

USHEPiA reflects on its role in advocating scholarships



USHEPiA executive meeting at UoN.

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In October, 2012, the University of Nairobi (UoN) hosted the USHEPiA Advisory Committee's meeting at the Vice-Chancellor's Boardroom. USHEPiA was initiated as a body to build institutional and human capacity in African universities and promote collaboration amongst African researchers. The programme partnership comprises the Universities

of Botswana, Cape Town, Dar es Salaam, Nairobi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Makerere University and Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology.

During the meeting it was noted that since its inception, 77 full degree fellowships have been in operation and 52 degrees awarded, while eight fellows are yet to complete their studies. USHEPiA is

particularly proud that the programme is making a significant contribution to capacity development for higher education in Africa.

The Rockefeller Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation supported the initiative with initial funding for fellowships in science and engineering. In addition, the Andrew W Mellon Foundation was approached to extend the programme to offer fellowships in the humanities and social sciences.

Those present during the meeting included Prof. George A.O. Magoha, UoN, Prof. Ddumba Ssentamu, Makerere University and Prof. Rwekaza Mukandala, University of Dar es Salaam. Prof. Thandabantu Nhlapo, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, UCT, Norma Derby, USHEPiA Administrator UCT and Humphrey Webuye, USHEPiA Contact Officer, UoN.