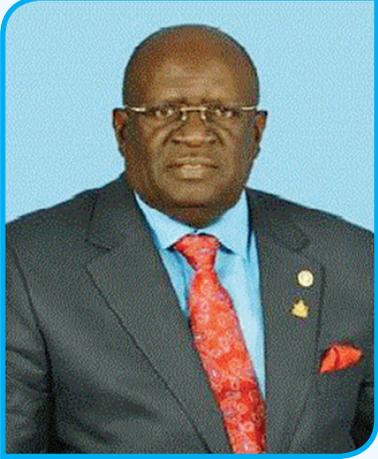




17TH GRADUATION CEREMONY

MESSAGE FROM THE CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION



Prof. George Albert Omoro Magoha, CBS
Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education,

It is my honour and privilege to join Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) in marking this momentous occasion. Graduands, congratulations for achieving this great milestone in your life. We are here today because of your hard work and your ability to

survive tough times.

MMUST is an institution that is doing a remarkable job both in infrastructural development and academics. Since its establishment in the year 2007, there has been tremendous growth in this University. Currently, MMUST is ranked among the top ten (10) institutions of higher learning in Kenya and has gained global recognition. There is no doubt that it is on the right track to becoming one of the leading Universities in the country. I am glad that MMUST is dedicated to providing quality education and training through integrating science, technology and innovation, in tandem with Vision 2030 and the Big 4 Agenda. As a Ministry, we are committed to ensuring that Kenyans access quality and affordable higher education. Our national policies, programmes and projects are geared towards this aspiration.

MMUST scholars have demonstrated their capability to bring solutions to societal challenges for sustainable

development. I commend them for conducting cutting-edge research especially during the COVID-19 pandemic period. I also applaud the University Management for supporting its researchers through the allocation of funds as well as providing a conducive environment for them to carry out their research.

I take this opportunity to congratulate MMUST's top managers on their recent substantive appointments. I hope that moving forward, MMUST will focus on building itself and compensating for the time squandered in the past.

Graduands, MMUST has played its part in preparing you for the world and now it is up to you to navigate yourself through it. I encourage you to be enthusiastic about pursuing your dreams and seeking assistance from your mentors. Never give up, and most importantly, never stop learning. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Once again, congratulations! You have made us proud.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY UNIVERSITY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH



Amb. Simon Nabukwesi
Principal Secretary- University Education,

It gives me great pleasure to join you this morning on this special occasion when Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology is celebrating its 17th graduation. I take this opportunity to congratulate all the graduands for this prodigious achievement and wish you all success as you get into the job market. I urge you to be good MMUST

ambassadors by seeking to innovate sustainable solutions to the challenges facing the society.

The government of Kenya has remained steadfast in funding institutions of Higher Learning to ensure sustainability of learning despite the COVID 19 pandemic and its effects. I therefore urge the University Management to leverage on inter-disciplinary research to generate supplementary funds to address resource scarcity and financial crisis that is being experienced in most Higher Learning institutions at the moment. I assure you that the Ministry of Education is exploring all possible solutions to address financial instability in our Universities.

I would like to reassure this congregation that my office has formulated and reviewed policies on Higher Education in collaboration with Commission for Higher Education (CUE), Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), other relevant

institutions and departments to ensure that no student is locked out of school due to lack of finances.

We are committed to facilitating all students to gain access to higher education through provision of scholarships and disbursement of grants and bursaries. I wish to remind all students present here today to be financially prudent with the resources provided to them, especially the HELB loans. I encourage you to use the monies for the intended purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR



Dr. Peter Wanyaga Muthoka
MMUST Chancellor

I am delighted to participate in the 17th graduation ceremony of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) on this 17th day of December, 2021! This is the second time this year that we are rolling out our graduates into the job market. It gives me immense pleasure as the Chancellor of this great institution to

invite all of you to this important event.

With the recent formal inauguration of Prof. Solomon Igosangwa Shibairo as the third (3rd) Vice Chancellor of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, and the appointment of the three deputy vice Chancellors, I am happy to note that we now have substantive leaders of this great institution. I urge stakeholders, staff and students to render the necessary support to the new Vice Chancellor as he continues the gigantic task of running this University.

As a University of Science and Technology, we must strive to maintain a culture of compliance with the University policies, education regulations and international higher education best practice. This

is especially so in matters of examinations and research. Let us extend the implementation of best practice in research and innovation activities. In order to improve and maintain our global competitiveness, we must infuse the aspirations of the Big Four Agenda, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), African Agenda 2063 and STISA 2024 into all our key University operations.

To those of you who are graduating today, as your Chancellor, I urge you to step into the job market with confidence knowing that you will excel. Through your good performance in the industry, MMUST will position itself as the University known for harnessing research, technology and innovation. Go out there and do what we have empowered you to do.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR



Prof. Solomon Igosangwa Shibairo
MMUST Vice Chancellor

I wish to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST). Today is the day we are celebrating our 17th Graduation and we feel honored that you have been able to find time and opportunity to celebrate with us. I thank the Almighty God who has enabled us to reach this far. I applaud the students for their determination, commitment and toil to ensure that they

attain what was required of them to graduate. Equally, I recognize the efforts of lecturers who have worked hard to ensure that the students are equipped with knowledge, values and skills that will enable them fit the requirements of the job market.

MMUST is a science and technology institution which has programmes with the capacity to develop the human resource currently required in the Kenyan job market. We are confident that our students graduating today will certainly fit where others have not been able to. These students we are graduating today studied, sat for exams and are graduating amidst the challenges occasioned by COVID-19.

