

**REMARKS MADE BY DR. ADELAIDE MBAIKA MBITHI, PhD, HSC,
CHAIRPERSON, UNIVERSITY OF KABIANGA COUNCIL ON THE
OCCASION OF THE INAUGURATION AND SWEARING IN OF THE
NEW UNIVERSITY OF KABIANGA COUNCIL: NOVEMBER 26, 2020 AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF KABIANGA**

**The Vice Chancellor
My colleagues in the new Council
Management and Staff
Ladies and gentlemen.**

I'm very delighted to be able to attend today's inauguration and swearing in of the new University of Kabianga Council and glad for the opportunity to make just a few remarks.

I would like to start by thanking and greatly appreciating the Vice Chancellor, Management and staff for organizing this event in such an elaborate manner.

On behalf of the full Council, I announce, with great humility our acceptance of the appointment to the council of the University of Kabianga. We're grateful to the government of Kenya and the appointing authority for according us the singular privilege and opportunity to serve this great institution and our country

By all means, the University of Kabianga is indeed a beautiful, graceful, thriving and strong institution. I, therefore, at the very outset, sincerely congratulate and appreciate the Vice Chancellor and ALL in this University, the community and various Stakeholders here and abroad, who have helped nurture, develop and inspire the institution to academic excellence.

In the same breath, I salute and respectively acknowledge the preceding council for its great contribution and dedicated service to this University.

The new council comes in, to continue in this very noble and just cause. To help, through appropriate oversight, grow and make the University of Kabianga a great University. A university whose efforts and works will prosper those who work here, the community, our country and all humanity.

As we do so, we hope to provide proper guidance and sufficient latitude to the Vice Chancellor and the management team to enable the pursuance of creativity,

innovation and enterprise at all times in order to achieve the university's strategic vision and mission.

We come in at a time of enormous global challenges. In particular, the Covid -19 pandemic has negatively impacted all aspects of human life and operations of institutions.

We urgently note that the University of Kabianga is not an exception. This calls upon us to be much more creative and innovative, apply appropriate digital technology and deploy strategies that will neutralize the effects of Covid-19 and catalyze institutional renewal and growth.

I hope that, we can promptly and institutionally harness all our energies in unity of purpose. We must work hard. We must have faith and trust in God. This way, we will find solutions to the challenges we will face as we navigate through inevitable change into a bright future.

In conclusion, ladies and gentlemen, we all have God given talents. We shall be called upon to exploit all of them; the physical, the heart and the mind talents, simultaneously.

Together we shall overcome.

May the good Lord bless and protect our country, the University of Kabianga and all of us.

Thank you, keep safe and have a good and blessed day.

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