



## MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### VICE CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE DURING THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2022

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Today, as we celebrate the International Women's Day (IWD) 2022, we reflect on the journey of a woman, as a mother, a wife, a daughter, a sister, a friend and a professional. We reflect on the progress we have made and the barriers we still must overcome to achieve gender parity in all facets of life. We stand to spread the message of gender equality, celebrate the achievement and contributions of women in different spheres, and work towards building a society free of all gender biases, stereotypes and discrimination.

Many women across the world are still denied of their basic rights and face threats to life at every stage, starting from the right to be born, access to education, domestic violence, inadequate healthcare, access to nourishing diet and the ability to make decisions about their own lives and that of their families. We can break the bias in our communities, our work places, schools, colleges and universities.

Imagine a gender-equal world; a world free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination; a world that is diverse, equitable and inclusive; a world where difference is valued and celebrated. Together we can forge women's equality.

I believe that empowering women to join Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields will go a long way in building the socio-economic fabric of Kenya. Giving women equal opportunities to pursue and thrive in STEM careers helps narrow the gender pay gap, enhances women economic security, ensures a diverse and talented STEM workforce and prevents biases in these fields. By nurturing their skills and talent in STEM, the world will empower girls to explore their strengths and choose the skills they would like to develop from an early age.

Women are the pivot source of love in every way. God further assures us in Luke 1:45 that 'Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her'.

A woman is life, respect her. As a mother, she bears and nurtures life; as a sister, she betters it; as a companion, she completes it; as a daughter, she gives it meaning. When you value her, you value life. You are the best in everything you do. You are strong, clever, compassionate, beautiful and unique.

On this special day, we salute you. May you continue to inspire those around you.  
Happy International Women's Day!

**#BreakTheBias**

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