

UoN and University of New South Wales discuss collaboration

The University of Nairobi (UoN) and the University of New South Wales, Australia have entered into talks of possible collaboration.

The meeting between the two universities took place on November 15, 2017 at the Council Chamber, UoN.

It was proposed that the two universities will work jointly and produce students with joint degrees. This means that students will study in both universities as they pursue their careers and their certificates will bear the logos of the two universities.

Prof. Lucy Irungu, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Production and Extension observed that the University of Nairobi is keen on enrolling more students to pursue doctorate courses.

“There is a real need for post graduate and post doctorate. Kenyan universities have a target to produce over 2,000 PhDs by 2019. As the University of Nairobi, we aim at producing at least 50 PhDs at every graduation,” she said.

Speaking during the meeting, Mr. Antony Badgery, Manager, External Relations, University of New South Wales, Australia, noted that their university is strong in engineering, business and science courses and would therefore be glad to partner with the University of Nairobi and strengthen the academic output of the two institutions.

“We are strong in research and we are ranked among the top 50 universities worldwide. We are also strong in global development and giving back to the society. In this regard, we are working with Gulu University, Uganda, to help them improve the quality of their engineering outputs. University of South Wales is a leader in mining, petroleum engineering and architecture.”

Going forward the two institutions of higher learning will sign a Memorandum of Understanding, MoU that will guide how the two institutions will work together.

Also present during the meeting were Prof. William Ogara, Director, Center for International Programs and Linkages, Ms. Brenda Wabule, Regional Manager East Africa, Australian Trade and Investment Commission and Mr. Humphrey Webuye, from the Academic Division.