

On behalf of Amref International University Board of Trustees, a warm welcome to you all. We are greatly honoured to have you with us on this momentous occasion of installing the 1ST Chancellor of the Amref International University.

It is gratifying to witness a transformation from training community-level health service providers for over 40 years to the establishment of Amref International University to train higher cadre health workers to occupy higher levels in the health sector. The upgrading to university status is in response to the dynamic needs for quality health care in Africa.

AMREF International University is now poised to appropriately respond to the academic needs of pre-service and in-service health professionals. Taking advantage of

technology is not an option but a must for Amref International University. Moving forward, Amref International University's priority is to deploy innovative education approaches in ensuring there is an increased number of health practitioners in Africa.

A successful Amref International University will contribute immensely to addressing Africa's critical shortage of health workers. The dream is to develop infrastructure that will provide learning opportunities to scholars, researchers and innovators in community and public health on the continent and globally.

Our aspiration is to train health professionals who can influence policy, regulation and legislation at strategic levels.

The sponsor will provide the support necessary to steer the university towards self sustainability and ultimately to a research and academic outfit that will become a regional pace setter in the field of health sciences. Our penultimate goal is to influence and drive the implementation of much needed health reforms on the African continent.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen

It is now my humble duty to invite His Excellency Mr Festus Mogae, First chancellor of Amref International University to make his inaugural address.