



## **TRAINING ON GIS AND SPATIAL ANALYSIS WITH A FOCUS ON RASTER ANALYSIS TRAINING 18th to 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2013 at LARMAT GIS LAB at 11am**

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Closing Remarks by Prof Agnes Mwang'ombe, Principal CAVS

Dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen

I am very pleased to come and witness the completion of the course on GIS training in the College. I understand this is the second time this course has been conducted using recently procured equipment and computers using USAID-HED grant. I want to thank the Chairman, Department of LARMAT for providing temporary training facilities while the College explores permanent location of GIS Lab. I understand that the participants, in the five-day course have learnt several aspects of GIS which you will be applying in your research work.

This GIS training has been made possible through the generous support from the US Government through USAID- Higher Education for Development. The USAID- HED Grant has also supported the establishment of the Centre for Sustainable Dryland Ecosystems and Societies (CSDES) in the College; modest supplementation of field research activities for over 15 post graduate students; and awarding of five (5) Research Seed Grants to UoN-CSU faculty partnerships to mention a few. University of Nairobi and in particular my College, is very grateful for this assistance and it will go a long way in strengthening our academic standards and ranking.

I wish to thank our Vice Chancellor, Prof George Magoha and the President of Colorado State University, Prof Anthony Frank for providing strong leadership in establishing strategic partnership that we have established between our two Universities. Through this partnership we will discover many avenues for mutual strengthening as we prepare our students for global citizenship. We wish to thank Prof Tony Frank for providing CSU resources to support two post-doctoral students for staff development.

I wish to sincerely thank the instructors and facilitators of the course, particularly Prof Randall Boone from Colorado State University, who has left his classes at CSU to come over and train our students in GIS and Spatial Analysis.

May I also thank Dr. Laban MacOpiyo, University of Nairobi for providing leadership and organisation of this course together with his colleague Mr Wachira Theuri.

I will not forget to thank the CSDES team for ensuring that the course logistics are well taken care of.

With these few remarks, I would like to close this training by giving the certificates of completion to the course participants.

Prof Agnes Mwang'ombe, Principal CAVs

