



OPENING CEREMONY

KISUMU CITY URBAN SEASONAL LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMMING WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME WORKSHOP

**REMARKS BY THE DEAN FACULTY OF EDUCATION,
UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI AT THE OPENING CEREMONY**

DATE: MARCH 28, 2022 – APRIL 1, 2022

**VENUE: UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI
KISUMU CAMPUS COMPLEX**

- **Representative of the World Food Programme.**
- **Officials of the Kisumu County Government**
- **Stakeholders**
- **Economic Groups from the Region**
- **Resource Persons**
- **Participants**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen**

On behalf of the Vice Chancellor University of Nairobi and the entire Faculty of Education, I wish to welcome all of you to this Workshop.

The Seasonal Livelihood Programming (SLP) is a project funded by the World Food Programme and hosted by the Faculty of Education.

I am therefore pleased to be here to witness the activities of the Workshop as the Dean of the Faculty.

The Workshop is being held here to emphasize the fact that research findings are being discussed with the stakeholders on site as opposed to Nairobi. This is in compliance with current research approaches which is the

preferred knowledge dissemination route recommended by donors.

The project uses a multidisciplinary approach, with resource persons drawn from different faculties, with different areas of specialization. We have 5 faculties represented here, starting with the host faculty which emphasizes on pedagogical approaches to dissemination of research findings, Engineering to provide geospatial techniques of mapping vulnerable areas, Science and Technology to inform on behavior of the environment and meteorological discipline, Business and Management Science to bring in management techniques and strategic interventions, as well as Agriculture to sensitize on food production trends.

The entire SLP project is not just based here in Kenya. It has been designed to take investigations to 9 African countries as well as 3 countries in Asia. Within these countries, the approach involves both rural and urban settings. Kisumu county provided an urban setting while Kitui county provided the typical rural settings in Kenya.

Top Universities in the countries mentioned were selected to provide the researchers. We are proud that the University of Nairobi was selected in Kenya. The other countries selected are Uganda, Mozambique, Malawi, Madagascar, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe.

From Asia, the Universities selected are from Iraq, Jordan and Pakistan.

Apart from sharing expertise and experiences together with the socio-economic groups, we will be able to interrogate the data collected, critique, harmonize and compile a joint report.

The report will be used to enhance county settings in Kenya towards food security interventions and strategies.

I wish to thank the Vice Chancellor, University of Nairobi for releasing the resource persons from their teaching duties to be able to lead in the project research and various investigations, the World Food Programme for funding the project, the organizers of this workshop for a

job well done, and the participants for finding time to participate in the Workshop.

I wish you a fruitful participation.

THANK YOU

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