

**CLOSING REMARKS:  
CRITICAL APPRAISAL OF RESERACH PROPOSALS TRAINING  
WORKSHOP  
SILVER SPRINGS HOTEL, NAIROBI  
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  - Facilitators and participants
  - Ladies and Gentlemen
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It gives me great pleasure to be part of you today as you conclude the five days of intensive training in Critical Appraisal of Research Proposals; a training specifically meant for members of Institutional Ethics and Research Committees (IERC)

I note that out of the 21 Institutional Ethics Review Committees in Kenya accredited to review, approve and monitor conduct of research in Kenya, 19 are represented here; 12 universities, 4 research institutes and 4 health facilities. I also note that the participants in this workshop are not only members to their respective IERCs but are also researchers and managers in their respective institutions.

I wish to take this opportunity to commend the Principal CHS and the PRIME-K team for planning and facilitating this workshop and for having led the development of the training curriculum use

here, which I am informed meets all the requisite international standards.

Ladies and gentlemen, as we all know, research is one of the three pillars of the University and the driving force behind the knowledge economy and any form of development. In fact the Govt of Kenya Sessional Paper No. 1 of 2005 recognises the need to prioritize research in the national development planning as a means to creating wealth and enhancing human development.

The University of Nairobi Research Policy recognises the critical role research plays in development, thus the policy provides us, as researchers with standards for implementation of research which encourage effective, efficient and ethical conduct of the same.

It is within this structure that Institutional Ethics and Review Committees such as the ones represented here fit in to provide the ethical regulation required for the ethical conduct of research, within our institutions.

It is my hope that the contributions made during this workshop will assist in instituting streamlined research approval processes for researchers across all disciplines and encourage best practice in the conduct of research in this country and beyond.

Looking at the program, I am confident the requisite knowledge and skills in the review of research proposal has been adequately imparted to IERC members to ensure ethical conduct of research.

As I conclude my remarks, I wish to acknowledge the support of NIH, USA through PRIME-K Grant for fully funding this workshop and NACOSTI for its contribution towards the success of this workshop.

With those few remarks, it is now my honour and pleasure to invite our guest of honour today, Mrs. Lily Koros Tare, CEO KNH to address us, issue certificate and close the workshop.