

UoN and KCB Foundation to address challenges in livestock sector

The University of Nairobi and Kenya Commercial Bank Foundation have entered into a partnership that will incorporate best farming practices in livestock farming. In the programme dubbed *Mifugo ni Mali*, the two will promote scholarly intervention in boosting of productivity, nutrition and husbandry challenges facing the livestock sector in Kenya.

Speaking during the MoU signing ceremony at the University, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi said that there is need to translate research into solutions that will address problems affecting society.

Prof. Mbithi said that the University is keen on working with industry and community and that the programme with KCB is a welcomed initiative. He noted that through the programme, students studying veterinary science will get exposure in practical learning environments while at the same time helping livestock farmers create wealth through eradication of persistent livestock challenges.

Mr. Samuel Makome, Chief Business Officer and Managing Director, KCB, said that the partnership will provide a sustainable framework in breaking down livestock research for consumption by farmers in order to boost their produce.

Makome noted that the programme has recorded impact in the livestock sector in arid and semi-arid areas. So far, farmers in Baringo and Kwale counties have benefited from training, accessed loans and extensions services through *Mifugo ni Mali*.

Prof. Agnes Mwang'ombe, Principal, College of Agriculture and Veterinary Science, Prof. Charles Mulei, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Prof. Daniel Gakuya, Chairman, Department of Clinical Studies, are among those who witnessed the signing ceremony.