



Kenyatta University

Award of

HONORARY DEGREE

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION (HONORIS CAUSA)

to

DR. EDDAH WACHEKE GACHUKIA, PhD, MBS

by

The Chancellor of the University

Dr. Harris Mule

during the

25th Graduation Ceremony

Friday 19th December, 2008

Committed to Creativity, Excellence and Self-Reliance

Vision Statement

The vision of Kenyatta University is to be a dynamic, inclusive and competitive centre of excellence in teaching, learning, research and service to humanity.

Mission Statement

The mission of Kenyatta University is to provide quality education and training, promote scholarship, service, innovation and creativity and inculcate moral values for sustainable individual and societal development.



DR. EDDAH WACHEKE GACHUKIA, PhD, MBS

CITATION

Dr. Eddah Wacheke Gachukia is a household name. She has made an indelible mark in education development, gender and women rights, championing the cause of girls, access to education and leadership. Dr. Gachukia's contribution to the welfare of society ranges from her personal involvement in policy making and participation in local and international fora on key issues that impact on humanity.

Born on 13th July, 1936, Dr. Eddah Wacheke Gachukia is married to fellow veteran educationist, Mr. Daniel Gachukia and they have four (4) children. She is a grandmother to several grand children. Dr. Eddah Gachukia has a diploma in Education from Makerere University. She also has a Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from University of Nairobi.

As Educationist and Academician

Dr. Gachukia is a founder member of the Forum for African Women Educationalist (FAWE) which was started in 2001. She was the Chairperson of the African Women Development and Communication Network (FEMNET) between 1988 and 1992. Between 1976 and 1979, Dr. Gachukia was the Chairperson, National Council of Women of Kenya, the coordinating body for all Women's Organizations in Kenya.

Dr. Gachukia is also an accomplished researcher through the many papers she has published. She has been the voice of women and girls throughout the world. In her studies, she has addressed issues relating to Women in Agriculture, Working Mothers, Quality of life of Women and children and education of Girl Child.