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KENYATTA UNIVERSITY SIGNS JOINT AGREEMENT WITH AFRICA INTEGRAS (USA) FOR THE PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP HOSTELS PROJECT

Nairobi, June 19th 2015... Kenyatta University today signed a joint agreement with Africa Integras (USA) for the University's 10,000 students capacity hostels project under Public Private Partnership (PPP). The colourful event was graced by members of Kenyatta University Council, Management, representatives from the Ministry of Education and the National Treasury, Africa Integras (USA) representatives from IFC among other invited guests.

Speaking during the joint agreement signing ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda noted that the signed joint agreement was a major milestone towards realization of more on-campus accommodation services for undergraduate, postgraduate as well as married students who for the first time have an opportunity to enjoy on-campus residence once the hostels are completed. From her observation, it will be more convenient for students to enjoy on-campus learning and social facilities while ensuring adequate safety at an affordable cost. In her address, the Vice-Chancellor outlined the lengthy procurement and consultation process the initiative has undergone prior to today's agreement signing. She lauded various stakeholders from the University Council, Management, National Treasury, Ministry of Education, Transaction Advisors from IFC, Africa Integras and the negotiating committees for their tireless input.

In his remarks during the Ceremony, PPP Director, Eng. Stanley Kamau lauded Kenyatta University under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor for being bold and moving the project forward as the first institution in Kenya despite many challenges. He noted that Kenyatta University is a pioneer in many aspects. The actualization of the 2013 PPP act as the first public institution in Kenya and the region solidifies the University's leadership position. This from his observation will provide useful benchmarking lessons for other institutions in the country while meeting the Government's shortfall in bridging the infrastructure gaps in learning institutions. He further pledged the Government's commitment to work closely with the partnering entities to ensure timely and successful delivery of the projects.

In her address during the ceremony, Africa Integras (USA) Managing Partner, Andrea Pizziconi reiterated her firm's commitment to the success of the project. From her observation, the project is a demonstration of how existing capacities in the private sector could be utilized in addressing infrastructural capacities in the higher education sector not only in Kenya but also in Africa. These from her remarks are key potential contributors to overall global economic development while addressing infrastructural gaps in the education sector to meet set goals. She further lauded various stakeholders from Kenyatta University, the Government of Kenya, IFC and other agencies with whose input the joint partnership was realized.

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The signing of the joint agreement comes after successful Cabinet approval of the project on 21st May, 2015. This positions Kenyatta University as the first public institution to actualize the 2013 PPP Act while taking regional leadership in utilizing the PPP model in infrastructural capacity development. The agreement signed will see construction of 10,000 capacity hostels (9,350 undergraduates and 650 postgraduates) at the University's Main Campus. These will be inclusive of special units for Postgraduate Students as well as married students. The project will ease accommodation pressure in Kenyatta University while providing a benchmarking model for other institutions to adopt.

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Kenyatta University is the one of the largest universities in Eastern Africa whose vision is to be a dynamic, inclusive and a competitive centre for excellence in teaching, learning, research and service to humanity.

Founded in 1965, K.U has taken significant steps towards becoming a world-class university.

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