

# A strong partnership with a major Oil Company

Total Kenya, a major oil company, will donate scholarships, facilitate student and staff exchange and offer internships to the University of Nairobi (UoN) as part of its programme to support education and research.

This was revealed by the head of Total, Paris, Ms. Varescon Florence when she paid a courtesy on the Vice Chancellor. Ms Florence stated that a major part of this support is internships to UoN students with the possibility of recruiting some on permanent basis. Total has over 16000 outlets worldwide with Africa leading with 33 percent.

According to Ms Florence, the objective of the Total scholarship program is to develop education through university-industry collaboration, students' exchange, and development of educational facilities. These are part of the company's corporate social responsibility that is consistent with their business objectives.

The partnership will provide

opportunities for students and staff to network with colleagues from countries other than France. Total has already built networks in Africa including with the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa and is now keen on starting new relations with universities in Kenya and Sierra Leone.

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