

Opening Remarks by the County Executive Committee Member (CECM)

12th IPNET Abstract Writing Conference

Theme: Integrating One Health Approach and Antimicrobial Resistance in IPC for Universal Health Coverage

Ladies and Gentlemen,
Distinguished Guests,
Esteemed Researchers, Scholars, and Practitioners,

Good morning.

It is with great pleasure and deep appreciation that I join you today for the 12th IPNET Abstract Writing Conference—a gathering that continues to serve as a beacon of innovation, collaboration, and academic excellence in the field of Infection Prevention and Control (IPC).

This year's theme, *"Integrating One Health Approach and Antimicrobial Resistance in IPC for Universal Health Coverage,"* could not be more timely or more urgent. As we confront the growing threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), we are reminded that health is not confined to hospitals or clinics—it is a shared responsibility across human, animal, and environmental domains. The One Health approach recognizes this interconnectedness and calls on us to break silos, build bridges, and act collectively.

As a county, we are committed to strengthening IPC frameworks, investing in resilient health systems, and supporting research that informs policy and practice. We recognize that abstract writing is not merely an academic exercise—it is the seedbed of ideas that shape interventions, guide funding, and ultimately save lives.

To our young scholars and seasoned experts alike: your work matters. Your voice matters. And your contribution to this conference will ripple far beyond these walls.

Let this gathering be a space of bold thinking, rigorous inquiry, and shared purpose. May it inspire new partnerships and ignite the kind of transformative action that brings us closer to Universal Health Coverage—not just as a goal, but as a lived reality for every Kenyan.

With that, I declare the 12th IPNET Abstract Writing Conference officially open.

Thank you, and may your deliberations be fruitful.