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CONCEPT NOTE

**OPENING THE ARCHIVES OF HISTORY AS WE CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF
KENYAN INDEPENDENCE**
Nairobi University Political Science Students Association (NUPOSA)

“Opening the Archives of History as we celebrate 50 years of Kenyan Independence” is an event that marks Kenya’s post colonialism journey under political independence. The culmination of the half a century of Kenya’s political freedom will be on 12th December 2013, a day also known as the “*Jamhuri Day*”. On *Jamhuri day*, Kenya was made a Republic after attaining Independence on the 1st June 1963 celebrated as *Madaraka* day in Kenya’s calendar.

As we open the Archives of History, the Nairobi University (UoN), Department of Political Science Students Association (NUPOSA) will use this ample opportunity in sharing with the academic fraternity and the Kenyan population at large the historical journey of Kenya that started fifty (50) years ago.

As an institution which has offered several platforms of political leadership in this country, the UoN intends to be part and parcel of the celebrations, not just as an intellectual institution but also, as a team player towards the realization of Kenya’s political dreams, moulding of political leaders and as a Bonafide witness of the 50 year’s journey. The Celebrations will take place at the University of Nairobi on the following dates: **3rd, 4th and 5th of December 2013**. (The venue and programme will be communicated).

The anticipated activities will be as follows:

DAY 1:
DOCUMENTARIES, FILMS AND VIDEOS WITH THE THEME
“ The Kenya That Was! The Kenya That Is! And The Kenya That We Want!”

Different documentaries on the Kenya's Political history will be shown and renowned scholars will share their experiences and tease out different lessons learnt. The following area will be emphasised:

1. *The Kenya Political History: What Implications For Reconciliation And National Healing?*

DAY II:
PRESENTATIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS
WITH THE THEME:
“Lessons Learnt As We Open The Archives Of History”

There will be a wide range of presentations from different individuals, organizations and institutions giving their insights and sharing their experiences with us including the Academia, The Greenbelt, the Judiciary, the Media, Human Rights organizations, and Religious institutions, relevant Ministries, the Prisons and Maendeleo Ya Wanawake, among others. Renowned individuals and personalities will include Rev. Timothy Njoya, political prisoners, Mau Mau fighters, the young Turks, and women representatives, among others. Here Pertinent Issues Affecting Kenyans and their History will be discussed, and lessons learnt will be teased out.

DAY III:
A CONFERENCE WITH THE THEME:
“A Leap after 50 Years of Independence: What Way Forward For Kenya?”

The Diplomatic Corps of different countries will share their political and diplomatic relations with Kenya. Additionally, the Newsletter *“Pace Setter”* will be launched. In this Newsletter, different students will give their insights on different issues pertaining to the 50 years of independence and propose way forward for Kenya.

During the three days, there will be different entertainment groups including Mwalimu Thomas Wesonga (Patriotic Songs), The Free travelling Theatre (University of Nairobi), The University Choir and the Kibera Women forum for Peace and Development, just to mention a few.

EXPECTED OUTCOME

- Publication of the Conference Proceedings on Day 2 and 3.
- Publication of the Newsletter

APPEAL TO DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

In order for this great event and initiative to succeed, your support in different areas will highly be appreciated. These will include:

- Your Participation.
- Presentation in different areas.
- Support both materially and financially in different areas and during different days.

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UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI POLITICAL
SCIENCE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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**NUPOSA
WORKSHOP
PROGRAMME:
3RD TO 5TH
DECEMBER 2013**

VENUE: UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

**THEME: OPENING THE ARCHIVES OF
HISTORY AS WE CELEBRATE 50 YEARS
OF KENYAN INDEPENDENCE.**

DAY ONE: 3RD DECEMBER, 2013 8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.**MORNING SESSION: 8:00 A.M.-11:00A.M.**

8:00-8:30AM: Arrival and Registration

8:30AM-8.40AM: PRAYERS.

(8.45-9.30AM) Opening remarks, introductions and overview of the theme:

- David Oyola, Chair-NUPOSA
- Dr. C.A. Mumma-Martinon, Programme Coordinator
- Dr. Oloo Adams, Chair-Department of Political Science and Public Administration
- Prof. Preston Chitere, Dean-Faculty of Art
- Welcome remarks by the V.C or his Representative.

(9.35AM-9.55AM)

KENYA'S POLITICAL JOURNEY SINCE INDEPENDENCE: THE HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.

Prof. Vincent Simiyu-Department of History, UoN.

(10.00A.M.-12.00P.M.) "Documentaries On The Political History of Kenya"

(12.05A.M.-12.30PM)

KENYA'S POLITICAL JOURNEY SINCE INDEPENDENCE: THE POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE.

Dr Adams Oloo-Chairperson-Department of Political Science and Public Administration.

PLENARY (12.35A.M.-1.20P.M.)

MODERATOR: Dr. Jeniffer Muchiri, Department of Literature.

LUNCH BREAK: 1.00PM-2.00PM

AFTERNOON SESSION

ENTERTAINMENT :(2:00PM-2.05PM)

(2.10-2.30PM)

THE JOURNEY OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN KENYA.

Dr Ludeki Chweya, Department of Political Science ad Public Administration.

