## **UoN Tops in East and Central Africa**

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The <u>University of Nairobi</u> has beat stiff competition to emerge as the best university in East and Central Africa.

This is according to the latest Webometrics ranking of universities across the world. Webometrics is a renowned ranking system of world's universities based on the volume of web contents, visibility and impact of the publications. This is designed to promote academic web presence as well as support Open Access Initiatives for increasing the transfer of scientific and cultural knowledge generated by the universities to the whole world. It is published by Cybermetrics Lab, a research group owned by the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) based in Madrid.

The latest edition of the rankings released in January has seen the UoN leap five places to position 9 in Africa from 14 last year. The University of Nairobi was closely followed by Uganda's Makerere University at position 10. Egypt's Cairo University was number one in Africa followed by South Africa's University of Capetown. Across the globe, the University of Nairobi jumped a massive 457 places to position 1167 up from position 1624 held in the year 2013.

In Kenya, UoN was followed by Kenyatta University and Strathmore University respectively. Egerton University was position four while Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) was position 5.