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**PROFESSIONALISM AS IT RELATES TO VETERINARY
MEDICINE**

It is my pleasure to be part of this Mini Workshop because of a number of reasons. Firstly, I am a member of staff in the Faculty and specifically in the Department of Clinical Studies. Secondly, the workshop will give me an opportunity to bond and link up with my colleagues of like minds which too often is not possible due to the competing demands of a busy office.

As some of you are aware, the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine is the oldest Faculty of the University of Nairobi. The Faculty prides itself in having a strong human resource base of over 100 lecturers with MSc and PhD in various areas relevant to Animal Health and Production. It is also rich in physical

resources, the most notable ones being teaching theatres and laboratories, the teaching hospital and the Faculty farm. In addition, it has diverse academic programs at certificate, bachelors, masters and doctorate levels. It also boasts of a large alumni of over 2000 veterinarians working in various sectors of society, including members of parliament. Thus the Faculty has a vast network of contacts locally, regionally and internationally.

The Government's Vision 2030 puts Agriculture in the economic pillars tasked to move the economy up the value chain. Livestock will be integral if this is going to be achieved. Education, which is in the social pillar of investing in the

people of Kenya is also very important in attaining the Vision 2030 aim of making Kenya a middle income economy. Thus as duo players in the vision 2030, we need to strategize to give maximum impact. There is high demand for higher education, new knowledge and technologies locally, regionally and internationally which we are expected to provide in order for Kenya to industrialize.

The world is fast moving towards integration in provision of manpower services and goods. It is also worth of note that inter-disciplinarily approach and collaboration more than competition is becoming the norm. It is therefore my conviction that members of staff need to bond and re-

strategize their approaches in teaching, research and consultancies.

In fact, I have noted that one of the topics outlined in the program is the Global shift that gears towards working in teams which may improve intellectual cohesiveness. The topics to be covered, I hope, will be a wake up call for us to change our attitudes and enable us make a commitment call so as to excel in our areas of expertise. This will allow us re-evaluate and reclaim our place in society, so that we can prepare the nation to respond quickly to challenges like outbreaks of zoonoses, drought and floods.

Colleagues, we have a major challenge, to get back to our professional attire, conduct relevant research, train and pass the information to the end users for the benefit of a our people and mankind in general.

It is my hope that this workshop will rejuvenate us all so that we can reclaim our leadership role in the region on all livestock issues in line with our ISO quality statement of continually improving our performance through excellence and professionalism, creativity, innovativeness, teamwork and adaptation to change.

The performance enhancing strategies, I hope, will be actively used by all members after this workshop.

Dear colleagues let me take this opportunity to wish us all a very successful workshop.

Thank you.