



GARISSA UNIVERSITY

1st Graduation Ceremony

Creating Pathways for Equitable University Education

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Urging Garissa University to remain competitive



FROM THE CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Prof. George A. O. Magoha, CBS

I congratulate Garissa University during its first graduation ceremony today. I wish to thank the entire administration, faculty and non-teaching staff for all the good work that has led to this event. I am sure the university is injecting into the labour market quality graduates who are ready to contribute to the realisation of the Kenya Vision 2030. Garissa University council and management should remain fo-

cused and efficient towards the development of a world class university that creates knowledge, skills and innovations for the benefit of Kenya and the world at large.

With the challenges that higher education is facing in Kenya, I wish to acknowledge the role universities are playing to help solve societal social, economic and political challenges.

Despite the limited resources, the government will continue to make efforts to support the development of higher education institutions in line with the needs of the nation.

I urge Garissa University and all other tertiary institutions to continually review their academic programmes in tandem with the changes taking place in the country.

Going forward, Garissa University must devise ways to remain competitive in the face of reforms that the Ministry of Education plans to implement in the sector to raise the quality of learning and research.

I wish all the graduates who will be receiving academic degrees and diplomas today the very best of luck as they join the world of work. Kenya and the world needs you. I am sure you are adequately prepared to excel in all spheres. Congratulations!



Prof. Collette Suda, PhD, CBS, FKNAS
Chief Administrative Secretary, Ministry of Education, and Principal Secretary, State Department of University Education and Research

On my own behalf and of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, I take this opportunity to congratulate the stakeholders of Garissa University for their efforts that have culminated

to this historic occasion of the 1st graduation ceremony.

I am impressed with the progress the university is making since 2016 in terms of student enrolments, completion of the perimeter walls and the students' hostel. It is the ministry's hope that these achievements will help the university attain its goals.

Quality higher education is paramount. Universities, Garissa inclusive, should strive towards achieving it for the realisation of Vision 2030 that demands for

quality services and products out of our institutions.

The Ministry of Education Science and Technology is determined to help universities achieve their agenda as they strive to be agents of change in Kenya and globally through research and teaching. It is for this reason that the Commission for University Education (CUE) will conduct audits for all universities and the findings used for the guidance and realisation of university agenda in this country.

Resilient varsity comes of age



Prof. Hellen Sambili
Chancellor

MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

I am very much delighted to preside over this First Graduation Ceremony of Garissa University. This convocation has been made possible by men and women who burnt the midnight oil to achieve this great feat; a feat which requires discipline and dedication to duty. Congratulations!

I am aware of the difficult past that Garissa University has come through. We all remember the terrorist attack that claimed

many innocent lives and brought this university to its knees.

Today, that is only a short chapter in our long history. We have moved on. As the saying goes, "Where there is a will, there is a way".

Today, Garissa University has come of age and shares the table with the giants of the academic world, as it presents its pioneer group of more than 300 graduates who come from all corners of Kenya and shall hence go back to serve the country. Garissa University, as the first

and only public university in northern part of Kenya, has a major role to play in the development of the arid and semi-arid lands where it is situated.

Through its research and extension activities, the university has embarked on the development of new programmes focusing on, among others, the management of dryland environment and community engagement in order to transfer to them the knowledge gained. I am happy to note that the university is taking up this tasks head on.



County Government of Garissa

Congratulations

GARISSA UNIVERSITY

on your

1st graduation

From the office of **H.E Governor Ali Bunow Korane**, County Government of Garissa wishes to congratulate Garissa University on their 1st graduation

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