



**SPEECH BY AMB. SIMON NABUKWESI, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,  
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ON THE OCCASION OF THE COMMISSIONING OF THE  
MOLECULAR & MICRO-BIOLOGY LABORATORY TO BE HELD ON  
MONDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2022 AT JARAMOGI OGINGA ODINGA  
UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGYS' MAIN CAMPUS,  
BONDO.**

I am delighted to join Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology fraternity and the National Research Fund as we officially commission the molecular and microbiology laboratory.

We applaud the effort and teamwork displayed by JOOUST faculty in ensuring that the University's facilities are well equipped through partnerships such as this. We further acknowledge the significant role played by the JOOUST leadership and the University Council for the tremendous effort in achieving this milestone.

**Distinguished Ladies and gentlemen,**

From the onset, I would like to sincerely thank, the National Research Fund, on behalf of the Government, for considered and extended support towards the advancement of research capacities not only to JOOUST but also other universities and research institutions in the country. This is indeed commendable.

The commissioning of this JOOUST Molecular and Microbiology Laboratory and the funding thereof directly demonstrate the commitment by the Governments in supporting the priority areas of science, technology and innovation.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

The Government is proud of the steps that JOOUST has taken towards advancement of science and technology in this country. The state of the art

Research Centre in Miyandhe is a true testament of the investment the University is making towards attainment of excellence in teaching, research, innovation and outreach. We are not only proud of what you are doing today but we are proud of the milestones that have been achieved by this University. We have seen that the image of commitment to excellence that JOOUST has cultivated and promoted is drawing the interest of other universities and partners' world over. This is a trend we hope to see continue.

As the Ministry of Education, we are determined to ensure that we achieve globally recognised research and technology through expanded partnerships and also by

ensuring intact policies are put in place when it comes to fundable research projects.

## **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

This Molecular and Microbiology Laboratory will support the goals of fostering academic innovation, enriching staff and student experience, supporting research excellence, developing outstanding human resources, sustaining campus growth, ensuring financial stability and engaging community participation while providing the students, researchers and scientists with cutting edge research skills and knowledge.

The developments that we have seen before us today are positioning this University to first world levels.

### **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

The demand for quality services from Government bodies by consumers continues to escalate in light of changing technology and increased access to information and knowledge by customers. The twenty first century customers have access to an array of information that enables them to create a certain level of expectation on the quality of service they require.

Let us not lose focus, let us not slowdown in our quest of making this great University a leader not only in the region but also nationally, internationally and globally.

It is my pleasure to declare this laboratory officially commissioned!

**Long live JOOUST,**

**Long live NRF**

**God bless you all!**