

## **University of Nairobi and Galilee Institute discuss collaboration**

The Director, Centre for Higher Education, Galilee Institute, Mrs. Carina Baum visited the University of Nairobi Vice-Chancellor Prof. Peter M. F. Mbithi today April, 29, 2015 and discussed collaboration between the two institutions that will see key university managers get trained on various short courses.

Having been a beneficiary of the training himself, Prof. Mbithi remembered with nostalgia his days in Israel and the tour after that saw him visit key places like River Jordan, Jerusalem, Galilee, the Dead Sea among other Biblical sites.

Galilee institute offers various courses like finance management, management of university libraries, ICT enhancement in higher education and management of higher education among others courses that will be of benefit to key managers in the university.

“People get inspired by electronic fundraising and especially the fact that Harvard has been able to raise a lot of money through advancement”, said Ms. Baum. It is such kind of success stories in endowment kitty that the University is looking at as it endeavour raise the research kitty from the current four billion shillings to 100 Billion shillings in the next five years. With the reducing capitation from the government, the University is on a rapid transformation to seek other ways of getting funding and hence the creation of the Advancement Office headed by Mr. Johnson Ireri Kinyua.

The Israel based Institute draws students from many parts the world like Ghana, Kenya, Jamaica among other places. Students who visit Israel get inspired by the technological advancement of the Israel universities and their ability to grow crops from desert. Such technical know-how can be exported to Kenya and other parts of the word noted Ms. Baum.

The institute has trained our former Vice-Chancellors; Prof. Crispus Kiamba, Prof. George Magoha, among other key members of management.

Director of Advancement, Mr. Kinyua noted that the university has ambitious programs of raising funds to build infrastructure that will go a long way in creating a conducive environment for teaching, learning and research. Prof. Lucy Irungu, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Production and Extension, took the opportunity to welcome Galilee Institute to the Nairobi Innovation Week coming up in August, so that they can showcase the best in technology they have to offer.

The meeting was attended also by Prof. Henry Mutoro, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. William Ogara, Director, Centre for International Program and Links and Mr. B. M. Waweru, Registrar , Academic Affairs.