KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

Speech

PROF. OLIVE M. MUGENDA, PhD; MBA, EBS, CBS
VICE-CHANCELLOR

Career Week 2016
Thursday 4th February, 2016
The Chief Executive Officer of Kenya Commercial Bank, Mr. Joshua Oigara;
Director, Career and Attachment Programmes - Dr. Peter Karanja;
Dean, Student Affairs - Dr. Edwin Gimode;
Invited guests;
Members of staff;
Students;
Ladies and gentlemen.

Good Afternoon.
It gives me great pleasure to join you all this afternoon during this annual event of the Career Week. On behalf of the entire Kenyatta University fraternity and on my own behalf I would like to welcome and thank the Chief Executive
Officer, for finding time attend and preside over the official opening of the 2016 Kenyatta University Career Week. As a University, we are truly honored to have such a distinguished Corporate Leader grace this occasion.

Our Guest speaker, this week long event started on Saturday
30th January. The main objective of this annual Career week event is to make available a forum for career guidance and mentorship to our students and the entire University community. During the occasion also, the University also invites High School students for an occasion that that enlightens
them on career planning and academic focus. On Saturday 30th, the University hosted slightly over 16,000 students from over 250 schools across the country together with their teachers.

This year, the Career Week’s theme is “Fostering Entrepreneurship Through
Talent, Innovation and Technology For Career Advancement.” The selection of the theme was premised on the importance of entrepreneurship in the current dynamic world where graduates are expected to be job creators rather than job seekers. The theme is relevant because it inspires
students and all of us to be passionate about our careers. In this time and age, students need to be empowered to be globally competitive in the labour market. Kenyatta University prepares its students for the dynamic labour market by equipping them with relevant knowledge, skills and attitudes that will
transform them into innovative citizens.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is now my pleasure to introduce to you the Guest Speaker of the day Mr. Joshua Oigara, the Chief Executive Officer of Kenya Commercial Bank.
Mr. Joshua Oigara’s Profile

Joshua Oigara is the KCB Group Chief Executive Officer, which is the largest indigenous Bank in the East African region with assets of over Kshs 566 Billion. The Bank has a presence in Kenya, Tanzania, South Sudan, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and a Representative office in Ethiopia, serving over
8 million customers, through 250 branches, over 960 ATMs, 12,000 agents and by 7,500 staff.

Under his leadership, the Bank has today increased access to banking to over 4 million customers via mobile devices and further improved its overall efficiencies and return to
shareholders. KCB Capital, KCB Insurance and KCB Sahl are additions which are geared towards enhancing financial inclusion and providing a complete suite of products within the Group.

Joshua is passionate about Africa’s inclusive prosperity through simplifying and
enabling access to financial services and continues to champion collaboration and partnerships to drive the strategic vision of the Bank. KCB has fully embraced sustainability to secure the long term business success of the Bank into the future while leaving a strong legacy for the next generation. KCB and
Safaricom have recently partnered in the initiative to roll out credit access from mobile phones to any mobile subscriber known as KCB-Mpesa. This innovation, introduced to the market, has simplified the lending process on the mobile phone using behavioral scoring models. The partnership initiatives for
small businesses and individual customers will in the short to long term empower entrepreneurs to scale up their businesses and make it easier for people to access credit wherever they are.

Joshua was named by the Financial Times (2014) as top 25 Africans to watch based on
his role to champion transformational leadership and change in Africa. In the month of September 2015, Joshua was named among the top 100 youngest and most influential economic leaders in Africa by an independent French research center. He was ranked at the 25th position and joins six other under 40-
year old Kenyans in the top 100 list in the annual research conducted by Paris-based Institut Choiseul. KCB has also been recognized for its performance by The Banker which awarded the institution the prestigious Best Bank in Kenya and Best Bank in Africa Awards in 2014. The Banker further ranked KCB as the
846th bank globally based on Total Assets and as Africa’s 3rd Best Bank based on Return on Assets. In July 2014 and 2015, Euromoney Awards for Excellence recognized KCB as the Best Bank in Kenya while Capital Finance International recognized KCB as the Best Green Bank in Kenya for the year 2015. In September this
year, S&P and Moody’s assigned KCB B+ and B1 rating respectively, at par with the sovereign rating, a reflection of the Bank’s credit strength, solid profitability metrics and strong capital buffers.

Previously, Joshua held various senior positions at various organizations across
Africa and today sits on the Board of KCB Group. Most recently, he has been appointed the Chairman of Kenya Bankers Association Governing Council, serving his second term and appointed by H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta as a Board Director to serve in Kenya Vision 2030. This has given him an opportunity to
drive the sustainable financial inclusion agenda and embrace technological innovation within the financial sector promoting growth for local entrepreneurship.

It is now my pleasure to invite Mr. Joshua Oigara to make his remarks.

Thank You.