

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS:
LAUNCH OF THE AFRICAN JOURNAL FOR PROJECT
PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT
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- The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi
 - Deputy Vice-Chancellors
 - Principal CEES, Prof Isaac Jumba
 - Colleagues
 - Ladies and Gentlemen
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It is an honour for me to be invited to the launch of the journal; African Journal for Project Planning and Management.

Ladies and gentlemen, publishing is the most widely accepted method of disseminating research findings and sharing information. It is therefore important that such initiatives as publishing a journal domiciled within the University ought to be supported.

Within the territory of publishing, it is critical that we are aware of the need to get our research out to the end users as well as being alive to the fact that it is important to ensure that the published material for our journals is of high quality.

As such, while we launch this Africa Journal for Project Planning and Management, we have to pay particular attention to the composition of the Editorial Board, the process of peer reviewing to ensure an acceptable journal impact factor. We also need to safeguard this journal from being seen as one of the predator journals with little or no peer reviewing procedures and review cohorts. Another critical parameter to take into consideration is sustainability of the journal, to ensure publication at regular predetermined intervals.

Ladies and gentlemen, the journal being launched today is called the African Journal for Project Planning and Management, therefore we must ensure that the Editorial review Board is geographically diverse as a reflection of the coverage and we must encourage authors from diverse regions to publish in this journal for it to be looked at favourably as a high quality journal.

Once again, thank you for the invitation to be part of this occasion and thank you all for taking the time to attend this launch.

It is now my humble task to welcome the VC to make his opening remarks.

Thank you.