

**SPEECH BY THE KMTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIPERSON  
AMB. ZACHARY MUBURI-MUITA, ON THE 90<sup>TH</sup> KMTC  
GRADUATION CEREMONY HELD AT THE KMTC GRADUATION  
SQUARE NAIROBI ON 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2021, AT 10:00 AM**

**Guest of Honour Principal Secretary Ministry of Health Madam Susan Mochache, CBS**

**Members of Parliament**

**County Governors**

**KMTC Board of Directors**

**KMTC Ag. Chief Executive Officer Dr. Kelly Oluoch**

**Representatives of Government entities**

**Development Partners**

**Graduating Class of December 2021 and their families**

**Members of the Fourth Estate**

**Faculty, Staff and Students**

**Online audience, Ladies and gentlemen**

**Guest of Honour Madam,**

It is a great honour and privilege to welcome you this 90<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony of the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC).

It is barely two months since I stepped into this role as the KMTC Board of Directors Chairperson.

I wish to thank H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta for appointing me and give reassurance of my determination and commitment to this honourous assignment.

Serving in the KMTC Board is special as the College directly impacts on the health of all Kenyan citizens, to which I am fully committed.

During the same period, we welcomed three Board Directors: Mrs. Jeniffer Kibagendi, Dr. Stephen Ochiel, and Dr. Naomi Kathure Mutea. The three Directors represent the Public Interest in the KMTC Board of Directors. I wish to express gratitude to Health Cabinet Secretary, Sen. Mutahi Kagwe for their appointments.

The three new members bring key skills and expertise to the Board, crucial in steering the College's transformational health agenda.

The new appointees join other Board Directors, namely, Mr. Fred Wamwaki, (representing the Public Interest), Mr. Samuel Arachi (representing the PS Directorate Public Service Management), Dr. Martin Sirengo (representing the Director General, MoH), Ms. Susan Mucheru (representing the PS National Treasury), Dr. Pacificah Onyanha (representing the PS MoH) and Mr. James Bett (representing the Inspector General, Inspectorate of State Corporations).

**Guest of Honour Madam,**

I am glad to report that even though we live in turbulent times caused by, the College has been steadfast and resilient, in the delivery of its mandate. The

challenges posed by the outbreak of COVID-19 paved way for innovative solutions, resulting to reliable and robust systems for continuity of service delivery, this hybrid ceremony included.

As the Chairperson of the Board of Directors, I am very proud of our Graduands for their determination and focus, even amidst the pandemic, satisfying the examiners to qualify for various awards in their fields of study. This is a significant achievement! *Hongera sana!*

I sincerely thank our Faculty, Staff, parents, guardians and partners for the immense support and sacrifices made, towards the success of the graduands.

**Guest of Honour Madam,**

Early this year, the KMTC Board signed the Performance Contract for the Financial Year 2021/2022, with the Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Health on behalf of the Government, which is currently guiding the College's strategic focus towards attainment of Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

KMTC plays a key role in the achievement of UHC. This we do by producing competent health professionals to bridge the Human Resource for Health gaps for the country's health sector.

It gives me pleasure to note that we are celebrating 94 years of KMTC's existence as the main arm of medical training for the Ministry of Health, having been established in 1927.

The Board continues to partner with County Governments, National Government-Constituency Development Fund and development partners to support infrastructural expansion. This far, we have operationalised campuses in 43 out of the 47 counties in the country. The expansion has provided more training opportunities to the public and transformed the social economic well-being of local communities.

**Guest of Honour Madam,**

KMTC training programmes are skills oriented and as such our Campuses are located adjacent to hospitals, where students undertake clinical practice. This has ensured that our health facilities have regular medical Human Resource support throughout the year.

KMTC remains the lead-trainer in the medical field producing over 85% of middle level health professionals for the local health sector. Our graduates are highly sought after and work in far off countries in the USA, Canada, Australia, the UK, Middle East and in Africa, among others.

The College is a member of the inter-ministerial team, committed to supporting the Government in implementation of the recent bilateral agreement on migration of unemployed health workers to the UK.

