



# SOUTH EASTERN KENYA UNIVERSITY

**Arid To Green: Transforming Lives**



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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Ceremony

### Message from the Cabinet Secretary



**Dr. Fred Matiang'i, PhD**  
Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education,  
Science and Technology

I wish to congratulate the 2016 graduands of South Eastern Kenya University. I note with gratification that this is the third graduation ceremony since the University was granted a charter on 1st March 2013. The number of graduands has increased to 823(93%) in 2016 from 427 in 2015. I am also impressed by the magnificent landmark buildings and elaborate support systems in the university that are as result of the good leadership and team work between the Chancellor, Council, and University management with the support from the government.

The important role universities play in creation of knowledge for national

development need no gainsaying. As a young nation, whose growth is hinged mainly on the development of skilled and knowledgeable and human capital base, our envisaged economic takeoff is fundamentally tied to how well we manage our education sector in general and our institutions of higher learning in particular to play their rightful role in this endeavor. It is in this vein that the government has made major strides in establishing universities in the past decade, with 23 Public Universities and 11 University Constituent Colleges today.

However, numbers alone will not count so much if due attention is not given to quality and relevance. The Ministry has, therefore, put in place a number of measures intended to invigorate higher education to achieve the desirable quality standards. We want to ensure that standards are not just established, but are strictly adhered to. The ongoing inspection of learning facilities in universities by the Commission for University Education should be seen in this light. I wish; however, to urge the universities to use internal structure to implement the policy guidelines that give

priority to quality standards at all levels. As constituted today, our universities have these structures and what they require is the will and resolves to enforce them.

In order to ensure that our education sector is fully responsive to the needs of the local and the global job markets, the Ministry is reviewing the curricula at all levels. This review aims, among other things, at ensuring that learners' potentials and unique areas of strength are identified at the right time and stage and harnessed in the best way possible. As a constitutional requirement, we shall involve all stakeholders in this review to ensure that the product of the exercise is acceptable and beneficial to all parties. I therefore appeal to the public to provide their views that would enrich our curriculum.

Finally, I urge the graduands to put the education they have acquired from this institution into proper use for the benefit of our nation and humanity at large. May God give you strength and wisdom as you embark on the next phase of your academic and professional life.

### Message from the Chancellor



**Dr. Titus Naikuni, DSc. (Hon.)**  
JKUAT, DHL (Hon.) SEKU  
CHANCELLOR

I congratulate our graduands on the successful completion of their studies and urge them to dedicate their intellectual resources to serving humanity. I am gratified that already, the University is making significant contribution towards the realisation of Kenya's development goals through the production of skilled human resource as we are witnessing today.

SEKU remains committed to satisfying the growing demand for quality education, and will maintain its quest to develop into a specialized institution for training and research in specific areas of science and technology.

I note with satisfaction the tremendous love the community has shown towards the University. I have advised the Council and Management to continue to explore ways of forging even stronger links for our mutual benefit. SEKU has realized major milestones within the short time of existence thanks to the strong support of the national Government through the Ministry of

Education, Science and Technology. We have received equally good support from the County Government of Kitui.

Our long term development plan will require heavy involvement of the private sector to supplement the support from both levels of government. We shall, therefore, scale up the public private partnerships for accelerated growth. I am happy to note that the University has made good progress in mainstreaming ethics and good governance in its operations. Graduates who are well-grounded in ethics will play a key role in helping change the culture of this country to that of trustworthy and good leadership.