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Following the emerging of the Corona Virus (Covid-19) Pandemic in the world; the entire world has witnessed partial lockdowns in social and economic activities and in some countries like Spain, a total lockdown.

Kenya as a nation was not spared of the virus following its confirmation of the first victim on March 14, 2020 which was followed by a presidential directive of closure all learning institutions and other business thereafter, recession of movement in some counties and a nationwide curfew.

The University of Nairobi being the largest higher education institution in the Republic saw it closures of face to face learning and research activities since March 16, 2020.

Following the closure, the University Management embarked on a mission ensuring that all learning and research activities of the University continued without interruption. The management engaged various telecommunication service providers to provide sufficient data bundles to enable teaching staff and students continue with learning and research activities and also ensuring that no one was excluded from this continuity given that some staff and students come from diverse corners of our country where internet network connectivity may be a problem.

With the provision of data bundles and facilitation of training on Online tools and platforms for engagement such as Google Class, Google Meet, Webex, Zoom and others, faculty and students have been able to continue with their learning and research activities without interruption. This has enabled the students to even take online examinations, the first time ever at the University of Nairobi. The first examinations were done by the Masters students at the Centre for Advanced Studies in Environmental Law and Policy (CASELAP) and many other schools and faculty have followed suit.

We wish the University of Nairobi community every success in this new venture of virtual learning and research as we face this pandemic.