We will continue to direct our efforts on meeting key objectives that will sustain the College's leadership position in the training of competent health professionals.

**Guest of Honour Madam,**

I sincerely thank your Government for the support given to the College's Board of Directors, enabling us offer strategic leadership. The Board continues to embrace a culture of good corporate governance, performance contracting and quality management systems, thus recording tremendous achievements in the recent past.

The achievements include: growth in the College asset base, creation of more training opportunities by establishing campuses across the country, recruitment of additional staff to support the growing number of students, uptake of research activities, review of curriculum and introduction of new courses in support of UHC. We have spearheaded infrastructural development, automation of our systems and strengthened resource centres.

We have allocated resources to support research undertakings in the College and institutionalised mechanisms for capacity building to ensure staff acquire the necessary competencies to manage affairs of the College.

The Board of Directors has up-scaled digitization of College services which has resulted to streamlined operations and efficiency in service delivery.

Further, the Board has put in place various policies and frameworks to strengthen internal processes and procedures, to ensure compliance with existing Laws and Regulations.

The Board under my leadership will remain strategic in providing Policy direction and innovative solutions to the ever-evolving health challenges.

**Guest of Honour Madam,**

Through dynamic partnerships, the College has attracted infrastructural and financial resources from National Government Constituency Development Fund(s) -CDFs, County Governments and other partners, enabling the institution to create more training and employment opportunities for Kenyans.

We will continue to enhance our resource mobilization efforts, strengthen collaboration, as well as forge industry-academia related linkages for sustainability and stability, towards attainment of our mandate.

We acknowledge the many international and national partners in, addition to the various regulatory bodies who we closely work with to ensure quality in our training, as well as public and private hospitals where our students undertake clinical practice.

To our esteemed partners, we owe you immense debt of gratitude. You have supported us through; capacity building, equipping our Campuses with teaching and learning resources, secondment of staff, exchange programmes and curriculum development.

We thank you for supporting the College in attainment of its mandate and look forward to more future collaborations for mutually beneficial outcomes.

**Guest of Honour Madam,**

In regards to the current Covid-19 global pandemic that has affected all aspects of life, it is our commitment, to continue availing both physical and human resources to complement Government efforts in managing the its negative effects in the country.

We continue to uphold Presidential directives and the Ministry of Health's protocols in supporting the Government combat the Coronavirus epidemic.

The College plays a key role in supporting the Government achieve the UHC agenda and, therefore, our recent College expansion supplements these efforts. Like other public institutions, KMTC continues to grapple with financial challenges. While, the Board has made strides to ensure the growth is supported by available resources, gaps persist.

Therefore, the College needs additional funding in order to strengthen the its human resource and physical infrastructure, in order to better support the attainment of UHC and Kenya's Vison 2030.

**To our graduands,**

I want to, once again, congratulate you on your graduation. The nation and the citizens of Kenya have high expectations on you. Please remember at all times to conduct yourself with integrity and high degree of professionalism and thus be good ambassadors of your College.

I urge you to be agents of sustainable development and change, as well as leaders of the generation that will move this country to the next level.

**Guest of Honour Madam,**

I thank the College Management Team and staff led by the Acting CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch, for their dedication in the day-to-day running of the College and for organizing this wonderful ceremony.

My gratitude also goes to the Board of Directors for providing leadership and ensuring proper governance systems and procedures are in place.

I thank the Ministry of Health led by the Cabinet Secretary Sen. Mutahi Kagwe, for the support and guidance, enabling us achieve our vision of “being a model institution in the training and development of competent health professionals”.

On behalf of the KMTC Board of Directors, Management, staff, students and stakeholders, I wish to thank H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta for steering the nation to make significant strides in the fight against COVID-19, uplifting the standards of living, for being at the forefront of driving the social-economic development blue print, and focusing on UHC as one of the Governments Big Four Agenda.

Once more, **Guest of Honour Madam**, welcome to KMTC. It is now my pleasure to invite you to address us. **Asanteni!**