

**Speaking points for Amref International University Chancellor, HE Dr Festus Mogae
during the inauguration Ceremony on Thursday, 03 October 2019**

Distinguished Guests, the chair persons of the Board of Trustees, University Council, all members of the university governance structures, staff, students, parents, guardians, families and friends, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Thank you for the greater respect and thank you for considering this occasion well-meaning of your precious time and presence. This is profoundly humbling and exciting moment to be installed as the 1st Chancellor of Amref International University. Joining this great Pan African institution heightens my admiration and respect for the founding fathers of Amref Health Africa, the sponsors of the University. Congratulations Amref Health Africa for giving birth to an academic institutions that is poised to transform health sciences training on the continent of Africa and churn out health professionals that will contribute towards achieving

lasting health for African by Africans. I am proud to be associated with AMIU and Amref Health Africa. Graciously I accept the roles and responsibilities of AMIU Chancellor to work together with all stakeholders in profiling and supporting this great institution.

Our dream at AMIU is to rally together in building a Premier Pan African University that will set pace for evidence-based learning and practice. We shall together strive to build a unique brand drawing on Amref Health Africa's experience, African cultural, demographic and rich Ubuntu heritage to find home grown solutions to the health needs of the continent. Walking further in this journey, will demand for collective efforts in pursuing our vision of **"inspiring lasting Change"** to achieve **"Lasting health Change"**.

Our esteemed guests, it with great pleasure to share with all of us the progress to-date. It is important to note that the institution since being granted the Letter of Interim Authority by CUE in August 2019 impacted on working towards the charter. The ceremony today is an important milestones in the journey to becoming a fully-fledged chartered University. Other milestones include a clear Road Map towards accreditation, finalised University Statues, council approved policies and procedures (Examination, Consultancy and Human Resources).

Ladies and gentleman, with the Mace, logo and Seal in place, the University management is now in the process of ensuring required academic programmes are in place. Commission for University Education requires that we have at least 400 degree students, 4 approved academic programmes. May take this opportunity to congratulate the university management and

staff who are working diligently to develop the said academic programmes. Currently the University has two (2) ongoing CUE, approved degree programmes and three (3) that submitted to the Commission for University Education for assessment. On this front, there are several other curricula that are under various stages of development.

Honourable guests, ladies and gentlemen, fulfilling our dream of a Premier Pan African institution is our primary focus. Your presence at this inauguration event gives us hope and re-energises to continue focusing on building an institutions that is professional and financially viable. We at Amref International University count on your good will and support in creating a Premier Pan African University that all of us look to in transforming the health sector land-scape, health sciences research and enhancing innovation.

Our collective efforts will sure propel us towards achieving the Amref International University's vision of inspiring lasting change for lasting health change in Africa by Africans.

Once more, I wish to sincere thank you for your choosing to be with us at this time in our efforts to contribute to wellbeing of humanity.

Thank you all!!