
Closing remarks by Prof. Peter Mbithi, the DVC Administration and Finance during the CSDES Seminar on “Delivering Technologies to Communities and Counties through University /Research /Extension Partnership Model” held at Pride Inn Hotel, Westlands, on 1st August 2013

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my joy to witness the culmination of this wonderful seminar on *Delivering Technologies to Communities and Counties through University /Research /Extension Partnership Model*. I wish to sincerely thank all of you for your contributions during this seminar. I wish to thank USAID who through the Higher Education for Development program have funded the UoN -CSU partnership which hosted this seminar-thank you Dr. Julius Kilungo for representing USAID Kenya in this seminar. I wish to also thank Professor Lou Swanson, the CSU Vice President for Engagement and his colleagues from Colorado State University, Profs. Joyce Berry and Craig Beyrouy, for ensuring that the partnership between UoN and CSU grows through establishing collaborative initiatives, in particular with our College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences.

We are very grateful to our counterparts from the Ministry of Livestock, KARI and County representatives for actively participating in this seminar. It was also a great pleasure to engage with community representatives from dryland counties who are a strategic collaborator in promoting sustainable development in dryland counties in Kenya. It is my sincere hope that the findings of this short seminar will greatly enhance our research and extension/outreach programs, as we seek to reach out to all counties. We look forward to strengthen our partnership with all of you in order to synergize and complement one another. In deed, it is



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our strategic objective as a University to create value-adding partnerships and linkages locally, regionally and globally. I therefore take this opportunity to wish all of you the best as you embark on employing the lessons learnt from this seminar.

Thank you and God bless you all.

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