UoN to set up a Centre for Entrepreneurship

The University of Nairobi (UoN) through the School of Business will establish a Center for Entrepreneurship that will impart practical skills to students pursuing entrepreneurship studies.

The initiative is part of the German-African University Partnership Platform for the Development of Entrepreneurs and Small Medium Enterprises project which is jointly being carried out by Bonn-Rhein University of Applied Sciences in Germany, the University of Cape Coast in Ghana and the University of Nairobi.

In a meeting between the project leaders and the University management, it emerged that graduates in the African market have sufficient theoretical skills but exhibit a lack of practical skills. The project attempts to increase the capacities of African universities for practice oriented teaching and research.

Speaking on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Henry Mutoro noted that the University management is keen on creating an experiential learning environment. Through the project, UoN aims at building capacities for practice-oriented teaching and research in the field of entrepreneurship and small enterprise development. He challenged the project leaders Dr. Justus Munyoki and Dr. James Gathungu from the School of Business to ensure that the University plays its role in seeing to the success of the four year project.

On his part, Prof. Jurgen Bode, Vice-President International Affairs and Diversity, Bonn-Rhein University of Applied Sciences, said that the German perspective in the project is to increase awareness for Africa among students, academics and business persons, ultimately recognizing Africa as a region of opportunities, both in academia and business. Prof. Bode who is also a project leader was accompanied by fellow project leader, Prof. Rosemond Boohene from the U



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Prof. Lucy Irungu, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, <u>Research, Production and Extension</u>, Prof. Isaac Mbeche, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, <u>Student Affairs</u>, Prof. Enos Njeru, Principal, <u>College of</u>

<u>Humanities and Social Sciences</u> and Prof. Josiah Aduda, Dean, <u>School of Business</u> were present during the meeting.