

UNITID RECEIVES SPECIAL VISITORS TO THE LABORATORY.

UNITID received visitors from German led by Prof. Dr. Rolf Horstmann and Prof. Dr. Egbert Tannich of the Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine on 09-02-2015. The purpose of the visit was to see UNITID laboratory's state of the art facilities for possible utilisation and inclusion into the EAC Regional Network of Reference Laboratories for Communicable Diseases. The UNITID team was led by the Director UNITID, Prof Walter Mwanda and Prof Philip Nyaga .Speaking during the visit, Prof Mwanda noted the role that UNITID has played in diagnosis of communicable diseases. Prof. Dr. Rolf Horstmann appreciated the UNITID facilities and welcomed further collaborations with UNITID in training of health care workers.

If included UNITID will be part of the network of reference laboratories in East Africa responsible for the diagnosis, surveillance and control of communicable diseases and responsible for overall coordination and dissemination of innovations. It will provide the means to identify, verify, notify, and respond rapidly and effectively to epidemic-prone diseases and other public health emergencies of national, regional and international concern and will also strengthen laboratory services in general as laboratories play a vital role in health systems for provision of quality care at EAC regional, national and sub-national levels

Currently there is training underway on biosafety and Ebola preparedness for laboratory health care workers where over 100 health care workers have been trained. UNITID has enhanced level 3 facility which can handle high risk groups 3 and 4 pathogens .



FROM left Prof Walter Mwanda ,Prof Philip Nyaga, Prof. Dr. Rolf Horstmann and Prof. Dr. Egbert Tannich

