

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS:
THE KNH-UON ETHICS AND RESEARCH CONDUCT
SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP
CCU, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI
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- The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. G. Magoha
 - Deputy Vice-Chancellors
 - Principals, Deputy Principals
 - Deans/Directors
 - Heads of Departments
 - Distinguished guests
 - Ladies and Gentlemen
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I am delighted that you have made time to attend this sensitization workshop on ethics and the conduct of research.

This sensitization workshop is an initiative by the University of Nairobi that the research we undertake within our institution complies with the national and international regulatory processes as well as to create awareness about the KNH-UoN Ethics and Research Committee and its mandate in ensuring ethical conduct of research.

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 a research review board such as the KNH-UoN Ethics and Research Committee fits in to provide the ethical regulation required for the ethical conduct of research, within our institutions.

While the aim of this workshop is to create awareness on the mandate of the KNH-UoN ERC and sensitize participants on ethical conduct of research, it is my hope that the contributions made during this workshop would assist in instituting streamlined research approval processes for students as well as researchers across all disciplines.

Ladies and gentlemen, I wish to seek your indulgence at this stage to inform you of the latest milestone in enhancing access to research funding for our researchers. With the approval of the

Vice-Chancellor, the University has subscribed to the Research Africa Platform which provides information on funding opportunities. All staff members and students logged into the UoN network can now access the platform and search for suitable funding opportunities. So far with the support of my office, three training sessions have been undertaken in Main Campus and Chiromo Campus. We will soon be contacting you individually as heads of units in order to run training sessions within your colleges. This will enable staff members and students to utilize the research Africa facility to its full capacity.

The RPE Division is appreciative of the support that the VC and the University management have provided, enabling us to achieve the highlighted milestone and more.

Thank you all for taking the time to attend this sensitization workshop and I look forward to your valuable contributions.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is now my humble task to welcome the VC to make his opening remarks.

Welcome Bwana VC.

Thank you.