

Daystar University hosts Inaugural Annual & The 1st International Conference on Research Process and Research Ethics

[Nairobi, September 28...] Daystar University is from today, September 28-30, 2021, playing host to the Inaugural Annual and the 1st International Conference on Research Process and Research Ethics at its Valley Road Campus.

The Conference is jointly hosted by Daystar University, The National Commission for Science, Technology, and Innovation (NACOSTI) & Daystar University Ethics Review Board (DUERB).

The keynote speaker for the opening ceremony was Ambassador Simon Nabukwesi - Principal Secretary, State Department for University Education and Research, Ministry of Education.

Amb. Nabukwesi reiterated the Government's resolve to strengthen the private sector's involvement in research, science and technology, saying that a well-coordinated and regulated research has direct impact to the growth of any economy. He also said that the Government is committed to supporting the advancement of higher education through research.

He lauded Daystar University for prioritising research in its 2020-2025 strategic plan, which states that research will be central to the University's transformation process.

In his welcome address, the Vice-chancellor stressed the need to give emphasis to ethics, integrity and quality assurance. "Total lack of ethics will carry itself with you as you walk around telling people that you have a PhD, yet you know that the ethical standards of your PhD are false," said Prof. Laban Ayiro.

On his part Director General / CEO, NACOSTI, Prof. Walter O. Oyawa assured that NACOSTI is there for the benefit of all stakeholders. "We need to build a culture whereby when one stands and gives a lecture on his area of expertise, he or she is able to be heard," he said.

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"Science is dependent on people having faith in what scientists do. When you mistrust science, you undermine the support given to scientist," said David Ewoldsen, Michigan State University.

Other keynote speakers for the conference, include Prof Violet Naanyu, Moi University, Mr John Onyango, Acting Managing Director, Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI) and Prof Alice Mutungi, Dean School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Methodist University of Kenya.

The closing ceremony which will be held on September 30th and will be officiated by the Cabinet Secretary - Ministry of Information and Communications, Hon. Joe Mucheru EGH.

Online participants drawn from all over the world are following the conference on Zoom.

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