# COMMUNIQUE BY DAYSTAR COMPANY CHAIR DURING THE COMMISSIONING OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED DAYSTAR UNIVERSITY COUNCIL ON JULY 31, 2018

Last week, the Daystar Company – legal sponsor of the University – received the report of the Independent Taskforce, having completed its work three months since its commissioning on April 25, 2018.

The reconstitution of the University Council is one among a raft of recommendations made by the Independent Taskforce. The Company received the recommendations of the Taskforce at its Annual General Meeting held on July 9<sup>th</sup> 2018 where the report was discussed at length and later adopted.

During this meeting, the Company resolved to reconstitute the University Council with immediate effect and began a search followed by interviews.

Today we are here to commission the new Council. During its one-year term in office, the new Council shall serve a broad terms of reference to ensure implementation of various reports for the effective running of the University.

The reconstituted Council is small in nature. Allow me now to introduce Members of the new Council to you:

## i) Mrs. Lillian Ogola

- A Financial Analyst / Consultant
- B.Sc Business Administration (USIU-Africa)
- Previously a member of the Independent Taskforce (Governance & Legal Committee)

#### ii) Dr. Erastus Kihara Mureithi

- Group Executive Chairman Suera Group of Companies
- Has a Doctorate Degree in Christian Counselling and MA in Agricultural Economics
- Previously served on the Independent Taskforce (Committee on students and staff issues)

#### iii) Mrs. Nyambura Musyimi

- New member of the Council
- An Advocate and previously Founder and Managing Partner of Musyimi & Company Advocates (1996-2013);
- Immediate Chairlady of the Board of Directors of Kenya Women Micro Finance Bank (2011 – May 2018);

 Holds an Executive Masters in Business Administration (EMBA) from Copenhagen Business School and a Law Degree (LLB, Honors) from the University of Nairobi

## iv) Mr. Desmond Mtula

- Managing Director, Church Commissioners of Kenya
- Member of previous University Council as chair of the Finance Committee

## v) CPA Donald Odera

- Partner of International Liaison
- Head advisory services Horwath Erastus Company
- Member of previous University Council as chair of Risk and Audit Committee

### vi) Prof. Henry Moses Thairu

- New Chairman of Daystar University Council
- Formerly Chairman of the Independent Taskforce on Daystar University
- Previously served as Chairman of the Commission for University Education, Founder Managing Director of JKUAT Enterprises Ltd, and Chairman of the Board of Management, Kenya Education Network – KENET
- Has PhD in Physical Chemistry at the Technical University of Trondheim, Norway.

Due to other commitments the seventh member will not be able to take up his place and a replacement will be announced in due course.

The new Council shall among others assess the HR capacity of the University, actualize the launch of the Law School, establish a seat of Authority for Athi River Campus, and Initiate reconciliation and healing for the community.

I wish to thank the previous Council for steering the University in challenging times and wish the new Council all the best as it executes its new mandate.

Signed: Dr. Macmillan Kiiru Chairman, Daystar Company

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