## UoN management meets innovation week key note speaker, Mr. Saul Singer

The University of Nairobi (UoN) management team, led by the Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi and Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi met with Mr. Saul Singer, the key note speaker during the Innovation Week scheduled for August 2015. Mr. Singer will share experiences on building a sustainable innovation ecosystem. He is the co-author of Start-Up Nation (Israel). He currently works closely with several university innovation programmes, startups, investors and entrepreneurs.

The UoN delegation was in Israel for a one week exploration and relationship strengthening tour. The focus of the trip was to benchmark with Israeli Universities, understand the ingredients that have made Israel excel in innovation and entrepreneurship. To this end, the University will develop and sign a number of MoUs with various organizations in Israel.

Prof. Lucy Irungu, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research, Production and Extension, Prof. Timothy Waema, School of Computing and Informatics, Prof. Bitange Ndemo, School of Business, Dr. Tonny Omwansa, Senior Lecturer and Head of C4DLab, Dr. Kamau Gachigi, School of Engineering and Mr. Brian Ouma, Deputy Director, Advancement Office were part of the delegation.

<u>Nairobi Innovation Week</u> will be hosted by the University of Nairobi from August 5 to 7, 2015 at the University's Graduation Square. The event will give the country an opportunity to dialogue on how to build Kenya's innovation ecosystem. There will be workshops, exhibitions, paper presentations, policy discussions and panel discussions all focused on Kenya's Innovation Ecosystem.

The key note presenters, Mr. Saul Singer from Israel and Mr. Langdon Morris from USA will run pre-event workshops on August 3-4, 2015.

If you are interested in attending these workshops, kindly contact the Chairman, Innovation Week, Dr. Tonny Omwansa at <u>tomwansa@uonbi.ac.ke</u>.

For more details regarding the Innovation Week, please visit innovationweek.co.ke.