

The African Exponent has ranked UoN number seven among the top 10 universities in Africa. What plans have you put in place to maintain or improve the performance?

Over the years, University of Nairobi has done very well on all rankings. I see this as evidence that the university has lived true to its purpose. Going forward, we should not rest on our laurels but better this trajectory. I know that our human resource remains our greatest asset. We do not take this for granted. Skyrocketing inflation and low salaries in the 90s saw us lose many faculty members to Europe and America, occasioning a huge brain drain. Regrettably, declining funding poses a new threat.

In the meantime, my team and I will prioritise resource alignment to the mandate of the university in order to ensure sustained and improved performance in all ranking indicators.

Research with impact is another critical factor in the performance of a university. I urge the government to implement the provision of two per cent of the national budget to finance research in our universities.