

**CLOSING REMARKS:**  
**KNH-UON SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP ON ETHICS AND  
RESEARCH CONDUCT**  
**CCU, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI**  
**NOVEMBER 20, 2013.**

- The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. G. Magoha
- Deputy Vice-Chancellors
- Principals, Deputy Principals
- Deans/Directors
- Heads of Departments
- Invited guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

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We are have now come to the close of a wonderful workshop which I hope has fully lived up to the expectations of all of us.

On behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha, and on my own behalf, I wish to thank the KNH-UON ERC and NACOSTI for facilitating this workshop.

I would also like to thank each one of you, individually for your active participation and significant contribution to sensitization workshop that was geared towards creating awareness on the mandate and functions of the KNH-UON ERC and the conduct of ethical research within our institutions.

Ladies and gentlemen, this workshop has provided us with an unparalleled opportunity to brainstorm on how we can enhance ethical research within the UON and we have exchanged ideas on how we can strengthen and streamline research review procedures.

We have established specific areas that we need to address that will enable us to streamline our research review processed, such as:

- Whether we should establish an internal institutional research review board or should we establish sub committees under the umbrella of KNH-UON ERC
- The need to review the composition of the review committee to strengthen its capacity to cut across all disciplines in carrying out its mandate
- Introducing strategies to ensure that all research undertaken at UoN go through ethical approval.
- The capacity, human resource and infrastructural challenges faced by the committee and how these can be resolved to enable the committee work effectively and efficiently.
- Establish a streamlined research review procedures where the research involves multiple institutions in an expeditious manner

- And the KNH-UON ERC's capacity to monitor human clinical trials, even if by co-opting experts to do the monitoring.
- Among other things

Through this workshop, we have had the opportunity to observe a clear desire in each one of us here to achieve the conduct of ethical research across all disciplines within UoN.

Ladies and gentlemen, the greater challenge now lies in the UoN Management, the KNH-UON ERC and the RPE Division to fully implement the great ideas generated here.

It will be therefore necessary for all of us, and it is my sincere hope that, we shall all work together and put into practice the wealth of information that we have just received and the recommendations we have just committed to.

Once again, I wish to extend my deep gratitude to the VC and University management for the support provide to my office, and to each and every one of you for your active participation and valuable contributions.

Thank you.