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The President of the Supreme Court and Chief Justice, Hon. David Maraga has urged the Kenyan youth to live by the rule of law. He was speaking at the University of Nairobi to students from various universities across the country. The event dubbed 'Youth Uniting to Reclaim Kenya' was held at Taifa Hall on July 19, 2018.

"We have a wonderful country. Ask any tourist and you shall get their view. Do not be used to destroy Kenya during the political periods. Let us strive to live by the rule of law and we shall move forward as a country," he said. The Chief Justice was speaking on the backdrop of a highly charged political campaigns and elections that left the country highly divided. He observed that young people are true citizens of the world as they have no affiliation with their tribesmen. They are full of energy which should be put to good use like peace building initiatives, cohesion and not in violence and destruction of property.

The Chief Justice praised President Uhuru Kenyatta and the former Prime Minister, Rt. Raila Odinga, for their efforts to unite the country and build bridges. He outlined the major challenges that the youth face, such as unemployment and charged them to come up with ideas that are helpful in uniting the country and bringing peace. On governance, the Chief Justice called upon the youth to

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hold their political leaders accountable.

“You are there to take the country forward as we exit the stage”, said the President of the Supreme Court. Justice Maraga called on young people to come forward and reclaim Kenya and prepare to take over leadership of the country as the current leaders prepare to exit the stage.

Dr. Manu Chandaria, the Chancellor, United State International University, Africa, called on the young people to reclaim Kenya and to take the destiny of the country in their own hands. “If we do not work and build this country, we shall never get anywhere. Have the fire in your belly to build this country as nobody will do it for you”, he said.

The University of Nairobi Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi noted that the mandate of the University is to build young people into solid human resource that can be used in building the country. “Youth is our core agenda”, he said. The Vice-Chancellor was represented by Prof. Isaac Mbeche, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Student Affairs. The Vice-Chancellor observed that the forum and the subsequent trainings after will lead to the development of a roadmap for youth in reconciliation, healing and national cohesion. He said that the University of Nairobi and other universities owe it to the nation to ensure that we provide leadership in this process because we have the youth group that are most influential in society. “The conversations should start from the grass root. That is where we should start the process of reconciliation and national cohesion by building a strong framework which can expand to national level. The University is the kernel of the whole grain called Kenya, and we believe that healing should be led by institutions,” he said.

Also present during the event were; leaders of county governments. Several Universities were also represented, key among them being: USIU-Africa, Kenyatta University, Mount Kenya University, among others.

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