



REMARKS BY H E FESTUS MOGAE, CHANCELLOR AMREF INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (AMIU) DURING THE 3RD AMIU GRADUATION CEREMONY HELD ON 10TH JUNE, 2022 AT AMIU GROUNDS.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning/afternoon

It gives me great honour and pleasure to welcome you all to the third graduation ceremony of Amref International University.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Last year, we witnessed the graduation of the first cohort of degree programme students at this University. Today marks another important milestone for the University as the first Master of Science students are graduating. I congratulate the University for this steady growth and development observed in admitting, and successfully training and examining these students.

I also commend the students for working hard to successfully complete their courses and be presented for conferment of degrees and award of diplomas. It is always a happy occasion for us to celebrate not only your personal achievement, but also that of your parents and sponsors who have supported you financially and in other ways to enable you realize this great achievement.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It was indeed gratifying to learn about the new five-year Strategic Plan of the University (2022-2027), with its emphasis on primary health care training and focus on helping achieve Universal Health Care (UHC) in Africa through addressing the aspects of diversity, equity and inclusion. Indeed, the issue of lack of access to health care cuts across most of the sub-Saharan African countries but there are populations that are more affected and have been left behind. Health programs must therefore intentionally target to reach those marginalized populations. I am proud that this is in fact the foundation of our university.

The health indicators in sub-Saharan Africa are still worrying, with unacceptably high disease burden and weak health systems. The solutions to this dire situation will not come from elsewhere. Africa must look for its own solutions to its health problems. As a university we are

committed to finding solutions that are context relevant. Our graduates are well prepared for this and as they go out we are confident that they will lead the change that is very much needed in the health sector. We are confident because the training they have gone through is different and makes them think globally as they apply tested solutions to local problems.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

To our graduands, remember what we stand for and that you have learnt for the time you have been in AMIU. You have learnt that the you have a duty to serve humanity. Your success should be measured in the change you will make in people's lives. We are confident that you have the right skills, ambition and attitude needed in the sector for change to happen.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I end by thanking the University community for having successfully completed another academic year, as indicated by the presentation of 220 students for award of diplomas and conferment of degrees. I commend the faculty of the Amref International University, the University Management, University Council, as well as the Sponsor - Amref Health Africa for this academic accomplishment.

I urge that you keep up the good work. Congratulations again to the graduands, as well as their parents, guardians and sponsors for this great achievement.

Thank you and May God bless you.

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