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# LUANAR PROFESSORIAL INAUGURAL LECTURE


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LUANAR- BUNDA CAMPUS (CALT-1), Lilongwe
Wednesday, 30th September 2026

## PROGRAM

| Serial | Approx. Time | Event |
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| 1 | 9:00 | All guests in position in the Auditorium. |
| 2 | 9:05 | Director of Ceremonies **Professor Jeremiah Kang'ombe** takes his position. |
| 3 | 9:10 | Chairman of Council, Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice Chancellor, University Registrar and the entire University Council entourage arrive and assemble in the Vice Chancellor's Robing Room. |
| 4 | 9:15 | Other distinguished guests arrive and are led to the Vice Chancellor's Robing Room by the University Registrar and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor. |
| 5 | 9:20 | The Guest of Honour, AGRA Country Director, **Dr. Eluphy Nyirenda**, arrives. She is welcomed by the University Registrar, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor, the Chairman of Council and the College Director of Bunda. |
| 6 | 9:25 | The Guest of Honour signs the visitors' book in the Vice Chancellor's Robing Room. |
| 7 | 9:30 | The staff procession enters the Auditorium, led by **Dr. Fydess Khundi**. Beadles (1) and (2). |
| 8 | 9:35 | The professors' procession enters the Auditorium, led by **Professor Joseph Dzanja.** Beadles (3) and (4). |
| 9 | 9:40 | Senate procession enters the Auditorium, led by **Associate Professor Innocent Pangapanga**, beadles (5) and (6). |
| 10 | 9:45 | Council procession led by **Dr. Candida Nakhumwa**, beadles (7) and (8). |
| 11 | 9:50 | The VC procession enters the Auditorium led by the University Registrar, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Chairman of Council, Professor Kennedy Machira, the College Director, and the Guest of Honour. Beadles (9) and (10). |
| 12 | 9:55 | National Anthem, followed by LUANAR Anthem. |
| 13 | 10:00 | Prayer by Rev. **Dr. Archwells Katani.** |
| 14 | 10:05 | Address by the Chairman of Council, P**rofessor James Seyani.** |
| 15 | 10:15 | Address by the Vice Chancellor, **Professor Emmanuel Kaunda.** |

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| 16 | 10:25 | Address by the Guest of Honour, **Dr Eluphy Nyirenda.** |
| 17 | 10:35 | The Laudator, **Professor Gowokani Chijere Chirwa**, introduces **Professor Kennedy Machira**, followed by the Conferment Ceremony and the Vesting of the Professorial Gown by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Head of Academics). |
| 18 | 10:45 | **Professor Kennedy Machira** delivers his inaugural lecture |
| 19 | 11:15 | **Professor Limbikani Matumba** welcomes **Professor Kennedy Machira** into the community of distinguished scholars, hands over a copy of Professor Machira's inaugural lecture to the Vice Chancellor, and presents the Professor to the College Director of Bunda, Professor Judith Kamoto, who then presents him to the other Professors. |
| 20 | 11:20 | Vote of thanks by the DVC. |
| 21 | 11:25 | National Anthem. |
| 22 | 11:30 | VC's procession leaves the Auditorium. |
| 23 | 11:35 | Council procession leaves the Auditorium. |
| 24 | 11:40 | Senate procession leaves the Auditorium. |
| 25 | 11:45 | Professors' procession leaves the Auditorium. |
| 26 | 11:50 | Staff procession leaves the Auditorium. |
| 27 | 11:55 | All guests leave the Auditorium. |
| 28 | 12:00 | **LUNCH AND NETWORKING SESSION!** |