I am happy to inform you that the University was also able to conduct virtual postgraduate theses defenses by putting in place measures to protect, prevent and manage the COVID-19 pandemic as required

by the Ministry of Health. This was done in partnership with the government of Kenya. These measures included social distancing, installation of handwashing booths, wearing of masks and checking of temperature for everyone who enters the University. All these efforts are the reason why we were able to hold the 15th Graduation Ceremony in December 2020, 16th Graduation Ceremony in August 2021 and the 17th Graduation Ceremony today.

I congratulate our graduands and wish them well in their endeavours. To the parents and guardians, we thank you for supporting your children in all areas in form of fees, food, health, clothing and many other requirements. I wish all stakeholders present today, and those following us online, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May God bless you all.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL



Dr. Jane Musangi Mutua
MMUST Chairperson of Council,

Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology was founded on the grounds of innovation, research and making a difference in our communities. Over the years, this University has earned its place as one of the leading public Universities in Kenya. Therefore, this auspicious 17th Graduation

ceremony provides an opportunity to reminisce about our achievements and strides towards becoming a Premier University in Science, Technology and Innovation.

This University is committed to its mission to provide excellent University Education and Research through Integrating Science, Technology and Innovation into Quality Programmes to suit the needs of a dynamic world. I am pleased to say that our researchers have time after time risen to the occasion and provided solutions during times of crisis such as the COVID-19 Pandemic. Innovations on COVID-19 such as the Sani-herb (herbal sauna) and Sani-booth, together with other research works are proof that this University has a reliable pool of researchers at their disposal.

Our endeavor to conduct

quality and meaningful research is evident through our University Research Fund (URF), which has greatly empowered researchers in this institution. Workshops and Conferences have also exposed commendable research works. Notably, the 1st Blended Research Dissemination Workshop held in August this year, graced by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Health, Hon. Mutahi Kagwe showcased the expertise of our able research team. The huge number of research work, especially on COVID-19, presented during the Conference was an indication of this University's continued commitment towards complementing the Government of Kenya's efforts to improve systems in the Country in line with Kenya's Big Four Agenda. I greatly commend our researchers for this!

DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR, ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE



Prof. John Kuria Thuo, PhD
Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration and Finance,

As the Division of Administration and Finance at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, we have ensured that all activities in the institution are planned and budgeted for the achievement of our organizational goals. It has been our duty to ensure that the University has the

necessary financial, human and technical resources for smooth learning during your studies in MMUST.

Today, I am happy to note that the optimal utilization and investments of the University's finances and assets has given rise to a new army of graduates who are empowered to make an impact in the Kenyan and global society.

Like all good things, today's graduation is the product of proper decision making, monitoring and management strategies which form the basis of effective leadership in an institution. We expect you to continue practicing the life skills you have garnered here as a student. These skills which include good work ethics, discipline, problem solving, financial management, communication and negotiation

will come in handy once you join the country's workforce.

We understand that the community looks up to the University to be a guiding light and a role model to the members of the community. Through our Division, the University has hired personnel who are well equipped and motivated to make Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology a leading University in science, technology and innovation in the Lake Region and across the East African block.

As a University we have absolute confidence that the training which you have received during your years of study in MMUST, will lead you to making your career dream a reality. We, at the Division of Administration and Finance heartily congratulate the graduating class of 2021!



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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR, ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS



Prof. Hussein Golicha
Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs,

Your hard work, endurance, determination and prayers have finally borne fruit. As you graduate today, we are proud to share that the journey has been for the most part graceful to us. The road to graduation is a long, steep climb, but your resilience, courage and perseverance made you overcome.

For the last three to four years, you have been challenged and developed intellectually, to think strategically and equipped with hands-on experience and community service that has prepared you to enter the workforce with skills that position you to be successful in your endeavors.

This graduation marks a new beginning in your lives. Always remember life is a learning journey and so keep filling your mind with all that is worthy. Go confidently with superior skills and an open mindset into the

world prepared learn from those you encounter and to deal with all the challenges that will come your way, for you have been empowered.

You undertook your studies during the tough times occasioned by the COVID-19. It was not easy, and we commend you for overcoming all these challenges and emerging victorious.

The qualifications you are about to receive today are a source of pride to us as MMUST, as they represent the continuation of the legacy of academic excellence which we have upheld over the years. This is your moment to seize the future as you venture into your careers.

We look forward to welcoming you again to continue your academic journey with us as you proceed with your diploma, undergraduate or postgraduate programmes.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR, PLANNING RESEARCH AND INNOVATION



Prof. Charles Mutai
Deputy Vice Chancellor, Planning Research and Innovation

to send equipped individuals to the professional world. As the Division of Planning Research and Innovation, we have ensured that we provide the required support structures and systems directed towards high quality research. Indeed, all our academic programmes are market-driven and have a research component

Seeing our graduands transit to the next phase of life is a vindication that our efforts as a University are materializing. This achievement is no mean feat. I encourage our graduating students to harness all the technical know-how, research capacity and intellectual achievement that we have imparted in them for the last four to five years.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "The best way to predict the future is to create it." Similarly, education is our passport to the future; for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today. As we look in retrospect at the journey that each of our students has taken in helping attain this grand achievement, we as the Division of Planning, Research and Innovation chant a resounding "Congratulations!" to the class of December 2021!

Upon your admission to Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, I am proud to say that we have done our very best

MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL MEMBERS



Ms Connie O. Mogaka



TURKANA UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



KAFUCO COUNCIL MEMBERS

