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Vision

A leading integrative centre that enhances the University's international visibility, research, academic and cultural interactions.

Mission

To initiate, promote, facilitate and co-ordinate quality international programmes and links in collaboration with other University units and institutions with similar interests.

Core values

1. Freedom of thought and Expression
2. Innovativeness and creativity
3. Good corporate governance
4. Team spirit and teamwork
5. Professionalism
6. Quality customer service
7. Responsible corporate citizenship and strong responsibility
8. Respect for and conservation of the environment

Message from the Director



PROF S.E.MITEMA

I take this opportunity to welcome our readers to this first Newsletter/Varsity links for the 2012/2013 academic year. The Centre for International Programmes and Links (CIPL) is charged with the responsibility of initiating, promoting, facilitating and coordinating international programmes and links, staff/students exchange and mobility, collaborative research and world-wide networking. The strength and visibility of any university in the world considered to be an international institution and World class is its research, linkages and collaborations with other institutions/ organizations and industry. The Centre has complied with its mandate of facilitating collaborations between University of Nairobi and International Institutions/Organizations for staff/students to study in foreign Institutions. These collaborations and exchange programmes give a lot of exposure to staff/students in addition to internationalization of the University of Nairobi and its programmes. A remarkable growth of the Centre for International Programmes and Linkages has been achieved since 2009, mainly due to marketing and fund raising activities abroad. At the moment UoN has over 152 active Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with Universities/Institutions/Organizations abroad and locally. The University has seen a steady growth of the number of international students from 857 in 2011/2012 to 1,010 in the 2012/2013 academic year with the Centre providing a focal point for international activities. The Centre has therefore a vital role to play in assisting the university to achieve its strategic goals. This role has become more critical considering the fact that one of the key pillars of visibility and university ranking

worldwide is the number of links and collaborations the university has with other institutions in the World. In addition, the role of the Centre has increased with the rolling out of the current university of Nairobi strategic plan whose aspiration is to be a World class university. Consequently, the Centre for International Programmes and Links has also revised its Strategic Plan 2008-2013 to realign it with the revised University of Nairobi Strategic Plan. UoN has continued to strengthen its partnerships by getting EC funded scholarships with other Universities in Africa and Europe.

Collaborations with other Institutions

The CIPL continues to monitor the impact and growth in the signed number of collaborations and their achievements in the six Colleges of the University. The number of MOUs signed with institutions and industry facilitated by CIPL in FY 2012/2013 has also increased and the evidence of this growth in programmes and links established in each of these Colleges of the University of Nairobi is reflected in Table 1.

Table 1. Active MoUs with institutions, organizations and industries

College	Active MoUs	No. of universities involved	No. of organizations involved	No. of countries involved
CHS	36	23	13	14
CHSS	32	17	15	12
CBPS	26	8	18	14
CAE	6	4	2	6
CAVS	27	13	14	6
CEES	25	13	2	3
Total	152	78	64	55

CHS - College of Health Sciences, CHSS ó College of Humanities & Social Sciences,

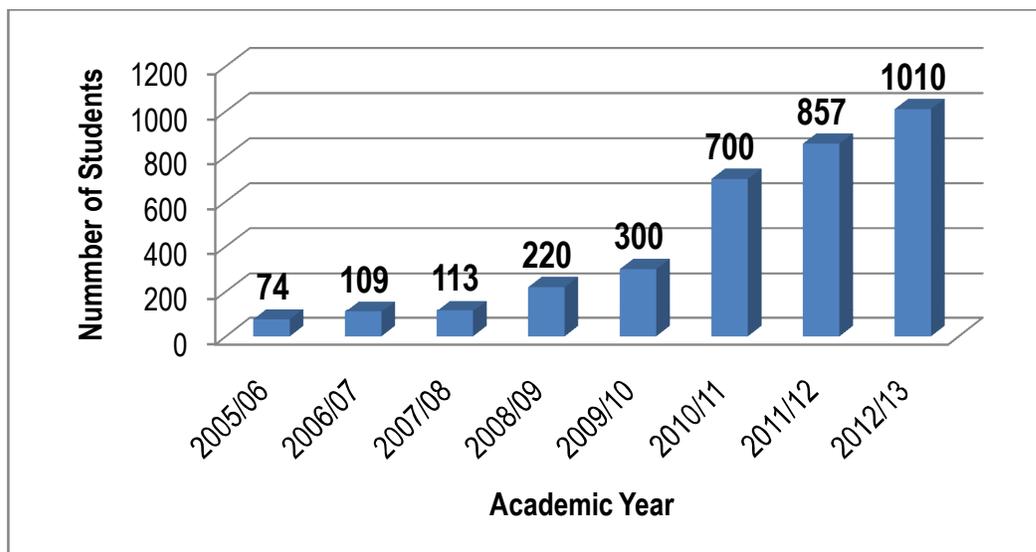
CBPS - College of Biological & Physical Sciences, CAE - College of Architecture & Engineering,

CEES - College of Educational & External Studies, CAVS- College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences.

Growth of International Students

The Centre for International Programmes and Links facilitates admission of various categories of international students. There are three main categories of international students admitted in the UoN namely: Exchange students, occasional students and regular or full time students. The CIPL also facilitates research associates from time to time. An increase in all these categories has been recorded with over 200 international students joining the University of Nairobi in the 2012/2013 academic year. The University of Nairobi currently has International Students body of 1,010 registered in FY 2012/2013 as shown in Figure 1. This increase is due to the CIPL's compliance to its number one quality objective; "To *promote internationalization and visibility of the University of Nairobi by increasing the number of international students' intake each academic year*".

