

CHAIR COUNCIL (Role is Policy)

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On behalf of the Council, I wish to welcome all of you to this auspicious occasion of the inauguration of Amref International University's first Chancellor. A renown Statesman and former President of Botswana, His Excellency Mr Festus Mogae.

I note that universities play a significant role in the development of intellectual capacities of the individuals that are molded by these institutions. Universities are pivotal in driving policy and act as sources of new knowledge and innovative thinking. I also note that AMIU is not just another university. AMIU is founded on the intellect of AMREF Health Africa which has over 60 years of quality innovative health interventions, training and education.

The University Council is geared towards overseeing the development and implementation of policies that leverage on the Amref Health Africa brand as well as being in tandem in with governmental and regulatory body frameworks.

Ladies and gentlemen

AMIU is a young university, having received its Letter of Interim Authority in August 2017. The university's core values are inherent in its governance and academic policy framework.

These encompass:

Ethics

Excellence

Innovation

Commitment

Diversity

Collaboration

Our vision is to be a leading university of excellence in developing transformational health leaders and practitioners who inspire lasting change in Africa. The council seeks to build on Amref Health Africa's successes and consequently the experience of a Pan African University targeting 35 countries where Amref is based in Africa and 11 Countries in Europe and North America – attracting and retaining students, quality staff and partnerships.

The university prides itself in the most modern pedagogy of enabling learners; problem solving and critical thinking to provide innovative solutions and inculcate a research culture for innovative evidence based solutions. AMIU programmes are informed by current trends and upto date research. These

are focused on equipping health workers with skills and knowledge to enable them respond to the Universal Health Coverage agenda.

Our key agenda is to ensure that our students graduate with indepth knowledge and skills that enhance competencies to nagivate the dynamic health sector. The universities learning programs are designed to produce graduate students that are responsive to societal and community needs in promotive, preventive, rehabilitative and palliative health care.

With this in mind I am confident that AMIU is well adapted in achieving the targets set towards the Road to Charter.

Finally, as Chair of the Council, I give my undertaking for total support towards the university's full accreditation and grant of Charter in its quest to inspire lasting change.