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### **RE: MEDIA RELEASE – APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHANCELLOR**

The Karatina University Council announces the appointment of Prof. Linus Muthuri Gitonga as the Vice Chancellor/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Karatina University for a term of five years.

This follows an extensive competitive recruitment process conducted by the Public Service Commission and upon receiving the requisite consensus from the Cabinet Secretary, Education Hon. Ezekiel Machogu.

Prof. Gitonga brings with him extensive knowledge in the structural, legislative and regulatory framework for managing a university having previously served as a Deputy Vice Chancellor in charge of Planning Finance and Administration (DVC-PFA) for a successful two terms of five years each from August 2013 to 2023. He was prior thereto the Deputy Principal-PFA of the defunct Karatina University College from 2011 to March 2013. He acted as DVC-PFA of the newly chartered University until his substantive appointment as DVC-PFA in August 2013.

Prof. Gitonga has risen through the academic ranks from Assistant Lecturer, Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Associate Professor and finally a Professor of Entomology. He served in various senior positions at JKUAT, Taita Taveta University and Meru University.

Council congratulates Prof. Gitonga on his appointment and thanks all stakeholders for their continued support. We are confident that he will ably steer this great University to the next level.



**PROF. FRANCIS GICHAGA**  
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