



*The new students at IDS pay attention during their orientation ceremony.*

Twenty students have been admitted at IDS to pursue a Master of Arts degree in Development Studies in the 2013-2014 academic year.

The Institute Director Prof Winnie Mitullah formally welcomed the students during the orientation ceremony and urged them to complete their studies within the stipulated period. The director emphasized academic integrity, noting that the issue of plagiarism is taken seriously by both IDS and the University of Nairobi.

MA Programme Coordinator Dr Joseph Onjala introduced the new students to courses offered at IDS. He congratulated the students for making the cut, noting that they had been selected in a highly competitive process out of hundreds of other applicants who had expressed interest in the popular programme.

Dr Rachael Musyoki urged the budding scholars to be dedicated to their studies. She cautioned them against abandoning their studies at the project stage because of the temptation to seek lucrative employment.

Prof Rosemary Atieno, the Examinations Coordinator at IDS, appealed to the students to take their class work seriously and exercise self discipline in the course of their studies. She said examination of students is a continuous process that begins immediately the learners enter class on the first day. The same sentiments were echoed by Dr Paul Kamau and Dr Godwin Murunga, who urged the students to make use of the enormous resources at their disposal at the IDS and main libraries.

Also present during the welcome session were Dr Paul Michuki, Dr Radha Upadhyaya, Mr William Abungu, the Senior Administrative Assistant and Ms Rosemary Nzuve, Administrative Assistant.

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