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**For Immediate Release**

**Media Council of Kenya begins search for a new CEO**

Media Council of Kenya Board has regrettably accepted Dr. Haron Mwangi's resignation as CEO.

Dr. Mwangi tendered his resignation on April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 and will be exiting the Council on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 after expiry of a three-month notice.

That means Dr. Mwangi will continue serving as CEO and as Secretary to the Council until a successor is appointed.

The search for his replacement has started.

An advert calling for applications will be published on Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> 2017 in MyGov weekly publication.

Applicants will have two weeks to apply for the position. Details of the vacancy will also be posted on the Council's website: [www.mediacouncil.or.ke](http://www.mediacouncil.or.ke)

On behalf of the Council, I thank Dr. Mwangi for guiding MCK through a critical period in the media industry in the last six years.

Under Dr. Mwangi's leadership, the Council has successfully navigated from a self-regulatory body to a legally recognized co-regulatory body.

Dr. Haron was a key fighter for media freedom and endured pressure from various quarters in the course of protecting media freedom.

We appreciate his continued support as the Council conducts a thoughtful and comprehensive search for a new CEO.

Tendering his resignation, Dr. Mwangi said he was satisfied for the far he has steered the Council and said he is moving on to pursue a career in the academic field.

"It was my intention to serve two terms of three years each but following the transition of the Council in 2013, my contract was renewed for five years, till 2019, but I feel it is time to pass over the baton and move on to pursue other interests," said Dr. Mwangi.

A strong mentorship and succession plan is in place so the media industry should not be worried of the gap being left by Dr. Mwangi.

I urge all media stakeholders to remain calm and support whoever will be competitively appointed to take over.

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Thank You.

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles Kerich', written in a cursive style.

**Mr. Charles Kerich**

**Chairman-Media Council of Kenya**