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The Vice-chancellor, University of Nairobi, Prof. George A.O Magoha, was recently elected the President of the Association of African Universities (AAU) during the Annual General Meeting of the Executive Board in Accra, Ghana in June 2011.

Prof. Magoha, first joined the Executive Board of AAU in February, 2005 during the Boards meeting in Cape Town, South Africa. In 2009, Prof. Magoha was elected first Vice President of the AAU, representing the larger Eastern Africa region during the Boards meeting in Abuja, Nigeria.

Prof. Magoha has served as Consultant Surgeon and Urologist at Kenyatta National Hospital, Agakhan Hospital and Nairobi Hospital. He is currently the chairman of the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Board, as well as the chairman of the KENET Board since 2009, and chairman of the Kenya Association of Urological Surgeons (KAUS).

Apart from being a scholar and academician, Prof. Magoha is a member of numerous professional bodies and is actively involved in research on male erectile dysfunction, prostate, testicular and penile cancers, male circumcision and HIV/AIDS.

IN A SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, a group of researchers headed by Prof. Shem Wandiga, FRCS, has been awarded a first phase grant of US\$ 157,198 by the Open Society Foundations, to undertake studies leading to the establishment of The African Climate Change Adaptation Research Institute of the University of Nairobi.

Speaking to Varsity Focus, Prof. Wandiga said that the grant which will be administered by UNES will enable the proposed Institute to offer unique inter and multi-disciplinary programmes as follows: Build the human capacity needed to address climate change adaptations that meet African societies unique needs by offering University-based curricula for conventional degrees and short training courses for a wide range of professionals from all sectors of society; Encourage action-oriented research activities, including research into climate adaptation technologies that will help to improve the climate adaptation capacity of the African peoples; Provide a framework for national and regional policy assessments and advice to governments and other public and private sector actors; and Include the grassroots and various communities within the African region in its programmes execution and implementation of research findings. Prospective researchers can contact :wandigas@uonbi.ac.ke; sowandiga@iconnect.co.ke