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## STELLINGEN (STATEMENTS)

### FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT, SPIOLOVERS AND INNOVATION THE CASE OF KENYAN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

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1. Conceptualisation of spillovers in terms of productivity gains in the past failed to keep pace with the literature on endogenous development and particularly that on technological innovation with its emphasis on learning spillovers and capability building.
2. Based on the analytical framework developed, foreign presence stimulates occurrence of technological spillovers in the Kenyan manufacturing industry.
3. Some of the factors influencing spillover occurrence are interactions, absorptive capacity (low technology gap), training (learning), industry type, and the ownership structure.
4. FDI played a positive role in Kenya's industrialisation process through the spillover process.
5. "I want to learn mathematics to count money I expect to receive in compensation for fighting against the British colonial rule. I also hope to learn to read the wholly bible". Words of Mr. Murage (Kenyan) who earned a place in the Guinness book of records for being the oldest person to enroll for primary school education at the age of 84 years.
6. If you claim that your fingers are less important than the eyes or that your head is more important than your stomach, then you qualify for remedial lessons in national system of innovation (NSI). Every organ performs its functions!
7. The road to a doctoral process is such that if you cannot in the long-run convince people about what you have been doing, your doing has been worthless.
8. "I now give you power to read and to do all that appertains to this degree". Words uttered when awarding degrees in the Kenyan universities.
9. The similarity between a teacher and a parent is that both of them advice a child to always aim for the moon since even if the child misses the moon he or she will still be among the stars.
10. The ups and downs in a doctoral process are just like mountains on a long journey. I learnt that when a mountain is in your path, you need not sit down at its foot and wail. Get up ask the Lord to give you power not to move the mountain but to learn how to climb it.