

## VARSITY LAUNCHES A CHANCELLOR'S VISITATION PANEL

The University of Nairobi has made history on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016 as the first University in Kenya to have a visitation panel. This Panel has been summoned by the Chancellor, Dr. (Mrs.) Vijoo Rattansi in accordance to the law of the land and international University education standards.

A Visitation panel is a team of experts and eminent persons who will conduct a performance assessment of an institution and give a detailed report to those that appoint.

Prof. Margaret Kobia, chairperson of the committee, noted the achievements of the University of Nairobi and she acknowledged that the University needs a new mindset to be able to break through to a new level. She said, "In a rapidly changing global environment, recommendation has to be guided for the University to be able to compete using global standards. "

The Chancellor, Dr. (Mrs.) Vijoo Rattansi, noted that the University has graduated so many scholars in the Phd, professorial and taken part in problem solving research within and without the Country. The visitors are here to interrogate and appreciate the 'rose in the thorns'. She noted that that this is a chance for the University to re-launch itself and recreate a more harmonious environment. She ended her remarks by saying, "Let us all embody the positive about ourselves under the great leadership of Prof. Margaret Kobia."

Dr. Idle Farah, Chairman of Council said that this Visitation represents a new approach to governance. He acknowledged that the University has taken great strides and in turn taken cognizance of the challenges ahead. He said that Visitation takes stock of our past, contextualize the present and makes us ready for the future.

Prof. Peter Mbithi, Vice Chancellor, The University Management, Council, Staff and student leaders were present during the launch.