



## UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**SPEECH DELIVERED BY MR. BARACK MULUKA, REPRESENTING  
CHAIRPERSON, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 46TH GRADUATION CEREMONY OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI HELD ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 2, 2011**

The Chancellor, University of Nairobi, Dr. Joseph Barage Wanjui

The Minister for Higher Education, Prof. Margaret Kamar, MP

The Chairman of the University of Nairobi Council, Mr. John Simba

Fellow Alumni

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

We have assembled here again today to celebrate the sterling performance of the graduands as a result of prudent investment by the stakeholders, in particular the students.

On behalf of the University of Nairobi Alumni Association (UONAA), I wish to congratulate the Graduating Class of 2011 from mainly drawn

from the Colleges of Health Sciences and Humanities and Social Sciences. In the same vein, we extend our congratulations to the University for its Invaluable Support in moulding the graduands.

It gives me great pleasure to note that in today's event, 5,676 graduands will be conferred and awarded Degrees and Diplomas, in readiness for their absorption into the Job Market to give them an opportunity to practice the knowledge gained from the University.

Mr, Chancellor Sir, on behalf of UONAA I cordially welcome the graduands to register with the Association in order to join hands with the rest of the alumni to fulfill the Association's mandate. In line with this, UONAA plans to construct an Alumni Centre, whose estimated cost is ksh.600 million. To this effect, we sincerely thank the University Council for its magnanimity in allocating 1.5 acres of land at the Arboretum Drive for construction of the Centre. Further, we are grateful to the University for allocating the Association Office space at the Kenya Science Campus, the space which is currently under renovation will enable the Association settle there to allow smooth operationalization of its activities.

The University Of Nairobi Alumni Association (UONAA) has the desire and the enthusiasm to build the Alumni Centre and has therefore, appealed for support from its alumni, well wishers and friends. Since the inception of the association we have championed the plight of the alumni and we will

be proud to witness the attainment of the monumental milestone of establishing the Alumni Centre.

In order to raise funds to enable realization of our dream project of the Alumni Centre, in the near future, we plan to host Regional Dinners as well as Breakfast meetings, whereby our alumni will be sensitized on the project, the pinnacle of UONAA's activities. We trust that there is good will from within and without to complete the construction of our Alma Mater's Home "The Alumni Centre". My appeal goes out to the business community, donors and friends of the University of Nairobi to partner with us by supporting this noble venture.

UONAA has proposed to the University a Core Staff Establishment for the Association and we are happy that the University has agreed to financially support the Post of Executive Director. Indeed, we greatly appreciate the timely good gesture.

I conclude my remarks by humbly asking you to be good ambassadors of the University and people of high integrity

Thank you and God bless you all.