(2.35-2.55PM)

THE DEBATE ON ETHNICITY DURING THE 50 YEARS.

Dr Connie-Martinon Mumma-Senior Lecturer, Department of Political Science and Public Administration.

(3.00-3.20PM)

LESSONS LEARNT AND THE WAY FORWARD FOR KENYA!

Prof. Michael Chege.

PLENARY (3.20P.M.-4.00P.M.)

MODERATOR: Dr Richard Bosire-Senior Lecturer-Department of Political Science and Public Administration.

A MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENTS.

DAY TWO: 4TH DECEMBER, 2013 8:00 A.M.-4: 00 P.M.

DAY II: Presentations will be made on Some of the Pertinent Issues Affecting Kenyan People and their History and what lessons can be learnt from each of these experiences.

Arrival and Registration: 8:00-8:30AM.

(8.30-9.00AM) ENTERTAINMENT-FREE TRAVELLING THEATRE**THE CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE QUEST FOR DEMOCRACY IN KENYA SINCE INDEPENDENCE.**

PRESENTER 1: 9.00A.M.-9.20A.M: Rev. Timothy Njoya.

POLITICAL DETAINEES IN KENYA'S HISTORY

PESENTER 2: 9.25A.M.-9.45A.M: Otieno Ombok, Political Activist.

POLITICAL INJUSTICES IN KENYA SINCE INDEPENDENCE.

(9.50A.M.-10.10AM) Prof Okoth Okombo-senior lecturer, Department of Linguistics and Communication.

10.15-10.45A.M: HEALTH BREAK.**(10.50-11.10A.M)****WOMEN IN KENYA'S POLITICAL LEADERSHIP SINCE INDEPENDENCE.**

PRESENTER 1: Hon Martha Karua Commissioner Winnie Lichuma/Chair-The National Gender and Equality Commission.

(11.15-11.35)**MARGINALIZATION OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPED**

Tim Wanyonyi-M.P, Westlands.

(11.40-12.00)**FROM MAJIMBOISM TO DEVOLUTION.**

Prof Winnie Mitullah-The Director, Institute of Development Studies.

PLENARY: 12:00AM-1:00PM

MODERATOR: Prof Wanjiku Mukabi Kabira.

LUNCH BREAK: 1.00P.M.-2.00P.M.

(2:10-2:30PM)

THE STRUGGLE AND CHALLENGES OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION IN KENYA SINCE INDEPENDENCE!

PRESENTER 1: Lucy Wanjohi-The Greenbelt Movement

THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN KENYA'S DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS.

David Ohito, Online News Editor-The Standard Media Group (2.35P.M.-2:55P.M)

Janak-Kenya Correspondence Association (3.00-3.20PM)

(3.25-3.55)

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA, 2010: PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES

Charles Nyachae-CIC.

PLENARY: (4.00-4.20PM)

MODERATOR: Dr Tom Odhiambo-Senior Lecturer, Department of Literature.

A MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENTS.

DAY THREE: 5th DECEMBER 2013.8:00A.M.-5:30P.M.

DAY III: A Conference with the theme *“A Leap after 50 Years of Independence: What Way Forward For Kenya?”*

Arrival and Registration: 8:00-8:30AM.

(8.30AM-9.00AM)

ENTERTAINMENT-TRADITIONAL DANCERS

(9:00AM-9.15AM)

AL-SHAABAB: IMPLICATIONS FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN KENYA/ THE REGION.

PRESENTER: Dr Mutuma Luteere-UN Rapporteur

(9.20-9.45AM)

THE WAR ON TERROR: KDF'S EXPERIENCES IN SOMALIA.

Col Cyrus Oguna: Department of Defence

9.50-10.10AM

RECONSTRUCTING PEACE SECURITIES THROUGH PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY

Dr C.A Mumma Martinnon:

(10.15AM-10.35AM)

THE PRACTICE AND CONDUCT OF DIPLOMACY IN KENYA SINCE INDEPENDENCE.

Prof Maria Nzomo-Director, Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies/ Kalonzo Musyoka-Former Vice President, Republic of Kenya

HEALTH BREAK (10.40-11.10AM).

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY-POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH KENYA SINCE INDEPENDENCE: HIGHLIGHTS!

1. (11.15-11.35PM): The Department of Foreign Affairs, Kenya.
2. (12.40-1.00PM): The Ugandan High Commission to Kenya.
3. (1.05-1.25PM): The Tanzanian High Commission to Kenya.

LUNCH BREAK: 1.30-2.00PM

4. (2.05-2.25PM) The Japanese Embassy.
5. (2.30-2.50PM) The Chinese Embassy.
6. (2.55-3.15PM) The French Embassy.
7. (3.20-3.40PM) The Norwegian Embassy.
8. (3.45-4.05) The German Embassy.
9. (4.10-4.30) The British High Commission.
10. (4.35-4.55PM) The Canadian High Commission.
11. (5.00PM-5.20PM) US Embassy

MODERATOR: Prof Maria Nzomo.

A Message From the Students.

Vote of thanks and final comments: Dr Adams Oloo, Chair-Department of Political Science and Public Administration.