

## **Professor Kibwage's welcome remarks**

I note that this is the third year meeting of Micro-research in Nairobi. Most encouraging is the fact that this year the University of Nairobi, College of Health Sciences through UNITID is leading the process.

This year also I note that the exposure time to the course is extended, thanks to the provision of health breaks. In this regards I wish to thank Prime-K which is also the under my docket for this institution. Let me say something about Micro-research.

Micro-research is aimed at improving local research capacity in Africa under the concept

- Small locally driven multidisciplinary research projects to improve health outcomes
- Starts with multidisciplinary research training workshop with hands on research proposal development .

This concept is very much in line with ours therefore I encourage the participants to take the opportunity to learn how to ask the questions that will address their problems

While one of our key pillars this University is research tendencies have been project driven with little questions asked/hypothesis driven. Also research is targets undertake at much higher level among academic members of staff. This has created a perception of elitism in research. Micro-research is to demonstrate otherwise. There is observing from the list of participants multidisciplinary approach to MR.

The current basis is maximization of resources is to operate as a team. Indeed however good a player must be the football team to win as team.

Also eve those individuals members of the first eleven started in small way for this I encourage team work and spirit as one of the UoN core values

## **Continual improvement**

I not with satisfaction the trend of MR since. 2008 take for instance the health care profession and other trained 22 in 2008, 2010 48 trained, 2011 64 trained and 2012 152 trained. This continual improvement is seen in number of training sites and MR team proposal outcome developed in workshops. For this I trust that this workshop will surpass the last years and show this upward movement.

From this year attendance, I am informed that whole last year the participants trainees of MR were mainly from Nairobi this time round there are participants from Garissa, Kisii, Kitui this clearly demonstrates the Kenya wide representation. Perhaps ensure that some parts of the country that are not represented this year and represented next year.

The UoN is positioned to lead this process of MR as virtual institution to its activities are more able to adopt and can be described by the stakeholders.

I note that MR is so far an African activity.