these challenges and opportunities to improve on student's enrolment. Apart from students' enrolment, provision of quality education is key to the success

of our Campus. This is because, failure to enhance quality education which align with the level of higher learning, we have no business being at the Central Business District of Eldoret. We need to remember our mission in provision of quality education by adhering to hiring and retaining of qualified staff, adequate facilities and, when we have the students, customer care.

However, funding from government is reducing and due to this, we are expected to come up with ways of meeting these deficits in order to continue providing quality education hence preparing our graduands to face the future National challenges. However, tapping on the potential our town

campus offers will play a key role in generating income to meet the deficits we are facing, enabling us to improve on our development. This is the reason why this stakeholders meeting is very important for all of us and our University.

Ladies and gentlemen, you are the right audience to be addressed on these issues, since you know the challenges we are facing currently in Eldoret Town Campus. I invite you to discuss these challenges candidly and come up with practical solutions that will make our campus vibrant and sustainable not only in the region but beyond.

God bless you.

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