

# UoN Marks International Open Access Week 2015

The University of Nairobi joined the world in marking the International Open Access Week 2015 themed "Open for Collaboration."

The 3-day event took place simultaneously in Main Campus, [College of Biological and Physical Sciences](#) and Kenya Science Campus. Exhibitions showcasing [Library](#) services and to sensitize University stakeholders on Open Access were on display.

The occasion was graced by Deputy Vice Chancellor, [Research Production and Extension](#), Prof. Lucy Irungu who emphasized the importance of embracing Open Access Initiatives and strengthening collaboration globally to maximize research and enhance advancement of scholarship. She noted that the Library being the "Heart of the University" should strive to bring academic staff on board to enable them harness the vast knowledge present globally. Prof. Irungu urged the library to make good use of Social media to reach the students as it is the current mode of communication used by the young generation.

Open Access is a global initiative advocating for free, immediate, online access to the results of scholarly research. The University of Nairobi has been at the forefront in advocating for open access initiatives.