

In conclusion, may I take this opportunity to thank all the invited guests present for finding time from your busy schedules to be with us here today. I thank Prof. Erasmus Kaijage – the Barclays Bank Endowed Chair and Professor, Department of Finance, and Prof. David Wheeler – Chancellor and Dean, Plymouth Business School, UK for the stewardship through which they have steered the research team in coming up with the report we are launching today.

Thank you.

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- *The Cabinet Secretary – Ministry of Education, Science & Technology*
Prof. Jacob Kaimenyi
- *The Governor, Nairobi County – Dr. Evans Kidero*
- *The Deputy Vice Chancellors, UoN*
- *The Principal, CHSS – Prof. Enos Njeru*
- *Distinguished Guests*
- *Students*
- *Ladies and Gentlemen,*

It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to welcome you all to the School of Business, Lower Kabete Campus during the launch of the Research Report entitled “**Supporting Entrepreneurship in East Africa**”.

The School of Business is greatly honoured by your presence and willingness to partner with us in the study and implementation processes of this research undertaking, which is aimed at improving the livelihoods and therefore the economies of the East African region.

The University of Nairobi, School of Business and Plymouth University Business School were commissioned by the UK Department of International Development (DFID) to undertake the research which is aimed at assessing the capacity of business schools and other institutions in supporting the Development of Entrepreneurship education in the East African region.

The study findings, if implemented after completion of the research undertaking will provide tangible results which shall contribute to improved ways and means of disseminating entrepreneurship education initiatives, both in the rural and urban areas especially to the

marginalized groups mainly the youth, women and the economically disadvantaged groups.

This will uplift the livelihoods of the beneficiaries by improving their income base, and hence contribution to the region's economy. In Kenya, the implementation of the research findings would go a long way in enhancing the government's efforts towards the realization of the Kenya Vision 2030.

Am pleased to note that the research team brings together experts in the area of entrepreneurship and related professions from the United Kingdom, Kenya, Tanzania and the South Sudan. It is my hope that this collaboration amongst the research partners will continue to be strengthened in order to realize mutual benefits to all parties and stakeholders.