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To The Late Professor Shem Oyoo Wandiga, EBS, FRSC, DSc (hc)

The Board, Council of Advisors, Management, and entire fraternity of the Global Centre for Policy and Strategy (GLOCEPS) are profoundly saddened by the passing of Professor Shem Oyoo Wandiga, EBS, FRSC, DSc (hc), a distinguished scholar, mentor, and statesman of science. We extend our sincere condolences to his family, colleagues, students, and the wider scientific and policy community across Kenya, Africa, and the world. We honour a life defined by intellectual excellence, public service, and commitment to knowledge for sustainable development.

GLOCEPS expresses deep appreciation for his sustained engagement in its convenings over the years. He served as Closing Guest Speaker at the Annual Conference on Shaping the Future of Climate Change Action Plans for Sustainable Development in Eastern Africa, held on 23 August 2023, where his insights strengthened regional climate policy discourse and reinforced science-informed action.

At institutional level, he served as Chairman of the University Council at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST), providing governance oversight and strategic leadership. He also served as Chancellor of Egerton University from 2013 to 2019, contributing to academic leadership, ceremonial stewardship, and institutional visibility in higher education across Kenya.

A globally respected authority in environmental science and chemical research, Professor Wandiga made enduring contributions to climate science, environmental governance, and sustainability transitions. His work bridged scientific inquiry and public policy, advancing evidence-based decision-making and regional resilience. His engagement with GLOCEPS reflected a lifelong commitment to interdisciplinary collaboration and knowledge-driven development.

In his final intellectual engagements, he participated in the **GLOCEPS Webinar Series on Institutionalising the Legacy of Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga: Constitutionalism, Democratic Reform, and the Realisation of African Union Agenda 2063**, including the **8th Session held on 13 May 2026**. He provided reflections on scholarly manuscripts and urged a balanced examination of Raila's political legacy across different audiences, encouraging critical analysis of his leadership strengths and limitations within Kenya, Africa, and global democratic discourse.

Across his career, he provided leadership in higher education, scientific mentorship, and capacity development for African scholarship. He remained a respected voice in science policy engagement, shaping discourse on sustainability and governance. GLOCEPS mourns not only an intellectual giant but also future collaborations and unfinished engagements.

Professor Wandiga's legacy is one of intellectual excellence, integrity, mentorship, and dedication to science for sustainable development. He was a true scholar and gentleman whose work has left an indelible mark on GLOCEPS and the broader academic and policy landscape in Africa.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.
With sincere sympathy,

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