

UON HIV CAPACITY BUILDING FELLOWSHIP STAKEHOLDERS MEETING – JUNE 4th, 2014

Colleagues from the University of Nairobi, Partners from Management Sciences for Health, University of Washington, Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology, Technical University of Mombasa, invited guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the **First Stakeholders Forum of UoN HIV Capacity Building Fellowship**.

This meeting is a key component of the **Project Initiation** and is expected to lay a **strong foundation** for the plans the program will incorporate to establish a viable organizational capacity building strategy for local organizations engaged in HIV program implementation and service delivery. It is my sincere hope that we will work closely and collaboratively to attain the above.

University of Nairobi HIV Capacity building fellowship is a new 5 year CDC grant with the aim of Increasing HIV/AIDS Program Capacity through Human Resources Capacity Building to Support the Transition of Kenya HIV Program to Local Organizations under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). This project follows on the rich history of a similar fellowship program that we ran for the last 5 years.

The UoN HIV Fellowship Program is unique in that it is based and led at the College of Health Sciences and is currently partnering with several Universities and Health Programs. We are hoping to expand the collaborations to include Health Departments in County Governments and selected Community based organizations.

As the chair of the program advisory board I have also observed that the project at the institutional level has increased collaboration across various schools and departments, namely School of Computing and Informatics, School of Economics and Department of Management Sciences. This is indeed commendable.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the purpose of today's workshop is to identify capacity gaps in HIV Program Leadership, Management and Service delivery in Kenya.

As program stakeholders you will be key in the design, implementation and evaluation of this training program therefore it is important that you define clear measures of effectiveness, efficiency and impact. I further urge all of you to share on your capacity related challenges and training gaps so as to guide us in future planning especially in curriculum review.

I do take this opportunity to thank all of you who made it to this meeting today and to CDC (Centre for Disease Control and Prevention), whose resources have contributed to our success in capacity building. I also thank the Fellowship team for their efforts.

Finally I wish you fruitful deliberations and interactions and look forward to seeing the meeting report.