

# Dr. Wanjui's CV: a model to the youth

**D**r. Joseph Barrage Wanjui, the Chancellor, University of Nairobi can now look back and admire what he set to achieve in 2003 when he was appointed to head the University of Nairobi. In the seven years, Dr. Wanjui has been at the helm of governance, the University has experienced unprecedented growth in all areas. The University now boasts a disciplined student community, focused management, and an improved corporate image among other positive attributes.

But exactly who is Dr. Wanjui? Dr. Wanjui schooled at Mang'u High School in the mid 50's before joining the Ohio Wesleyan University where he studied Physics and Mathematics graduating in 1961. Immediately after his undergraduate studies, Wanjui enrolled for a Masters degree in Industrial Management Engineering, on completion he joined the ESSO Executive Trainee Programme in New York in 1963, he returned to Kenya in 1964 and continued working for ESSO. A year later, at the age of 27 years, he joined Industrial Commercial and Development Corporation (ICDC) as the Executive Director.

Dr. Wanjui has accumulated over 30 years of experience at board level of major organizations in Kenya and Africa among them in-

clude: four years of service as Executive Director, ICDC; East Africa Industries Ltd (now Uniliever), where he served for 28 years starting as Technical Director, Managing Director, Chairman and on to Development member of Uniliever Africa and the Middles East Region. Between 1967 to date Wanjui has served as chairman of Stanbic Bank Ltd. In addition he has served on various boards of top companies including Simba Fund Limited, Commonwealth Africa Investment Fund, the Acacia Fund Limited, and the UAP part of the AXA Group of Companies. companies.

A busy working life has not stopped Dr. Wanjui from venturing into other areas, he has published and presented papers at local and international conferences and seminars. Among his publications are "From where I sit, Views of an African Executive" and "My Native Roots" which was launched and published last year by the University of Nairobi Press, in a well attended and publicized launch, officiated by the Vice-President and Minister for Home Affairs and National Heritage, Hon. Kalonzo Musyoka. For the last 43 years, he has been a keen and dedicated member of the Rotary Club of Nairobi.

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