

# AERC board visits UoN

The African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) board paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor to brief him on the activities of the consortium and seek mutual support. The board was led by its current Chairman, Prof. Neil Rankin from the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa. The board also visited the School of Economics where it has sponsored 14 students, to review the implementation of its Ph.D. programme, assess facilities and meet students and staff. UoN is a key member of AERC according to the Board Chairman, Prof. Rankin. Rankin encouraged the School of Economics to utilize AERC's facilities which are located in Nairobi, especially the library facilities.

The collaborative Ph.D. programme (CPP) run by the consortium has already graduated two students while another 13 are scheduled to graduate next year. The CPP programme sponsors students in member universities thus boosting training of M.A. and Ph.Ds in economics, in Africa. Currently, 31 Ph.D. candidates are on the programme, 12 of whom are women. AERC was established in 1988 to undertake advanced policy research and training in economics. Present during the courtesy call was the Deputy Vice-



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Chancellor Student Affairs, Prof. Isaac Mbeche who represented the Vice-Chancellor. He thanked AERC for boosting the teaching of economics on the continent and assured the consortium of UoN's support. Others present included Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Production and Extension, Prof. Lucy Irungu, Director, School of Economics Dr. Jane Mariara and her Deputy Mr. Lawrence Awiti, and Dean, Faculty of Arts, Prof. Preston Chitere who represented the Principal, College of Humanities and Social Sciences.