

INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE EAST AFRICAN KIDNEY INSTITUTE



The inauguration ceremony of the East African Kidney Institute was held at the College of Health Sciences on December 14, 2014. The event was presided by the College Principal. Others present during the ceremony were officials from the Government and the College.

Prof. Mungai the director of the Institute made an in-depth presentation on the East African Kidney Institute (EAKI). He noted that there was urgent need for an increase in capacity building and service provision as advocated in the proposed regional Kidney Institute. He also pointed out that EAKI will provide leadership in training, research, clinical and preventive services to cater for the ever increasing problems of urology and nephrology in Kenya and the entire region.

The stakeholders in the project were among others, the University of Nairobi, the ministries of Education, Health and East African Community Affairs and public universities; Moi, Maseno, and Kenyatta University and the Kenya Association of Urological Surgeons (KAUS).

It was agreed that the University of Nairobi/ Kenyatta National Hospital will serve as the lead institutions and will be mandated to train both faculty and service providers. The proposed institute would be a Centre of excellence for the East African region and would be a government of Kenya project funded by the African development bank.