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News Release:

USIU- Africa 37<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony

**Nairobi Kenya Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2015**, United States International University-Africa today held their 37<sup>th</sup> Commencement ceremony at the university grounds. 1231 students are graduating from 18 programs at undergraduate and graduate level.

United States International University-Africa, situated in Nairobi, Kenya is the oldest private secular university in Eastern Africa. Students at USIU-Africa come from 70 nations across 5 continents, to receive a high quality, broad-based education that prepares them for global success.

Having presided over the Commencement since 1994 Vice Chancellor, Prof Freida Brown reflected on the growth of the university at various levels beginning with the 1.5 million dollar debt that the University was grappling with, to the current debt free status and a Kshs 1 billion endowment fund.

She spoke about the impressive academic buildings the university has put up over the last several years, the most recent of which is the Science Center that was completed at a cost of Kshs 770 000,000.

“I did not do this alone; my dreams and visions for a quality institution were also those of many others along the way. As you transition into this next phase of your life, don’t forget to share your dreams with those who can help you succeed,” she reminded the graduands.

She concluded by asking the graduands to make a commitment to achieving their dreams recognizing the endless possibilities that will come along their way.

Right Honorable Dr. Raila A. Odinga (Former Prime Minister, Republic of Kenya) applauded Prof Brown on the significant growth and change she has brought to USIU-Africa . He urged the government and the private sector to join hands and put our universities on the global research highway, by ensuring close strategic engagement in order for them to grow into centers of excellence and brain trusts.

“We need your energy. We need your ability to think differently. I trust you to see farther than my generation did because we are offering our shoulders for your generation to stand on,” he concluded.

## **About USIU-Africa**

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USIU Africa's mission is to promote the discovery and application of knowledge, the acquisition of skills, and the development of intellect and character in a manner that prepares students to contribute effectively in an increasingly technological world.

The institutions vision is to be a premier institution of academic excellence with a global perspective.

USIU-Africa's programs are accredited by the WASC Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of United States and by the Commission for University Education (CUE). This dual accreditation guarantees quality global education and transferability of credits from USIU Africa to any university in Kenya, USA and the rest of the world.