



TURKANA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
(A Constituent College of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology)

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

THE CHAIR OF DEPARTMENT'S ADDRESS

WELCOME SPEECH FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS - 2023/2024

Date: Monday, 11th September, 2023: SCHOOL ACADEMIC MEETING - ORIENTATION

The Dean, School of Education and Social Sciences,
The Directors Present,
The CoD, Teacher Education,
The Departmental Coordinators Present,
The Academic Faculty Members Present,
The Support Staff Members Present,
The Student Leaders Present,
The SoESS-First Year Students,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

With a heart full of overwhelming joy and warmth,
Receive greetings from the Department of Social Work & Development Studies. *'Hamjambo!'*
Thank you for choosing Turkana University College

I am extremely honored and privileged to welcome the new students to our prestigious institution, Turkana University College, "The Cradle of Knowledge". Feel at home in this great and vast Turkana County, "The Cradle of Mankind". By extension, am proud to welcome you to The School of Education and Social Sciences, "Learning Beyond Classroom. More so, welcome to The Department of Social Work and Development Studies, "The World of Social Scientists. Here, we sincerely endeavor to serve the society with professionalism.

I heartily congratulate all of you for successfully in getting a seat in this reputable university. Glory be given to God; we can't take anything for granted. This truly means the first step towards following your dreams and achieving your life goals. *'Msafiri ni aliye bandarini'*

We in The Department of Social Work and Development Studies do not only focus on education meticulously but we work in a 360-degree manner by developing personal good qualities such as leadership, teamwork, determination, flexibility, confidence, self-belief and integrity among our students. We believe in beading a versatile social scientist. Along with your studies, we motivate

you to appreciate cultural diversities and excel in other life spheres such as sports, dance, music, and other talents. We trust that TUC offers a holistic learning environment.

As I put on the shoe of an academic parent and mentor, I wish to strongly remind you to focus keenly on the main agenda of you joining TUC. Never ever get your sight off Education. Shun drug abuse, detrimental peer groupings, immoral practices, unethical conducts and illegal dealings within and without university. Put in mind that you are solemnly responsible for your actions personally. Always remember your humble backgrounds and focus on your destinies. 'In TUC you came alone, in TUC you will leave alone'. Embrace education with mighty passion.

Ladies and Gentlemen, as a CoD, it is momentous to assure you that the world of social sciences is real, promising and productive. I therefore, encourage you to stay in social science courses. We also encourage and motivate anyone who has a desire and zeal to be a social scientist to join us. We guarantee you the best mentorship, excellent molding and assured future prospectives.

Dear students, it is prudent to mention that in our department, we have a caring teaching staff of 22 scholars (full-time and part-time staff), we have 9 programmes running in Social Work, Public Administration, Development Studies, Peace & Conflict Studies, Disaster Management and Criminology at Certificate, Diploma, Degree and Masters Levels. We have coordinators of various sections to help you access efficient services. Every class is also allocated a mentor.

Precious people, let me pull your memories to the popular philosophical ideologies 'Education is the most powerful tool that can enable a son and daughter of a nobody to be a somebody; a zero to be a hero; a Have not to dine with the Haves'. '*Mchumia juani hulia kivulini*'.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are really delighted to welcome you as the newest members of TUC family. **Psalms 115:14 says that "The Lord, our God shall increase you more and more, you and your children"**. You are a blessing to this institution; you are a blessing to us. We pray that, TUC family and Turkana County will also be a blessing to you, to your families, to your communities and to your destinies. Welcome to the world of **Social Science**. Welcome to TUC.

Wishing you all the very best in your academic journey.

God bless you all as we journey together.

God bless Turkana University College, 'The cradle of knowledge'

Thank you

Yours Truly,



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