Figure 1 : Number of international students at the University of Nairobi



Visitors to CIPL

On 23rd July, 2012, CIPL was visited by Career Manager, Total Kenya Limited Ms. Wangari Wachira to discuss the final stage of a partnership that would lead to establishment of industrial attachment to our undergraduate students. The Centre was on the same date honoured to receive

Ms. Ingrid B. Vasite, a Political and Commercial Attachee, Embassy of Mexico, Nairobi who was on a mission to explore potential for collaboration between the University of Nairobi (UoN) and University of Mexico (UMAM) which is one of the biggest Universities in the region. Through this initiative, the two institutions intends to collaborate in areas of research, teaching and exchange of information, staff and students exchange among other areas of mutual interest. Dr. Sankei Goel, Associate Vice-President, University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, India led a delegation which paid a courtesy call to the Vice-Chancellor, University of Nairobi on 6th August, 2012 to explore potential for collaboration in the areas of Petroleum engineering. This initiative has come at a time when Kenya urgently requires to develop human capacity with the recent discovery of oil in the country. On the 7th August 2012, the University of Nairobi was also honored to receive a delegation headed by Prof David wood, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Curtin University, Western Australia that paid a courtesy call to the Vice-Chancellor, University of Nairobi. The two institutions have initiated a collaboration in a bid to provide quality education and training in areas of petroleum and chemical engineering. Mr. Chen Jianmin led a delegation from China Earthquake Administration (CEA) on 28th August, 2012, that paid a courtesy call to the Vice-Chancellor, University of Nairobi for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding that has paved way for the establishment of a Centre for Seismological Training and Research in East Africa to be based at the College of Biological and Physical Sciences.

UON Staff and Postgraduate Students awarded Intra-ACP Academic Mobility Scholarships

The University of Nairobi staff benefited from Mundus ACP II Scholarship. The beneficiaries included: Dr. Peter Odhiambo Okech of Department of Physics and Mr. Stephen Ngang'a Mburu of the School of Computing and Informatics, who were selected and awarded scholarships for PhD mobility for 10 months at the Technische Universitat Dresden, Germany. Dr. George Ooko Abong who is a lecturer at the Department of Food Science, Nutrition and Technology, was also awarded a scholarship mobility for one month at the Technische Universitat Dresden, Germany.

Administrative staff members awarded mobility scholarships for one month respectively were :-

Ms. Munyiva Mbithi Ngea, Senior Systems Analyst at ICT, who proceeded to the Universidade do Porto, Portugal and Mr. Joseph Okeyo Obosi, Senior Assistant Registrar, CHSS to the Malmo University, Sweden. Ms Mary Waithira Njenga was awarded respectively a Masters scholarship of 24 months to study Masters of Arts at the Universita degli studi di Roma òLa Sapienzaö, Italy. UoN is expected to receive Prof. Jose Andres Fernandez Cornejo from University of Complutense of Madrid in Spain, of the School of Economics & School of Business who will be involved in teaching and exchange of scholarly ideas for one month from January 2013, at the UoN's School of Economics.

Scholarship Awards from European Commission

The University of Nairobi through partnership with other African Universities has been awarded three European Commission scholarships for post graduate and staff to study in selected universities across Africa. Advertisement for Masters, PhD scholarships and short mobility for Administrative staff under ANGLE project which is coordinated by University of Porto is on the university of Nairobi's website and potential applicants are encouraged to visit our website from January 2013. The deadline for application will be 31st December 2012. Advertisement for other scholarships namely AFIMEQ coordinated by University of Yaounde and ARISE coordinated by the University of Cape Town will be announced later and potential candidates are expected to visit this website.

Strengthening of Partnerships



The Director of the Centre for International Programmes & Links, Prof S.E.O. Mitema (middle lane at the centre) attended a kick-off meeting for ARISE and AFIMEGQ at Stellenbosch University, South Africa, to discuss Scholarship opportunities for University of Nairobi staff and students.



Prof. Enos Njeru (centre) the Principal, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. S.E.O. Mitema, (right) Director, Centre for International Programmes & Links, and Mr. S.N.M. Nzuve, (left), Dean, School of Business, UON on an official visit to Shanghai Finance University (SHFU), China, between 26th -31st October 2012 on a follow-up mission on implementation of Memorandum of Understanding signed by the two institutions. SHFU team from left to right are: Amelia Shen (left), Deputy Vice-Chancellor (third left), and Prof. Ming Zheng (right), Director, International Exchange Office.

CIPL staff participates in tree planting



In line with the National Reform Policy in Forestry which requires active participation by all in order to ensure the attainment of 10% forest cover in Kenya, CIPL Staff members participated in a tree planting ceremony at CAVS, Veterinary farm- Kanyariri on 2nd November 2012. The photograph from left to right shows: Mr. M.O. Onyango, Mr. M.M. Nyamu (Assistant Registrar, CIPL), and Ms. S.N. Ngugi.

Staff matters

Ms. Sylvia S.Obulinji who was an Administrative Assistant at CIPL was transferred to College of Humanities and Social Sciences on promotion. In July 2012 Mr. Mathew M. Nyamu joined CIPL from the Faculty of Agriculture as an Assistant Registrar taking over from Mr. Daniel G. Kiarie who had been transferred to School of Medicine.