

## Opening Speech by the Minister for Higher Education, Science & Technology, 28.08.2009



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This initiative is indeed long overdue and most worthwhile. It is gratifying to note that the proposed Centre with its emphasis on African women will be among the first of its kind, not only in Africa but world over. I note that the vision of the proposed Centre is to be a Centre of excellence, committed to promoting the experiences and worldview of African women in scholarship, policy and institutional development. As the Minister of Higher Education, I sincerely hope that the initiative will strive towards influencing educational policy because this would naturally impact on every other area in the society of Kenya. One such impact may be, hopefully, to influence policy with regard to my Ministry's efforts to improve and highlight women's contribution in positions of decision making. The establishment of the Centre may also have far-reaching implications beyond our borders. Hopefully, the initiative will impact significantly on women in the African continent and in the Diaspora.