

## **Consultative Meeting on Agricultural and Livestock Electronic Information Platforms Held at CAVS**

**Date and time: Fri, 2014-10-24 09:00**

**Location / Venue:**

**Principal's Boardroom, CAVS**

This morning, a consultative meeting on Agricultural Electronic Platforms was held today at the college Principal's boardrooms. The meeting, on behalf of the Principal, Prof. A. W.

Mwang'ombe was chaired by Prof. P. Gathumbi, the Chairman, Department of Veterinary Pathology, Microbiology and Parasitology, CAVS. It was attended by Dr. Bitage Ndemo, the former PS, Ministry of ICT and Snr. Lecturer, School of Business , UoN, Ms. Su K. Stephanou, Creator of iCow , Ms. Kwamboka Linda, Founder & Marketing Lead of M-Farm [11], Mr. Hilary, Tutorial Fellow & PhD student in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Mr. P. K. Mulwa, Chief ICT officer in Charge [13], CAVS.

In the meeting, issues on how Agricultural Electronic Platforms can be used to bridge the gap between Agriculture and livestock research undertaken by the academia in the University and the farmers were discussed.

According to Dr. Ndemo, there is need to create synergy between the private sector, researchers and farmers in order to facilitate commercialization of the research work which will enable the university to benefit from royalties from the research.

According to Ms. Su of iCow and Ms. Linda of M-Farm, there is need to improve farmers livelihood by providing real-time and up-to-date information that they need in their farm practices. This will guarantee food safety and added value to the farm produce for the individual the farmer and the country as a whole. Ms. Su and Ms. Linda gave presentations on their systems.

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