



IGAD, Executive Secretary General, Mahboub Maalim hands over a gift to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha.

Collaboration with IGAD to empower the region

The University of Nairobi is collaborating with the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) to improve the economic opportunities in the region. This was said by the IGAD Executive Secretary General, Mahboub Maalim when he visited the University.

According to Mr. Maalim, IGAD now has a new mode of operation that seeks to empower the region economically through exploitation of existing opportunities; the University of Nairobi can undertake a fact finding mission on the work of the organization in order to determine where they fit in.

The Executive Director appealed to UoN management to assist in

provision of expertise citing the existing water project dubbed “Mawari Water Project” involving scholars from UoN, Ethiopia, Kenya and Djibouti” as an example of such expertise.

The meeting agreed that the two organizations could expand their collaboration to other strong areas that affect the livelihood of the people in the region, such as breeding of camels which are drought resistant.

Present during the meeting was the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Production & Extension, Prof. Lucy Irungu, Prof. Isaac Mbeche, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Student Affairs, Principal, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. Enos Njeru and Prof. Simeon Mitema, Director, Centre for International Programmes and Links.

This meeting has since been followed up by a fact finding mission to IGAD headquarters in Djibouti by Prof. Irungu and Prof. Mitema on possible areas of collaboration.

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