

Solar Academy trains entrepreneurs on Photovoltaic Sizing, Installation Maintenance and Entrepreneurship



A trainer during the Solar Academy Training

The entrepreneurship landscape is rapidly changing and entrepreneurs need to align themselves with the changing dynamics in order to stay afloat with new requirements in the business environment. Aspects such as leveraging on new skills, networking, spotting opportunities and finding new markets are important in gaining a competitive edge in entrepreneurship. During the Solar Academy training held at the Department of Physics, entrepreneurs were taught various skills which are imperative in strengthening their entrepreneurial acumen. The participants were taken through hands on skills which included PV system installation and commissioning and system maintenance.



Trainees listening attentively during the Solar Academy Training

During the two weeks training, which ran from September 7 to 17, 2015 entrepreneurs gained soft skills such as report writing and presentation. Participants were also taught entrepreneurship and solar energy, inverters and controllers, solar cells/modules characteristics, status of PV utilization in Kenya and system sizing. At the end of the training, entrepreneurs were awarded certificates. The department of physics has been conducting such trainings and the initiative has seen over 250 technicians so far trained. Majority of them being licensed PV installers, they are already undertaking PV projects across the country.