



**REMARKS BY H. E. MR FESTUS MOGAE, CHANCELLOR, AMREF
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, DURING THE 4TH GRADUATION CEREMONY,
14TH JULY, 2023**

- **The Cabinet Secretary, MoH, Kenya, Hon Dr Susan Nakhumicha**
- **The Minister of Health, Malawi, Hon Khumbize Chiponda**
- **The PS State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards, MoH – Ms Mary Muthoni Muriuki HSC**
- **The Secretary Administration, Higher Education and Research, MoE – Mr. Fredrick Ndambuki**
- **High Commissioner, Republic of Malawi to Kenya represented by the First Secretary for Administration and Education Desk, Mr Benson Ojesi**
- **Representatives of regulatory bodies from the MoH and MoE**
- **AMIU BoT members present**
- **AMIU Chair of Council, Mrs Muthoni Kuria**
- **Council members present,**
- **University management and staff**
- **Students and parents present,**
- **Our partners**
- **Ladies and gentlemen**

It gives me great pleasure to join you at the fourth Graduation of Amref International University. I noted that some of the graduating students joined the University at the height of the Covid19 Pandemic. I commend you all for working under exceptionally difficult and uncertain circumstances, thus offering us an opportunity to congregate here today and witness the

conferment of degrees and award of diplomas. Congratulations to parents, guardians and sponsors for supporting our graduands against all odds, and enabling them to realize this great achievement. This graduation is also happening at a time in history when education has witnessed enormous technological advancement. Open, distance and eLearning as well as digital innovations have transformed the way we approach and access education. I am especially excited that the university continues to heighten its focus on building human resources for health as well as evidence to improve and develop primary health care in our communities while deploying the use of technology to reach the underserved and marginalized populations in our region.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The launch of the AMIU Health Entrepreneurship Academy and the AMIU ODeL Centre today will enable the University to position itself at the intersection of revolutionizing Primary Health Care through higher education and research through the versatile and dynamic health landscape. The advancement of digital innovations in higher education will greatly contribute in training leaders with the ability to advance dynamic and ground-breaking solutions to solve health and research problems in our continent. Further, and in keeping with our theme and 2022 – 2027 AMIU Strategy, I commend the Board of Trustees and the Council for availing financial resources and in making significant milestones towards development of the Northlands Campus.

Finally, I applaud the faculty and staff of the Amref International University, the University Council, as well as the Sponsor Amref Health Africa for this academic accomplishment under the challenging economic times.

To our graduands,

615 million people in Africa lack access to basic health services. As you mark this significant milestone today, strive to embrace digital innovations to promote and achieve the highest possible level of health and well-being in the communities that you are going to serve. Carry the banner of Amref international University high through virtue, character, service and the Ubuntu spirit.

Once again congratulations to the graduands, as well as their parents, guardians and sponsors for this great achievement.